

# Obituary

## Mr. F. G. Burgess

The sudden death in March of Mr. F. G. Burgess, Deputy Chief Forestry Officer of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Agriculture, came as a terrible shock to his many friends and forestry colleagues throughout the world.

After serving in the first World War Mr. Burgess took a forestry degree course at Oxford and his first appointment was with the Indian Forest Service. He served in Burma until the Japanese attack on that country in the last War, when he joined the Army and put his considerable knowledge of the Burma terrain to use throughout the campaign.

At the end of the War he joined the Forestry Division in Northern Ireland and was quickly promoted to Deputy Chief Forestry Officer. During his service in Northern Ireland the Forestry Division passed through a period of considerable change and development and at all times he proved a pillar of stability, keeping the wheels running smoothly by dint of his flair for organizing and his unselfish devotion to duty.

This Forestry Society enjoyed the benefit of his ability to organize during the study tour to forests in Northern Ireland in 1951, when he planned the timetables and made local arrangements for accommodation.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Forestry Society, and with Mrs. Burgess—who is also a member—attended a number of functions during the past few years.

Mr. Burgess took a very active part in the social life of the Bangor, Co. Down, district and a great deal of his spare time was given over to community work.

He will be remembered by his colleagues and friends as an ever cheerful personality who was always willing to go to great pains to help his fellow men.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mrs. Burgess and her two children.