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ANNUAL MEETING

The thirty-first annual general meeting was held at Napier on 3 May 1958, the hosts being Mr J. G. Groome of Hawke's Bay Forests, Mr J. O. Williams of Rukumoana Farm and Forests, Mr P. J. Grant of the Hawke's Bay Catchment Board, and Messrs J. I. Cook, D. S. Jackson and F. Craig of the Napier District of the New Zealand Forest Service.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr A. L. Poole, and the conference was welcomed to Napier by the Mayor, Mr P. Tait.

The President read to the meeting an inspiring message from the Minister of Forests, Hon. E. T. Tirikatene.

Attendance

There were present 36 members, 32 associate members, 2 student members, 4 visitors and 16 ladies. Apologies were presented on behalf of 20 members and associate members.

Obituaries.

The meeting expressed sympathy for the deaths during the year of H. R. Blanford, J. M. Bronte, J. S. J. Campbell, A. G. Groome, C. E. Moorhouse, B. A. Parker and J. C. Culbert.

Institute of Foresters of Australia

A letter was read inviting delegates to attend their Conference to be held in Canberra from 1 to 5 September 1958.

Treasurer's Report

The retiring treasurer, Mr A. C. Forbes, presented his financial report and balance sheet. The Institute's accumulated funds now amount to £970 and the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended 31-5-58 was £340.

Annual Report

In presenting this the President noted that there had been many applications for admission and advancement during the year and that membership now stood at 227, comprising 10 Honorary Members, 70 Members, 120 Associate Members and 27 Student Members. Reference was also made to the Institute's part in the 1957 meeting of the British Commonwealth Forestry Conference.

Editor's Report

This was presented by Mr A. P. Thomson who was congratulated on the 1957 issue of the Journal.

Rotorua Section

This still remains the only local section of the Institute and reports having had an active year with five well-attended meetings.

Election of Officers for 1958-60

Following arrangements made at the last annual meeting the ballot papers were counted the night before. The names of the successful candidates for office were read and received with acclamation.

Honorary Members

Dr Jacobs, Principal of the Australian School of Forestry, was proposed by Mr A. L. Poole, seconded by Mr A. P. Thomson and elected unanimously.

Mr A. C. Forbes, retiring treasurer, was proposed by Mr A. L. McKinnon seconded by Mr M. H. McKee and elected with acclamation.

Awards to Members

The meeting congratulated Mr D. S. Jackson on being awarded a Commonwealth Fellowship and Mr A. Kirkland on being awarded the Schlich Prize.

Next Meeting

Approval was given to the Council's recommendation that the 1959 meeting should be held at Reefton and that the subject for papers should be the "Management of Indigenous Forests".

It was recommended that the 1960 meeting should be held at Rotorua and the subject be "Forest Research and Practice".

Dr Syrach Larsen

Greetings to the Institute from Dr Larsen were conveyed by Mr J. E. Henry, who had recently met him in Denmark.

Revision of Constitution

The draft submitted by the sub-committee was discussed by the meeting at some length. Many points were agreed upon, others, particularly the question of affiliate membership, were deferred for further investigations and discussion at the Reefton meeting. It is expected that the final draft of the revision will be ready for approval at the 1960 meeting.

Papers

The following papers were presented:

- A. L. Poole: Exotic Afforestation and Land Use in New Zealand.
- E. Larsen: Seed Collection.
- J. G. Rawson: An Experiment with Sorted Planting Stock.
- A. P. Thomson: The Concept of a Compartment.
- G. H. Hocking: Species Siting
- J. J. Spiers: The Effect of Plantation Layout on Eventual Logging.
- A. D. McKinnon: A Case for Further Exotic Forest Establishment.
- Neil Barr: Farm Forestry.
- B. H. Childs: Incentive Payment Schemes.
- A. K. FAMILTON: Conversion of *P. ponderosa* Stands.
- J. W. Gilmour: Chlorosis of Douglas Fir.
- C. Bassett: Damping off in the Nursery.
- D. Blithe. Thinning for Post Production at Ngaumu.

Visits

Inspectional visits were made to Mr Harold Holt's plantation, Hawke's Bay Forests Ltd., and to the Tongioio Soil Conservation Reserve on the Sunday; to Gwavas State Forest on the Monday; and to the Makahu Saddle or the Esk and Rukumoana Forests on the Tuesday.