

TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, on Saturday, 23rd February, 1952. Mr. McEvoy, the retiring President was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which had appeared in the Journal, were taken as read and were signed. The President then called on the Secretary to read the Council's Report for 1951.

COUNCIL'S REPORT FOR 1951

The first meeting of the Council was held on January 29th. Eleven members attended. Arrangements were made for the holding of the Annual General Meeting and also for the Annual General Excursion to Scotland. The new Council appointed sub-committees to deal with arrangements for excursions, the publication of the Journal and finance.

The second meeting of the Council was held on March 12th. 10 members attended. Final arrangements for the Annual Excursion were made and a programme of day excursions arranged.

Further meetings of the Council were held on July 9th and November 26th. Attendance was 10 at each meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

During the year 14 Associate, 16 Grade II and 3 Grade I members were enrolled.

The losses due to resignations were 6 and to lapsed membership 27.

FINANCE

The audited statement of accounts has been issued with the notice of the 10th Annual General Meeting.

Outlay was at a high level last year and exceeded income by £60. Owing to the great work of our Business Editor, Mr. N. O'Muirgheasa, the income from the Journal is very considerably increased. The main increase in expenditure can be accounted for in increased costs of postage, excursions, etc.

We are again indebted to Mrs. A. A. Henry for a donation of £15 to forward the work of the Society.

JOURNAL

Two issues of the Journal appeared during the period under review. The Secretary has received many letters commenting on the high standard of our Journal and our Editor is to be complimented for carrying out his onerous task so capably. The Journal is now being sent to libraries and colleges and forestry services in England, Wales, Scotland, Holland, Czecho-Slovakia, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, several colleges in the U.S.A. and also Canada. Most of our county libraries are now ordering copies.

EXCURSIONS

The excursions held during the year were most successful. The Annual three-day excursion was held in Argyll, Scotland, and a full report appeared in the last issue of our Journal. Other excursions included Carton, Roundwood and Avondale. The Society is indebted to the members of the excursion committee, Miss S. Cahill, Mr. J. J. Deasy and Mr. D. Mangan for the excellence of the arrangements for the Scottish excursion; also to the Minister for Lands and the officials of the Forestry Department for the great help received during the year. We would like to thank specially the officers of the Forestry Commission in Scotland for the wonderful help and hospitality received by our members on the occasion of their visit to Argyll and to the manager and staff of Irish Wallboard, Ltd., for a very pleasant and instructive afternoon in Athy.

Among the notable events of the year was the Dedication of a Memorial Grove to Professor Henry at Avondale on Saturday, September 29th. A full report of the ceremony appears in the recent issue of Irish Forestry.

The Council concludes this report by inviting members to co-operate fully in the work of the Society during the present year. Our work is of great national importance and is worthy of support. In addition, the Society, by its excursions and meetings and by its Journal, is bringing Irish forestry to a wider public every year and in making friends for forestry is helping to secure for it a recognition of the very valuable contribution it is making to our country.

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hanon, the Council's Report was unanimously adopted.

The Abstract of Accounts which had been forwarded to members was then considered and on the motion of Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Shine, its adoption was unanimously agreed to.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL

The meeting formally confirmed the election of the new Council as given on page 2. The incoming President, Mr. Meldrum, then took the chair and paid a well deserved tribute to his predecessor.