

RETIREMENT: H. V. HINDS, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Hugh Vivian Hinds was born at Eynsham, Oxfordshire and received his early education at the City of Oxford High School. After graduating B.A. (Forestry) with distinction from Oxford, he joined the Burma Forest Service in 1931. After a short period of orientation he was given charge of the Thayetmyo Forest Division, about 250 miles up the Irrawaddy River from Rangoon, for three years; and then of the North Pegu Forest Division in the Sittang River basin. In 1940 he was commissioned in the Burma Rifles. In the fighting which followed the Japanese invasion of southern Burma he was seriously wounded. Upon recovery he undertook Army intelligence duties and was then posted to the Civil Affairs Service (Burma). His immediate task was restoration of the district administration system in Toungoo, a location not without its hazards from Japanese stragglers still on the offensive. Later, he returned to the Forest Department, becoming personal assistant to the Chief Conservator of Forests until Burma was granted independence. His services were recognized by the award of the O.B.E.

The second phase of his career began in mid-1948, when he joined the Forest Management Division of the N.Z. Forest Service. Within a year he was transferred to Rotorua Conservancy, and in 1950 he became senior silviculturist at the Forest Research Institute, a post he held for some years, on occasion combined with the duties of officer-in-charge of FRI. In 1952 he took part in the Eucalyptus Study Tour organized by the Forestry and Forest Products Division of FAO in Australia.

His next appointment was Silviculturist, Head Office, in 1956. Three years later he undertook a six month seed collection assignment in Mexico, made in the company of the late Egon Larsen, as a result of which many species new to New Zealand were obtained for trial. Then in 1961 he was appointed Conservator, Canterbury Conservancy, a position he held for three years until he became Conservator in Southland. He took up the appointment of Director of Research at the Forest Research Institute in June 1966, retiring in April 1972.

Mr Hinds was joint author, with A. R. Entrican and J. S. Reid, of *Forest Trees and Timbers of New Zealand*, a compendium of information prepared for the 1957 Commonwealth Forestry Conference, to which New Zealand and Australia were joint hosts. He also contributed papers to other sessions of the same conference held elsewhere, and has published numerous articles on silvicultural subjects. He was granted the degree of M.A. by Oxford University in 1957.

Mr Hinds has been an active Member of the Institute for 23 years. He was Editor of the *Journal* in 1952, Councillor from 1958 to 1960, and Vice-President from 1962 to 1964. We wish him well in his retirement, with the hope that he will maintain an active interest in forestry and will find opportunities to apply his wide knowledge and experience.