

which were discussed by Messrs. McCarthy, Schanche and others.

Mr. Roland D. Craig, Commission of Conservation, discussed the question of forest engineers joining the other branches of engineering in their efforts to secure legislation in Ontario protecting the engineering profession.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing three years:

President—M. A. Grainger, Manager, Timber Industries' Council of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Vice-President, Dr. C. D. Howe, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Toronto University.

Secretary—Roland D. Craig, Commission of Conservation, Ottawa.

Treasurer—T. W. Dwight, Forestry Branch, Ottawa.

An important amendment to the constitution was made permitting the establishment of a non-resident class of membership.

Resolutions were passed advising that the duties on seeds and nursery stock for forest planting be removed, and that all the government railways should be placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners, at least as far as fire protection is concerned.

NEW ZEALAND PLANS TO RENEW HER FORESTS

AN issue of the New Zealand paper called "The Dominion" contains the following interesting article:

"Last session it was announced that it was intended to place the State forests under the control of a separate Minister, and in November last this intention was given effect to by the appointment of the Hon. the Attorney-General as Commissioner of State Forests.

"An area of about 1,800,000 acres has since been proclaimed State forests under that authority. Additional areas will be proclaimed as soon as the necessary maps are completed. It must be understood that the setting aside of provisional State forests is not a final reservation. As soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, the reserves will be inspected, and such lands as are found to be more suitable for settlement than for retention under forest will be made available for settlement. The total area of State forests and provisional State forests is now about 3,273,000 acres, but of this area a large proportion does not bear timber of milling value, and a proportion is treeless mountain land. Taking a mean be-

tween the proportion of the forest areas of France and Germany, this Dominion should have an area of 13,300,000 acres under forest to satisfy present and future demands.

"In the plantations a total new area of 2,800 acres was afforested, about one-third of the area having been planted by discharged soldiers. Arrangements are being made to employ a large number of soldiers, but difficulty is experienced in providing both accommodation and trained supervisors.

"The Commissioner of State Forests has publicly announced that the forests of New Zealand must be henceforth utilized for the people of New Zealand, and that consequently the export of all classes of timber must be limited at present and cease wholly in the near future, and further, that on land not suited for settlement, only timber ripe for milling must be cut, and the growing timber conserved on all lands continuing as State forests. Against the policy so declared there has been considerable protest from certain districts where it is contended that the export trade already established should continue and be allowed to increase in volume.