

180. *The school year* is divided into three terms :—

First Term : 20th August to Christmas.

Second Term : 10th January to early April.

Third Term : April to June.

Second-year students, upon completion of examination in June, spend two months in forest camps engaged in surveying, silviculture, and soils studies. Third-year students take the majority of their final examinations in April, completing special studies during the third term.

181. *Examinations* are based largely on oral tests, as is shown below :—

First year : One written examination ; nine oral tests.

Second year : No written examination ; nine oral tests.

Third year : Four written examinations ; five oral tests.

The maximum rating for each examination is 1.0 ; rating below 4.0 in any examination does not qualify. The average for each year is arrived at, and to qualify this average must not be below 3.25. For the final assessment the averages of the three year's examinations are added together and divided by three. The respective co-efficients, used to weight the more important subjects when calculating ratings, are shown in the syllabus. (The co-efficients of all other subjects are 1.)

182. *The first degree* earns the designation "forst kandidat." The degree of Doctor of Agriculture (approved by statute in 1920) necessitates at least two years' further study supported by a thesis ; not more than 1 per cent. of Norwegian foresters have taken this second degree.

183. *Research in relation to teaching.*—The constitution of the College provides for research as a normal function of all professors, who rarely spend more than 50 per cent. of their time teaching.

The School of Forestry is independent of the adjacent Research Institute, but there are naturally close personal liaisons, and the Director of the Institute delivers the series of lectures on research methods by mutual arrangement.

THE FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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184. Located in the grounds of the College of Agriculture at Aas, the Forest Research Institute is, nevertheless, a distinct non-departmental organization responsible to the Ministry of Agriculture. (Under the Ministry of Agriculture are three State Departments, the Branch of Agriculture, the Branch of Forestry, and the Branch of Agricultural Education).

185. *Administration.*—The general policy of the Institute is guided by a Board of Forestry Research, which meets once a year. The members are :—

(1) Chief of the Forest Research Institute (Chairman).

(2) Director of the Branch of State Forestry.

One representative each of the following :—

(3) Sawmilling industry.

(4) Pulp and paper industry.

(5) Forest owners.

(6) Forest labour unions.

(7) Bergen Forest Experiment Station.