

## The Royal Society of Tasmania

### ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

1925.

9th MARCH, 1925.

#### *Annual Meeting.*

The Annual Meeting was held on the 9th March at the Royal Society's Rooms, Tasmanian Museum, Hobart, the President of the Society, His Excellency Sir James O'Grady, K.C.M.G., presiding. Mr. L. Rodway, on behalf of the Society, extended a welcome to His Excellency as President of the Society. His Excellency in reply expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped that during his stay in Tasmania he would be able to assist the Society.

The Annual Report was read and adopted. The following were elected members of the Council for 1925:—Mr. L. Rodway, Right Reverend R. S. Hay, Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. W. E. L. Crowther, Mr. W. H. Cummins, Major L. F. Giblin, Messrs. J. A. Johnson, A. N. Lewis, Dr. Sprott, and Mr. Lord (*ex officio*).

#### *Papers.*

The following papers were read:—

"Tasmanian Giant Marsupials." By H. H. Scott and Clive Lord.

"Some Notes on a Tasmanian Aboriginal Skull." By H. H. Scott and Dr. McClinton.

The following were elected members of the Society:—Miss H. Alexander, Messrs. W. Coogan, G. Cunningham, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss M. L. Reid, Messrs. R. Nettlefold and M. L. Urquhart.

#### *Illustrated Lecture.*

Mr. L. Rodway delivered an illustrated lecture on "Some Plants of the National Park (Mount Field)."

#### *Conversazione.*

At the conclusion of the meeting a Conversazione was held in the Art Gallery.

15th APRIL, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, on the 15th April, Mr. L. Rodway, Vice-president, presiding.

#### *Papers.*

The following papers were read:—

"The Basis of the Physical World as Indicated by Carrying as Far as Possible the Tenets of Relativity." By Professor A. McAulay.

"On the Occurrence of *Wolffia* in Tasmania." By L. Rodway.

#### *Illustrated Lecture.*

"The Aboriginal Camping Grounds of the North-West Coast of Tasmania." By Dr. R. Pulleine.

7th MAY, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 7th May, His Excellency Sir James O'Grady, K.C.M.G., presiding.

#### *R. M. Johnston Memorial Lecture.*

Professor F. Wood-Jones, D.Sc., F.R.S., delivered the R. M. Johnston Memorial Lecture for 1925, the subject of the lecture being "The Mammalian Toilet and Some Considerations Arising from It."

#### *Presentation of the R. M. Johnston Memorial Medal.*

Professor Wood-Jones was presented with the R. M. Johnston Memorial Medal for 1926.

9th JUNE, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms on the 9th June, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

The following were elected:—As Honorary Member, Professor F. Wood-Jones; as Corresponding Member, Dr. R. Pulleine; as Ordinary Members, Professor J. B. Brigden, Reverend B. Semmens, and Miss E. Giblin.

#### *Illustrated Lecture.*

"The Hands of Animals. A Chapter in Evolution." By E. E. Unwin, M.Sc.

13th JULY, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Society's Rooms on the 13th July, Mr. L. Rodway presiding. The following were elected members:—Sir Alfred Asbbolt, Messrs. K. Shoobridge and D. C. Pearse.

Mr. Rodway drew attention to the present state of Lady Franklin's Museum, and moved:—"That in the opinion of this meeting, it is not being put to the use for which it was intended, and the Government be urged to resume it in the public interests." The resolution was carried.

Mr. P. B. Nye, on behalf of Dr. A. B. Walkom, read his paper, "Notes on Some Tasmanian Mesozoic Plants, Part 2."

*Illustrated Lecture.*

"A Review of the Birds of Tasmania." By M. S. R. Sharland.

Mr. W. F. D. Butler, Chairman of the Historical Section, drew attention to the fact that 3rd December, 1925, was the centenary of the Constitutional Independence of Tasmania, and made several suggestions for consideration by the Council, with a view to marking the event in a suitable manner.

10th AUGUST, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Society's Rooms on the 10th August, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

*Papers.*

The following papers were read:—

"On a Phyllocarid from Tasmania." By F. Chapman.

"The Eared Seals of Tasmania." By H. H. Scott and Clive Lord.

*Lecture.*

"Native Tribes of New Guinea." By Minor Canon C. C. Robertson.

14th SEPTEMBER, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Society's Rooms on the 14th September, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

The following were elected members of the Society:— Messrs. A. L. Butler, G. L. Propsting, Norman Walker, and M. W. Winch.

*Illustrated Lecture.*

"Forestry, the Production of Soft Woods in Tasmania." By Lieutenant-Colonel Lane.

25th SEPTEMBER, 1925.

A Special Meeting of the Society, in conjunction with the Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Club, was held on the 25th September at the Society's Rooms, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

Dr. William Colin MacKenzie, Director of the National Museum of Australian Zoology, delivered an Illustrated Lecture upon the "Scientific Importance of the Australian Fauna."

12th OCTOBER, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Society's Rooms on the 12th October, Mr. L. Rodway, C.M.G., presiding.

Sir Alfred Ashbolt presented the Society with a series of notes from Captain Booth's diary, prepared in London by Mr. Ronald Giblin, with the consent of Major Richmond, the owner of the original diary.

*Papers.*

"A Review of the Tasmanian Lepidoptera." By Dr. Jefferis Turner.

"New and Little-known Tasmanian Lepidoptera." By Dr. Jefferis Turner.

*Lecturettes.*

A series of Lecturettes dealing with the period during which Sir John Franklin was Governor of Tasmania were given by members of the Historical Section.

9th NOVEMBER, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Society's Rooms on the 9th November, 1925, Mr. L. Rodway presiding.

*Papers.*

"Notes on the Journal of Captain C. O'Hara Booth."

By R. W. Giblin, F.R.G.S.

"Tasmanian *Araneidæ*." By V. V. Hickman, B.Sc.

"Notes on Some Rare and Interesting Cryptogams." By L. Rodway, C.M.G.

*Lecturette.*

Sir Alfred Ashbolt delivered a lecturette concerning Captain Booth's Diary.

14th DECEMBER, 1925.

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Society's Rooms on the 14th December, Mr. L. Rodway presiding.

*Papers.*

1. "Australian Fauna and Medical Science." By Professor William Colin MacKenzie, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.S. (Edin.).

2. "Notes on Early Tasmanian Currency." By J. Reynolds.

3. "The Eared Seals of Tasmania, *Arctocephalus tasmanicus*, sp. nov." By H. H. Scott and Clive Lord.

4. "Tasman's Landing Place." By G. H. Halligan, F.G.S.

*Illustrated Lecturette.*

"The Location of Tasman's Landing Place in 1642." By G. H. Halligan, F.G.S.