

## Letter to the Editor

The Editor  
Irish Forestry

Dear Sir,

In a book review in *Irish Forestry* (Volume 48, Nos. 1 & 2) Dr J. F. Durand writes (page 54) that “Dr O Carroll’s quoted reference to the Forestry Commission’s entry at Baronscourt in 1920 as the first area for State afforestation in Ireland, must similarly be regarded as inaccurate when unqualified”. I understand that this refers to an abbreviated quotation in a note on page 365 of the book under review.

The relevant passage in *The Forests of Ireland* (1984, page 111) reads in full as follows: “Meanwhile the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, (Dublin) set up its school for training estate foresters at Avondale (Co. Wicklow) in 1904 and acquired

an area at Ballykelly (Co. Londonderry) for forestry. In 1920 the first area for State afforestation in Ireland was acquired for the Forestry Commission (headquartered in London) at Baronscourt in County Tyrone”. That passage, as it stands, needs no qualification.

I might add that the correction slip, also referred to in the review, did rather more than “challenge a quote”; it corrected a damaging mis-statement.

Yours sincerely  
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