

# The Royal Society of Tasmania

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## Abstract of Proceedings 1934

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22ND JANUARY, 1934

A special meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., C.B.E., presiding.

Professor W. A. Osborne, M.B., B.Ch., F.A.C.S., delivered a lecture entitled 'Success and Failure in Animal Design.'

12TH MARCH, 1934

### *Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms, Tasmanian Museum, on this date, the President, His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., C.B.E., presiding.

Under Rule 3 His Excellency the President nominated the following two Vice-Presidents:—Mr. W. H. Clemes and Mr. E. E. Unwin.

The following were elected as members of the Council for 1934:—Mr. S. Angel, Dr. A. H. Clarke, Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. W. L. Crowther, Mr. E. T. Emmett, Mr. V. V. Hickman, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Mr. E. E. Unwin, Dr. F. E. Ward.

Mr. Walter E. Taylor was appointed Hon. Auditor.

The following motion was proposed by Dr. Crowther, seconded by Sir Elliott Lewis, and carried:—

'That Rule 17 be amended by deleting the words "not resident in Tasmania" from the first line thereof.'

The following motion was proposed by Dr. Crowther, seconded from the Chair, and carried:—

'That in accordance with the recommendation of the Council, and in terms of Rule 41e (5), the Society's Medal be awarded to H. H. Scott, Esq., Curator of the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston.'

The following members were elected:—Col. J. L. Whitham, Mr. Donald Martin.

Mr. S. W. Steane gave an illustrated lecture on 'Bush Fires.'

9TH APRIL, 1934

A meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, Mr. W. H. Clemes presiding.

The Chairman reported that the Council had made the following appointments for the year:—

*Chairman:* Mr. W. H. Clemes.

*Secretary:* Dr. Joseph Pearson.

*Treasurer:* Mr. S. Angel.

*Trustees of the Museum:* Mr. W. H. Clemes, Dr. W. L. Crowther, Mr. S. Angel, Dr. A. N. Lewis, Mr. E. E. Unwin, Mr. V. V. Hickman.

It was proposed by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Crowther, and carried, that Mr. L. Rodway be elected an Honorary Member of the Society under Rule 17.

The following members were elected:—Mrs. Clive Lord, Mr. C. E. H. Ferguson, Mr. N. Oldham.

The Chairman presented the Royal Society's Medal to Mr. H. H. Scott. Mr. Unwin, Dr. Crowther, and Mr. Hickman testified to the valuable work which Mr. Scott had done as Curator of the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston.

Mr. Scott delivered a lecture entitled:

Part 1: 'Mr. Clive E. Lord, my Collaborator.'

Part 2: 'The Australian Marsupial Titanotheres.'

30TH MAY, 1934

The R. M. Johnston Memorial Meeting was held at the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., C.B.E., presiding.

Mrs. G. O. Smith was elected a member.

His Excellency presented the R. M. Johnston Memorial Medal to Professor W. J. Dakin, Professor of Zoology, University of Sydney, who afterwards delivered the fourth R. M. Johnston Memorial Lecture, entitled 'Biological Science and Marine Fisheries.'

After the lecture a *Conversazione* was held in the Art Gallery.

11TH JUNE, 1934

A meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., C.B.E., presiding.

The following members were elected:—Professor K. Shatwell, Mr. R. G. Brett, Mr. R. F. Turner, Mr. D. M. Urquhart, Mr. B. C. Lovett.

Dr. Joseph Pearson delivered an illustrated lecture on 'The Wanderings of Animals.'

## 9TH JULY, 1934

A meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

The following members were elected:—Mrs. R. I. Courthope, Mr. Charles Wolfhagen, Dr. F. Fay.

Mr. R. W. Legge, Hon. Curator, Ethnological Section, Tasmanian Museum, read a paper entitled 'Notes on some of the principal Aboriginal Camping Grounds and Middens of the East Coast of Tasmania, with remarks upon their Stone-culture and Food-supply,' and showed slides illustrating the paper.

## 13TH AUGUST, 1934

A meeting was held at the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

Dr. Joseph Pearson gave some notes on *Caperea marginata*, the pygmy right whale.

Mr. John Reynolds delivered an illustrated lecture entitled 'The Anti-Transportation Movement in Tasmania, 1840-1853.'

## 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1934.

A meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

The following members were elected:—Mrs. M. Roberts, Mrs. L. Wettenhall, Mr. L. A. Triebel.

Dr. A. N. Lewis proposed the following resolution regarding the death of Sir T. W. Edgeworth David:—

'The Royal Society of Tasmania records with deep regret the death of Sir T. W. Edgeworth David, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.Sc., B.A., F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Geology, University of Sydney, and the senior honorary member of this Society, and places on record its appreciation of a long life of outstanding service for science in Australia, and many acts of assistance rendered to this Society.'

The resolution was seconded by Mr. W. H. Clemes and supported by Mr. W. M. Carne, all present signifying their approval by standing. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Lady David.

Miss J. A. Fletcher delivered an illustrated lecture entitled 'Field Experiences Amongst Some of Our Birds.'

## 8TH OCTOBER, 1934

A meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

Captain D. Colbron Pearse, M.C., Hon. Curator of the Art Gallery, delivered an illustrated lecture entitled 'Whither Art?'

12TH NOVEMBER, 1934

A meeting was held in the Society's Rooms, the President, His Excellency the Governor, presiding.

The following members were elected:—Dr. J. Wunderly, Mr. W. Harris.

The following papers were submitted for publication, and referred to the Standing Committee:—

- (a) 'Correlation of the Tasmanian Pleistocene Raised Beaches and River Terraces in Unglaciaded Areas,' by A. N. Lewis, M.C., LL.D.
- (b) 'On a New Genus of Fishes of the Family Galaxiidae,' by E. O. G. Scott, B.Sc.
- (c) 'Notes on the Gobies Recorded from Tasmania: with Description of a New Genus,' by E. O. G. Scott, B.Sc.

Mr. E. T. Emmett delivered an illustrated lecture entitled 'Richmond and its History.'

## Northern Branch

### Annual Report

The Northern Branch experienced a successful year. Monthly meetings were held during the usual session from May to September, inclusive, and the Council met on seven occasions.

With the exception of the August meeting, which took place at the Launceston Technical College, both monthly meetings and Council meetings were held at the Public Library.

2ND MAY, 1934

#### *Annual Meeting*

Mr. W. R. Rolph presided. The following were elected as members of the Branch Council for 1934:—Mr. W. R. Rolph (Chairman), Hon. Tasman Shields, Messrs. R. S. Padman, F. Heyward, A. L. Meston, J. E. Heritage, D. V. Allen, F. Smithies, J. R. Forward, E. O. G. Scott (Secretary). The statement of accounts, which disclosed a credit balance of £31 3s. 0d., was read and adopted.

Illustrated lecture: 'Seven Years in the Far East,' by Mr. John A. Brailsford, B.A.

18TH JUNE, 1934

Mr. W. R. Rolph presided. Illustrated lecture: 'Through Trackless Wilds, A Journey from Queenstown to Cradle Mountain via Eldon Bluff, Canning Gorge, and Pelion Range,' by Mr. F. Smithies.

16TH JULY, 1934

Mr. W. R. Rolph presided. Illustrated lecture: 'Notes on the Museum Historical Collection,' by Mr. H. H. Scott. Paper: 'On a New Genus of Fishes of the Family Galaxiidae,' by Mr. E. O. G. Scott.

6TH AUGUST, 1934

Mr. A. L. Meston presided. Illustrated lecture: 'Atmospheric Electricity,' by Mr. A. H. Masters.

26TH SEPTEMBER, 1934

Mr. W. R. Rolph presided. Illustrated address, and paper: 'Some Aspects of the Art of Implement-making among the Tasmanian Aborigines,' by Mr. F. Heyward. Paper: 'Notes on the Gobies Recorded from Tasmania: with Description of a New Genus,' by Mr. E. O. G. Scott.

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Meetings of the Council were held on 13th April, 28th May, 28th June, 23rd July, 28th August, and 30th September, 1934.