

# Society Activities

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1979

### COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1978

#### *Council Meetings:*

Six council meetings were held during the year. Attendance of Councillors was as follows: F. Mulloy, L. Furlong, J. Dillon, J. Gillespie (6); M. L. Carey, E. Joyce, J. Prior (5); J. Mackin, L. P. O'Flanagan, C. Tottenham (4); M. O'Brien (3); W. J. Wright (2); E. P. Farrell (1); P. J. Morrissey (0).

#### *Society Meetings:*

A successful Symposium on the theme "Wood for Industry in Ireland" was held at Belfield, U.C.D. The day study tours to Lisnaskea and Scotstown in May, and to John F. Kennedy Park in June were well attended. The proceedings of the symposium and the day study tours are printed in "Irish Forestry", Vol. 35, No. 2. A Lecture entitled "Forestry in New Zealand" was delivered by Mr. T. McEvoy at the R.D.S. The Society expresses its thanks to those who acted as field leaders and speakers.

#### *Guided Forest Walks:*

Despite poor weather approximately 3,000 people participated in the walks which were held at 32 centres throughout the country. The Society wishes to thank Mr. J. Connelly, who undertook the organisation of this event, and those members who acted as walk leaders at the various centres. The assistance and co-operation of the Forest and Wildlife Service, Dublin, and the Forest Service, Belfast, is also acknowledged.

#### *Annual Study Tour:*

The Annual Study Tour, held in September, was based in Ballybofey. Our thanks are due to Mr. Phillips and Mr. Johnson, tour leaders and staff who assisted with the organisation in conjunction with the Meetings Sub-Committee.

#### *Annual General Meeting:*

The 36th Annual General Meeting was held in the R.D.S. on the 10th March, 1978. The minutes are available in Irish Forestry, Vol. 35, No. 2.

#### *Society Publications:*

Irish Forestry, Vol. 35, Nos. 1 and 2 were published. A revised "Why Forests" was again issued with other literature in conjunction with the guided "Forest Walks" publicity drive. Work on the second and revised edition of "Forests of Ireland" continues.

*Examinations:*

The result of the 1977/1978 examinations were not available for inclusion in the Council's Report of last year. We are pleased to announce that two candidates were successful at the Foresters Certificate Examination. Three candidates presented themselves for the Foresters Certificate Examination 1978/1979 which was held in February, 1979. The Minister for Fisheries and Forestry has informed council that he will refund fees and travelling expenses to employees of his Department who sit for the Society's examinations. The Society thanks the Minister for his action in this matter.

*Elections:*

Three positions of Councillor Technical and one of Councillor Associate for the period 1979-1980 were filled by election.

*New Members:*

A total of 68 new members were enrolled in the following categories: Technical 28; Associate 22; Student 18.

### MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 5th April, 1979, Thomas Prior House, R.D.S., Dublin

*Attendance:*

The President Mr. F. Mulloy in the chair, present were: L. Furlong, B. Morrissey and J. Tottenham, Messrs J. Gardiner, N. O'Carroll, E. P. Farrell, E. Hendrick, C. Tottenham, J. Dillon, J. Brosnan, J. J. Maher, M. J. Sheridan, O. V. Mooney, M. O'Brien, J. Prior, D. A. Dickson, P. Savill, F. J. Shekleton, L. O'Flanagan, A. W. Simpson, K. Ellis, J. M. Sanderson, T. Wilson, J. A. McEwen, J. Durand, C. S. Kilpatrick, M. Carey, J. Gillespie, R. Tottenham, S. Milner and R. F. Mackenzie. Apologies were received from Messrs T. McEvoy, P. M. Joyce and J. O'Driscoll.

A minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to Mr. P. Hackett and Mr. J. K. McGerty, two past members of the Society who had died during the year.

*Secretarys Business:*

The minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting were read and signed. The adoption of the council report for 1978 was proposed by J. Maher and seconded by M. Sheridan. Dr. O'Carroll, in commenting on the report mentioned that that a commercial firm had expressed an interest in publishing the new edition of "Forests of Ireland". It was felt that such a development could result in substantial savings for the Society. Mr. Carey, in reply to a question from Mr. Mooney stated that there were 611 members who had paid their full subscription and 21 who had paid part of the subscription. It was intended, in future years, to remove from the address list all members who were not fully paid up by the 1st of March each year.

*Abstract of Accounts:*

In presenting the statement of accounts the treasurer attributed much of the healthy balance to increased revenue from journal advertisements. It was pointed out that honoraria had been increased from £20 to £30. Some discussion on the possible means of utilising the large credit balance ensued. The editor pointed out that problems with both the quality of printing and date of publication of the journal

had been evident in the past. Overcoming these problems might result in some extra outlay on the journal in the coming years. In answer to a question from Mr. Gardiner the treasurer stated that where excess payment of subscription had been made in error, usually due to bankers mistakes, the overpayment was refunded. The meeting was informed that a substantial reduction in costs associated with meetings held in the R.D.S. was being negotiated. The president thanked Miss Furlong for the role she had played in these negotiations. On the proposal of Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick the accounts were formally adopted.

#### *Elections:*

The 1979 Council elections were confirmed as follows: President F. Mulloy; Vice-President J. O'Driscoll; Secretary E. Hendrick; Treasurer J. Brosnan; Editor E. Farrell; Business Editor M. O'Brien. Technical Councillors J. Kilbride, J. Gardiner and P. McArdle. Associate Councillor C. Tottenham. Northern Regional Group Representative K. Ellis.

#### *Presidential Address:*

The president thanked the outgoing members of council for their support during the year and welcomed the incoming vice-president, treasurer, secretary and councillors. He congratulated Mr. J. Prior on his appointment as chairman designate of the Central Forestry Examination Board and thanked both him and the examiners for their work on the Society Examinations. On behalf of the Society he thanked Mr. McEvoy who acted as registrar for the Societies Examinations, Mr. W. Jack the honorary auditor, Mr. J. Connelly who had organised the 1978 Forest Walks, the Northern Ireland Forest Service and the Forest and Wildlife Service who facilitated the work of the Society in many ways.

#### *Other Business:*

Mr. Dillon gave details of the 1979 Annual Study Tour to be held in Scotland. Preparations for the Symposium were moving ahead satisfactorily despite the disruption caused by the post and telephone situation. The question of seeking sponsorship for some of the societies activities was raised. The general opinion seemed in favour of the Society maintaining strict independence though the question of sponsorship in future years should the necessity arise was not ruled out. The meeting concluded at 9.50 p.m.

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#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Forester, Vol. 16, No. 2, 1978. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

National Board of Science and Technology. Annual report, 1978.

## FOREST WALKS

This year, the annual guided forest walks were held on Sunday September 9th. Walks were organised in the following forests.

<i>Forest</i>	<i>Points of Interest</i>	<i>Leader</i>
Ardnageeha, Cong. Co. Mayo	Scenic walk by Lough Corrib through mixed woodland.	P. Campbell B. Lambe M. J. Maye
Ards Forest Park, Co. Donegal	Forest Park. Conservation of native woodlands. Wildfowl sanctuary.	D. Connolly
Avondale, Co. Wicklow	Home of Charles Stuart Parnell. Birthplace of Irish Forestry. Arboretum; tree species from many lands.	J. Brosnan D. McAree O. V. Mooney
Ballinamore Wood, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	Pleasant walk through mixed woodland area. Amenity development.	T. De Gruineil P. Doolin R. O'Cinnéide
Ballinascorney, Brittas, Co. Dublin	Mixed conifer woods. Scenic views of city and suburbs.	J. Callaghan J. J. Crowley P. Cunningham
Ballinastoe Wood, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow	Pleasant walk through diverse conifer plantations, at various stages of development. Scenic views.	J. F. Fee A. P. Higgins G. J. Patterson
Ballybrittas, Co. Laois	Wide variety of tree species and their management. Pleasant lakeside walk.	G. T. Hipwell J. Prior
Ballydowling Wood, Co. Wicklow	Treatment of old Oak/Beech wood. Management of Douglas fir plantation towards production of ESB poles.	H. M. FitzPatrick
Ballygar, Co. Galway	Forest at various development stages. Wildlife interests.	P. McArdle T. McGuinness
Bishopswood, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary	Mature conifer and broadleaf plantations, wildlife and amenity interests.	M. Grace J. Hanly
Breen Forest, Co. Antrim	Remnant of natural oak woodland. Mixed conifer plantations.	W. J. Crawford
Broadford, Co. Clare	Scenic walk through mixed broadleaf and conifer woodland.	E. Larkin J. Madden
Castlecaldwell, Co. Fermanagh	Mixed conifer plantation on shores of Lough Erne. Wildlife exhibit, lakeside trails.	G. J. Cunningham
Jenkinsonstown, Co. Kilkenny	Amenity development. Mixed broadleaf and conifer woodland. Wildlife sanctuary.	G. McCarthy K. Ryan

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Castlefreke, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork	Pleasant walk through mixed conifer and broadleaf woodland.	T. Galvin W. Shine
Castleshane, Co. Monaghan	Mixed broadleaf and conifer woodland. Waterfall and castle ruins.	M. Dooley J. Finlay
Clonegal, Co. Wexford	Forest nursery with ten million trees. Poplar cultivation and wildlife interests.	P. J. Cotter G. Murphy J. J. O'Reilly
Donadea, Co. Kildare	Mixed broadleaf and conifer woodland. Lakeside walk.	S. Carew P. Crowe E. Fitzpatrick
Dromore, Ennis, Co. Clare	Conifer and broadleaf woodland. Lakeside amenity. Wildlife interest.	M. Barry L. Cawley P. J. O'Sullivan
Drumkeeragh Forest, Co. Down	Mixed conifer plantation on slope of Slieve Croob Mountain, overlooking East Down and Dundrum Bay.	R. T. Sherwood
Forth Mountain, Co. Wexford	Scenic valley walk. Management of various broadleaf and conifer species.	J. I. Kilbride J. J. Shorten
Foynes Forest, Co. Limerick	Pleasant riverside walk through mixed woodland.	T. O'Halloran M. O'Sullivan
Glendalligan, Comeragh, Co. Waterford	Scenic walk through mixed conifer woodland at various stages of development.	J. M. Doyle N. Kavanagh
Killakee, Co. Dublin	Wide variety of broadleaf and conifer trees overlooking Dublin. Panoramic views.	J. Fennessy M. O'Brien
Kilworth, Co. Cork	Forest management of mature conifer woodland.	J. C. Crowley J. McCarthy
Lisgoold Forest, Co. Cork	Forest at various stages of development.	E. Flanagan W. Leahy
Lough Eske, Co. Donegal	Amenity walk through broadleaf and conifer plantation. Historical interest.	A. Connolly
Moydamlaght, Co. Londonderry	Conifer plantation on eastern slopes of Sperrin Mountains. Riverside walks.	G. B. Jones
Mullaghmeen Wood, Castlepollard, Co. W/Meath	Mixed broadleaf and conifer forest. Panoramic views.	P. J. Morrissey J. Quinlavin
Newport, Co. Tipperary	Management and harvesting of productive conifer woodlands.	J. F. Cahill T. P. Earle
Oughaval Wood, Stradbally, Co. Laois	Scenic walk through mixed broadleaf and conifer woodlands.	F. Dineen S. P. White
Rathcarrick Wood, Collooney Forest, Co. Sligo	Scenic walk through conifer and broadleaf forest with panoramic view over Sligo Bay.	P. Finnerty J. Murray P. O'Malley
Ravensdale, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Commercial and scenic aspects of established conifer and broadleaf trees.	T. J. McCarthy
Tomies Wood, Killarney, Co. Kerry	Remnants of old oak woodland. Scenic view of Lakes of Killarney. Sika deer.	P. J. Bruton D. Walsh
Tower Hill, Curraghmore, Co. Waterford	Commercial and scenic aspects of mature broadleaf and conifer woodland.	D. Magner J. O'Riordan

## SYMPOSIUM ATTENDANCE

List of members who attended Symposium "The Challenge of the Second Rotation" on 6th April, 1979, U.C.D.

*Lord Ardee	Ellis, K.	Kavanagh, N.
Barrett, J.	Emery, L.	Kavanagh, T.
Beasley, J.	Enright, J.	Keane, D.
Berkery, W.		Keane, M.
Booth, I.	Fahy, C.	Kelleher, P.
Brassil, D.	Farmer, C.	Kelly, M.
deBrit, G.	Farrell, Dr. E.	Kilbride, J.
Brosnan, J.	Fee, F.	Kilpatrick, C.
Butler, P.	Fennessy, J.	
	Fenton, P.	Larkin, E.
Callaghan, J.	Finnerty, T.	Lawler, B.
Carey, Dr. M.	Fitzgerald, P.	Layton, T.
Carlin, P.	Fitzpatrick, E.	Lee, E.
Carmody, J.	Fitzsimons, B.	Lynch, T.
Carney, S.	Flanagan, E.	
Carroll, P.	Fleming, G.	Macken, J.
Clear, Professor, T.	Flynn, P.	*Madden, Major, J.
Clinch, P.	Fogarty, M.	Magner, D.
Collins, F.	Friel, M.	Maher, J.
Condon, L.	Freeman, J.	Mannion, T.
Connelly, J.	*Furlong, Miss L.	Milner, S.
Conway, M.		Moloney, B.
Corbett, P.	Gallagher, D.	Moloney, F.
Cosgrave, M.	Gallagher, Dr. G.	Moloney, T.
Cremin, K.	Gallagher, L.	Mooney, O.
Crowe, P.	Gardiner, Dr. J.	Moore, J.
Crowley, J.	Gatins, J.	Moran, M.
	Griffin, E.	Morrissey, P. J.
Deasy, J.		Mulloy, F. *
Dennehy, N.	Harney, G.	Murphy, G.
Dickson, Dr. D.	Hayes, S.	
Diffley, L.	Healy, J.	McArdle, P.
Dillon, J.	Hendrick, E.	McAree, D.
Dodd, P.	Hennessy, M.	McCarthy, D.
Donoghue, T.	Higgins, A.	McCarthy, Dr. R.
Doolan, P.	Howell, P.	McCarthy, T.
Doyle, J.	Hunt, T.	McCormack, C.
Doyle, M.	Hutchinson, K.	McElroy, P.
Drea, F.		McEvoy, T.
Duane, J.	Johnson, E.	McEwen, J.
Duggan, M.	Joyce, E.	McGlynn, D.
Durand, Dr. J.	Joyce, Dr. P.	McGuinness, E.
		McGuire, D.

McKenzie, R.  
McLoughlin, J.  
McLoughlin, J.  
McNamara, S.  
MacOscair, P.

Neilan, J.  
Nyhan, C.

O'Brien, D.  
O'Brien, M.  
O'Brien, P.  
O'Brien, T.  
O'Carroll, Dr. N.  
O'Connor, J.  
O'Dea, J.  
O'Donoghue, P.  
O'Donovan, C.  
O'Donovan, M.  
O'Dowd, J.  
O'Driscoll, Jim  
O'Driscoll, John  
O'Dwyer, B.  
O'Dwyer, P.  
O'Flanagan, L.  
O'Grady, P.

O'Halloran, M.  
O'Halloran, P.  
O'Kelly, P.  
O'Neachtain, M.  
O'Regan, T.  
O'Reilly, J.  
O'Sullivan, J.  
O'Sullivan, M.  
O'Sullivan, P.

Patterson, G.  
Pfeifer, A.  
Phillips, H.  
Phillips, J.  
Prior, J.  
Purcell, T.

Quinlivan, J.  
Quinn, E.  
Quinn, L.  
Quinn, S.

Raftery, P.  
Robinson, D.  
Rouine, M.  
Ryan, J.  
Ryan, M.

Sanderson, J.  
Savill, Dr. P.  
Shekleton, F.  
Sheridan, M.  
Shorten, J.  
Simpson, A.  
Swan, M.  
Sweeney, M.

Teigue, N.  
\*Tottenham, C.  
\*Tottenham, Mrs. J.  
\*Tottenham, R.  
Treacy, J.  
\*Tucker, C.  
Twomey, J.

Walsh, D.  
Ward, D.  
Watson, F.  
\*White, D.  
White, P.  
White, S.  
Wilson, T.  
Wright, W.

\* Associate Members