

“ With the establishment of the Rotorua Training Centre in 1944, provision was envisaged for the introduction of trade training to cover timber measuring, timber grading, and kiln drying, and appropriate courses will be organized as soon as suitable staff is available.”

(4) That, in many parts of the Commonwealth, recruitment of an adequate trained staff requires pre-selection of forest officer candidates in advance of completion of professional training. In such cases cadet training in the field is an invaluable guide to selection.

“ Field training of candidates for appointment has been carried on for many years and has already proved its value in the selection of technical trainees and forest officers.”

(5) That qualifying courses on a scholarship basis should be provided for the promotion of outstanding men from sub-professional to professional grades.

“ Some such men are already being assisted by rehabilitation scholarships, whilst others are assisted by being appointed to departmental offices in University centres and by being afforded facilities to attend University lectures.”

RESOLUTION VIII: IMPERIAL FORESTRY INSTITUTE

8. This Conference recommends that further support should be given by Governments of the Commonwealth to the Imperial Forestry Institute to enable it to carry out more fully the purpose for which it was founded—i.e., to form a centre of higher studies and research in forestry. The provision of scholarships for post-graduate work at the Institute and of facilities for travel and study in Commonwealth countries by members of the Institute staff are suggested as forms such support could most usefully take. The Conference considers that the Institute is well staffed and equipped for training forest officers and for supervising research work in forestry subjects, and it recommends that greater use should be made by Commonwealth foresters of the facilities provided for special study and tours.

“ Following the Conference in July, 1947, arrangements were made for one of the departmental officers, who was awarded a rehabilitation bursary to study forest taxation in Europe, to use the facilities of the Institute. These were found to be extremely helpful, and greater use should be made of these in the future.”

The Conference notes with satisfaction that the Institute will shortly have a more adequate building and considers it is especially appropriate that it should be well furnished in Commonwealth timbers. The Conference accordingly recommends to Commonwealth Governments that they should help with contributions of suitable material.

“ The New Zealand Government has agreed to supply a small shipment of rimu for flooring and finishing one of the rooms in the new Institute.”

RESOLUTION IX: IMPERIAL FORESTRY BUREAU

9. The Conference records its appreciation of the work of the Imperial Forestry Bureau, and particularly of the publication *Forestry Abstracts*, which most efficiently provides a valuable means of keeping foresters up to date in the literature of their profession. It notes with approval the expansion in cover of forest products and utilization.

The Conference considers it desirable that the Bureau should continue to deal with both the management and utilization sides of forestry. *Forestry Abstracts* should cover both sides in a single publication; but the abstracts on forest products and utilization