

Royal Society of Tasmania

Annual Report for the Year ended 31st December, 1960.

The membership total of the Society reached 589, of whom 222 were listed on the Northern Branch centred in Launceston.

During the year the following lectures were given:—

March (Annual Meeting): "Western Tasmania" by Mr. Lloyd Jones.

April: "Experiment in Leadership Development" by His Excellency the Right Honourable the Lord Rowallan, K.T., K.B.E., M.C., President of the Society.

May: "Early Settlement at Oatlands and Jericho" by Mr. K. R. von Stieglitz, O.B.E.

June: "Hobart: Then and Now" by Mr. E. R. Pretzman.

July: "Phosphates in Relation to Australian Soils and Agriculture" by Dr. C. S. Piper.

August: Clive Lord Memorial Lecture.

September: "The Early Days of the Legal Profession in Launceston" by the Honourable Mr. Justice Crawford.

October: "Control and Conservation of Animals" by Mr. M. G. Ridpath.

November: "Kuru—A Problem in Human Genetics" by Professor A. M. Clark.

CLIVE LORD MEMORIAL MEDAL AND LECTURE.

The Council invited Emeritus-Professor V. V. Hickman to accept the Clive Lord Memorial Medal and to deliver the Lecture. Professor Hickman has a long and distinguished record as a zoologist and University teacher and on numerous occasions he held office in this Society.

The medal was presented to Professor Hickman by the President, His Excellency the Lord Rowallan.

The title of Professor Hickman's illustrated address was "Some little known Tasmanian Animals of particular interest."

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st March.

The Society was honoured when His Excellency, the Lord Rowallan, accepted office as President of the Society. The Senior Vice-President, Mr. L. W. Miller, referred to the association of Governors of Tasmania with the Royal Society since its inception and then asked Lord Rowallan to take the Chair.

The following Office-bearers were elected:—

Vice-President: Under the Society's Rules, Mr. L. W. Miller retired from the office of Vice-President and Mr. R. M. H. Garvie was elected to fill the vacancy.

Honorary Secretary and Librarian: Dr. W. Bryden.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. G. E. A. Hale.

Honorary Auditor: Mr. A. M. Hewer.

Members of Council: Under Rule 21, Mr. Justice Crisp and Mr. R. M. H. Garvie retired from the Council. Mr. D. H. Borchart and Mr. L. W. Miller were elected for a period of three years.

COMMITTEES, &C.

The following appointments for the year were made by the Council:—

Standing Committee: Dr. D. Martin, Mr. R. M. H. Garvie, Mr. W. F. Ellis, Dr. W. Bryden (Honorary Secretary).

Representatives on the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery: Mr. G. F. Davies and Dr. D. Martin.

Representative on the Board of Trustees of the Botanical Gardens: Mr. R. S. McIntyre.

Representative on the Nomenclature Board: Mr. E. R. Pretzman.

Representative on the Mount Field National Park Board: Dr. D. Martin until November, 1960. Dr. J. M. Gilbert from November, 1960.

Representative on the Library Association of Australian (Tasmanian Branch): Dr. W. Bryden.

LIBRARY.

Four hundred and ninety-one volumes, made up of books and journals, were added to the Library during the year. There are now 32,685 volumes in the Library. The number of Institutions on the exchange list is 318.

PAPERS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Volume 94 of the *Papers and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania* was published during the year under review.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Society are extended to the Government of Tasmania, to the University of Tasmania, to the Press and the Australian Broadcasting Commission, to the donors of books, prints, documents, &c., and to all who have assisted the Society during the year.

President.

Northern Branch

Annual Report, 1960.

During 1960, the Council of the Northern Branch of the Royal Society of Tasmania was composed as follows:—

Chairman: Dr. C. Craig.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. John Lord.

Past Chairman: Mr. G. H. Stancombe.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. W. F. Ellis.

Members of Council: Mrs. I. J. Mead, Mr. T. E. Burns, Rev. C. O. Leigh-Cook, Mr. T. W. W. Sharpe, Mr. K. R. von Stieglitz.

Dr. Craig and Mr. Ellis acted as representatives of the Northern Branch on the General Council of the Society and Mr. Ellis served as a member of the Standing Committee. Mr. Justice G. H. Crawford continued as the Northern Branch nominee on the Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park Board.

MEMBERSHIP.

Twenty-two members were elected to the Branch during 1960 and two were transferred from the general enrolment. Membership was reduced by eleven owing to deaths, resignations and transfers leaving the total membership at the end of the year at 222.

ACTIVITIES DURING 1960.

Nine General Meetings and one Special Meeting were held during the year at which the following papers were presented:—

General Meetings:

26th February: "Hydro-Electric Power Development in Tasmania—Today and Tomorrow", by Mr. R. M. H. Garvie, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., M.I.E. Aust.

22nd March: "John Helder Wedge", by G. H. Stancombe.

22nd April: "The Endemic Flora of Tasmania", by Mr. H. J. King.

10th June: "Hobart—Now and Then", by E. R. Pretyman.

4th August: "Mutation and Selection in Man", by Professor A. M. Clark, M.Sc., Ph. D.

9th September: "Scenery in Canada", by Mr. M. S. R. Sharland.

28th October: "Hooker, Gunn and the Centenary of *Flora Tasmaniae*", by Professor H. N. Barber, M.A., Ph.D.

11th November: "Early Australian Jewry", by Dr. G. F. J. Bergman, D.Econ.

16th December: Members' Evening.

(1) "The Development of an Egg", by Mr. H. J. King.

(2) "The Merino in Spain", by Mr. G. H. Stancombe.

(3) "Flowers in Britain", by Mr. S. V. Tilley.

(4) "Colour Changes in the Male Blue Wren", by Mr. J. R. Skemp, B.Sc.

(5) "The Western Mountains and their Flora", by Mr. N. R. Harvey.

The average attendance at meetings was 71 members.

SPECIAL MEETING.

In commemoration of the Centenary of the formation of local military forces in Tasmania, a Special Meeting was held on 6th May, 1960 to which representatives from Tasmanian service and civic organizations were invited. A lecture entitled "The Military History of Tasmania—an outline of the period 1803—1903", was delivered by Brigadier E. M. Dollery, M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C.

In addition members of the Northern Branch have attended, as guests, two special meetings of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute which were addressed by Professor Sir Alexander Todd, F.R.S. and Associate Professor J. B. Polya, D.Sc.Tech., B.Sc.

EXCURSIONS.

Three excursions were held:—

27th February: Hydro-Electric Commission installations, Poatina.

5th-7th March: North-West and West Coast, Tasmania.

23rd October: "Belle Vue" and "Clyne Vale", Epping.

The excursion to the West and North-West Coast was the most ambitious project of its kind which has yet been undertaken by the Branch. During three days, forty-nine members examined Tasmanian aboriginal deposits at Rocky Cape, Mount Cameron West, the Arthur River and Devonport and visited "Highfield" and other places of historic interest at Stanley.

Arising from discussions concerning the publication of the Journals of John Helder Wedge, the General Council resolved to establish a new series of Special Publications, of which the Wedge publication will be the first. This decision was received with appreciation by the Northern Branch Council and Members.

As previously, the Branch Council record their acknowledgment of the services provided by the Queen Victoria Museum toward the conduct of the activities of the Branch.

C. CRAIG, Chairman.

W. F. ELLIS, Hon. Secretary.