

# OBITUARY

DANIEL J. GAYNOR.

1-10-1892—19-10-1944.

The death of Mr. D. J. Gaynor, Assistant Junior Forestry Inspector, Forestry Division, Department of Lands, at Our Lady's Hospice, Dublin, on the 19th October, 1944, came as something of a shock to many of his associates, who were not aware of the serious nature of his illness, although the extreme discomfort and serious handicap under which he had been working for a number of years were well-known.

Mr. Gaynor was a native of Arklow and underwent the usual training course in forestry at Avondale under the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction during the period 1911-1914.

He obtained an appointment in the saw-milling concern of Mr. John Deans, Glenealy, Co. Wickiow, when war broke out in 1914 and Avondale School was closed down.

In November, 1923, he was appointed Grade II Forester in the State service; was promoted to Grade I in May, 1933, and was one of the first appointed to Head Forester grade in January, 1939. During his period of service he conducted operations in Bailieborough, Dundalk, Tuamgraney, Mcuntshannon, Roundwood, Woodford, Loughrea, Dundrum, Slievenamon and Clonmel Forests and it was on the last-mentioned area that he fell a victim to the rheumatic fever and rheumatism which necessitated a long interruption of service, and from which it seemed at one time that he would not recover sufficiently to resume duty. His cheerfulness and tenacity, however, pulled him through and he again took over Dundrum Forest in April, 1940. On 10th October, 1941, he was appointed Assistant Junior Forestry Inspector and was employed at Headquarters mainly on work concerned with firewood schemes, saw-milling and disposal of timber.

Unforeseen staff changes necessitated his taking temporary charge of District VII. and later of District VIII. and it was while he was stationed at Limerick that he was reluctantly compelled to give up work and go into hospital.

Mr. Gaynor was a sound, hard-working and conscientious Forester with a good knowledge of all aspects of the work, including sawmilling, and with a lively enthusiasm for forestry. He spent his holidays in an adventurous manner and had travelled a good deal outside Eire, which was probably one reason for his capacity for interesting conversation. From the first he was a keen supporter of our Society, the need for which he strongly advocated. He will be remembered most however, for the cheerfulness with which he successfully overcame the physical handicap of his later years, and for his outstanding devotion to duty.