

these activities by setting up a Forest Research Institute at Rotorua. Some aspects of forest research have also been undertaken by the Cawthron Institute, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and the University colleges.

Mr. Birch has therefore suggested that all research both in forest products and in forestry should be co-ordinated by a central advisory committee representative both of research organizations and of the principal growing, converting, and timber using interests in the Dominion. As provision for such committees was made in the Forests Act, 1949, the Director of Forestry has recommended the setting-up of a Forest Research Advisory Committee to advise me on all questions of forestry research, and so to co-ordinate the activities of the various research organizations that economy of effort is secured and duplication of work avoided.

I have, &c.,

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