

## DAY EXCURSIONS FOR 1952

As in previous years the Society continued its policy of arranging day excursions to places of interest to its members. During the year excursions were held to the State forests of Glen Imaal, Donadea, Ossory and Delgany (Glen of the Downs) by kind permission of the Minister for Lands.

For two of these excursions, those to Glen Imaal and Ossory forests, the main interest was centred in the silviculture of young plantations in the early thinning stages and many interesting and lively discussions arose. Also discussed were the problems of the establishment of conifer crops on reverted hill pasture and submarginal lands.

At Donadea forest the main interest was in the newly constructed forester's house. This is a prefabricated timber dwelling and is the second of its kind to be erected, the first is at Gorey forest. On a short walk through the demesne the problems of the silviculture and management of mixed hardwood/conifer crops were discussed. Of special interest at this centre was an unusually promising oak stand, the seed for which came from the Province of Guelders in Holland.

At the Glen of the Downs the Society had the opportunity of seeing how some of the problems of preserving the amenities of this noted beauty spot whilst at the same time removing an old and establishing a new crop had been tackled and successfully overcome. A small but excellent stand of eucalyptus attracted considerable attention.