

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I have just read Vol. 45, No. 2 and write to express the point of view of one no longer involved at the centre of things, and who is feeling out of touch with events. This applies particularly to members on this side of the border who read the Belfast papers and miss what goes on in Dublin.

Has "Irish Forestry" not a duty to inform its readers about the background to the major changes now taking place in the organisation and management of the Forest Service? Similarly, should southern members not be kept up-to-date with changes of this nature in the North? It is certainly not filling this function at present.

The Quarterly Journal of Forestry certainly does this as regards Great Britain and Scottish Forestry likewise.

Are our members only interested in

Research? Have they got their eyes glued to a microscope so that they don't want to know about the world outside? Please Mr. Editor, as you take up your difficult and responsible task, spare a thought for those who are in the dark and look to you for light. Also try to hold Ireland together through what appears to be a lost cause. We can still try to hold the Society of Irish Foresters together.

Yours sincerely,

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We have been promised an article chronicling the events leading up to the formation of Coillte Teoranta. Hopefully this will appear in the next issue. (Editor).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank our former editor, Pat McCusker, for his valuable contribution to the production of this Journal over the past three years. His efforts have resulted in a series of issues in which the Society can be justly proud.

Alistair Pfeifer.