

RESOLUTION V: FOREST PRODUCTS RESEARCH

5. The Conference adopts the report of the Committee on Forest Products Research and calls the attention of the Governments of the Commonwealth to the recommendations contained therein, particularly to the following :—

(1) That a standing Forest Products Committee, as proposed by the 1935 Conference, be set up, whose functions shall include yet closer co-ordination with forestry, co-operation in extra-national investigations, and promotion of uniformity in research methods.

“ This Committee has already been set up and the Director of Forestry nominated as the New Zealand member. Ever since the inception of the Forest Service uniformity in research methods has been closely followed by co-operation with the forest products laboratories of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and the United States of America.”

(2) That corresponding Committees should be set up for the purpose of interchange and collation of information on specific research programmes, and to co-ordinate subsequent action thereon.

“ Three corresponding Committees have been set up. Mr. J. S. Reid, M.Sc., has been appointed to the Committees on Timber Mechanics and Composite Wood, and Mr. D. R. Carr, B.Sc., has been appointed to the Committee on Wood Preservation.”

(3) That co-ordination of research between the forest products laboratories of the Commonwealth requires meetings of specialist officers from time to time, and that these meetings should be supplemented by such staff visits to other laboratories and forestry centres as may be possible to arrange.

“ A meeting of timber-testing officers has been called at Ottawa for 27th September to 11th October, which it is hoped will be attended by Mr. J. S. Reid, M.Sc.”

(4) That the importance of economic consideration in forest products laboratory programmes requires for some laboratories the appointment of officers specially trained in economics.

“ Two officers specially trained in economics have been assigned, over many years, to part-time work on forest products investigations, and their work has proved the fundamental basis for the expansion of production already achieved and elsewhere referred to in this report.”

(5) That provision should be made for the appointment of trained utilization officers to those colonial Forest Departments where experimental stations do not exist.

“ Although the resolution is inapplicable to New Zealand, the Forest Service has given assistance for many years in the solution of utilization problems in colonial territories in the South Pacific. References to such work have been recorded from time to time in the annual reports of the Forest Service.”

RESOLUTION VI: TIMBER SUPPLIES AND MARKETING

6. The Conference adopts the report of the Committee on Timber Supplies and Marketing. It is satisfied that there will be a shortage of forest products, particularly saw timber, for an indeterminate period and certainly until the devastation caused by