

DAY EXCURSIONS FOR 1954

The Society's practice of holding day excursions to places of forestry interest was continued during the year. All outings were well attended and many lively and interesting discussions arose.

The first outing was on Sunday, April 25, when we visited Ballinagee property of Hollywood Forest, Co. Wicklow, by kind permission of the Minister for Lands.

The main theme of this excursion was the preparation and planting of the poorer mountain peat types. Particular reference was made to the application of machinery to ground preparation; to the selection of species and to the use of artificial manures as an aid to establishment.

Our second outing was to Gloster, Roscrea, the estate of Major E. T. T. Lloyd. The woodlands here, though not of large extent, provided material for some very interesting debates and during the day many different aspects of silvicultural management were fully discussed. In the evening we were entertained to tea by Major and Mrs. Lloyd. To private woodland owners this was both an interesting and profitable excursion.

Our next outing was to Slievenamon Forest. Discussions here centred round selection of species and seed provenance. Two small stands of Silver Fir and Eucalyptus provoked what were probably the most interesting of the silvicultural discussions.

In September we visited Glaslough Demesne by kind invitation of Sir Shane Leslie. Unfortunately, Sir Shane was not able to be present as he was then in hospital, nevertheless, the day was most enjoyable and interesting. Of particular interest was the Pinetum and the large specimen trees scattered through the woods.

Our last excursion was to Glenealy Forest in October, again by kind permission of the Minister for Lands. The main interest of this outing was in the Eucalyptus stands. Many different species were used in the plantings but full information on all the plots in respect of both species and treatment, was given by the Conveners.