

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FROM THE HON. COMMISSIONER OF STATE
FORESTS TO THE RIGHT HON. THE PRIME MINISTER

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SIR,—

I have the honour to transmit a report on the work of the New Zealand delegation which attended the World Wood Pulp Conference at Montreal, Canada, from 27th April to 4th May. The delegation comprised—

Major the Hon. C. F. Skinner, Commissioner of State Forests, Chief Delegate.

Mr. S. J. Robinson, Managing Director, B. J. Ball (N.Z.), Ltd., Auckland, Delegate.

Mr. A. R. Entrican, Director of Forestry, Delegate.

The services of Mr. S. J. Robinson, who represented the pulp and paper importing and using interests in the Dominion proved invaluable in making contacts with prominent industrial executives throughout North America, and in directing critical inquiries into paper-marketing problems.

Following the decision in principle taken by the Government in April to proceed with the establishment of an integrated sawmill and pulp and paper plant at Murupara, on the Rangitaiki River, in the Bay of Plenty district, the delegation also conferred with the Government Sawmill Consultant, Mr. W. H. Rambo, Industrial Engineer, of Portland, Oregon, and with its Pulp and Paper Consultant, the Rust Engineering Co., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Co-ordination and investigation of the work of these consultants was carried on by the Director of Forestry.

The delegation is indebted to His Majesty's Canadian Government, to the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, and to FAO for the facilities and courtesies provided for its convenience at Montreal, and to numerous organizations in the North American pulp and paper and sawmilling industries, and to their executives, both for constructive criticism and for inspiration and assistance in the investigation of current economic and technical trends.

At Montreal on 25th April I had the privilege and honour of representing New Zealand at the observance of the solemn rites of Anzac Day.

I have, &c.,

C. F. SKINNER,

Commissioner of State Forests.

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