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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 64 of the Forests Act, 1921-22.

The DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY to the Hon. the COMMISSIONER OF STATE FORESTS.

SIR,—

Wellington, 1st July, 1939.

I have the honour to present herewith, pursuant to section 64 of the Forests Act, 1921-22, the annual report of all operations of the State Forest Service for the year ended 31st March, 1939.

During this period the administration of the Department was in the hands of Mr. A. D. McGavock, who retired on 30th June, 1939, after having completed nearly forty-eight years in the Public Service, including eight years as Director of Forestry.

I desire here to place on record a few figures and facts which indicate in some slight measure the progress made under Mr. McGavock's administration. The area of permanent State forests was doubled, rising from 2,126,837 acres to 4,784,419 acres, whilst the total area under Service control rose from 7,761,166 acres to 8,354,861 acres. Rough-sawn timber cut from State forests in 1930-31 increased from 24·9 per cent. of the total Dominion cut to 36·2 per cent. in 1938-39.

Revolutionary fire prevention and control methods, selective logging in both indigenous and exotic forests, kauri-forest-management plans, utilization of exotic forest thinnings, improved accommodation for forest workmen were all successful accomplishments during a strenuous tenure of office, and fittingly conclude an official career of conspicuous loyalty and devotion to duty.

I have, &c.,

Hon. Frank Langstone,
Commissioner of State Forests.

ALEX. R. ENTRICAN,
Director of Forestry.

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