

From the 23rd to the 25th a depression passed far to the south and the associated trough of low pressure moved over most of the country. There was some further rain on the West Coast, and later some light falls were recorded in eastern districts as far north as Gisborne. The trough became stationary in the far north, where rain fell intermittently for the next three days as it slowly lost intensity. Another trough which passed over on the 29th and 30th

brought a southerly change, with cooler temperatures and some rain in most districts. However, on the last day of the month the weather was generally fair or fine under the influence of a large anticyclone.

R. G. SIMMERS, Acting Director.

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*Resolutions Amending Rules of the Royal Society of New Zealand*

PURSUANT to the Royal Society of New Zealand Act 1933, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Royal Society of New Zealand has, at its semi-annual meeting held on 1 December 1958, passed the following resolutions amending its rules which were published in the *Gazette* on 14 November 1935, Volume III, page 3315:

(a) A resolution with reference to section A relating to admission and duties of member bodies that rule A. 3 be amended to read:

"A. 3. The bylaws of every member body admitted as aforesaid shall provide for the expenditure of not less than one-third of its revenue from annual subscriptions of members on or towards the formation or support of some local public museum or library or other institution approved by the Council, or otherwise, shall provide for the payment of not less than one-sixth of its revenue from annual subscriptions of members towards the extension and maintenance of the Royal Society of New Zealand."

Rule A. 4 to be renumbered A. 6.

Rule A. 5 to be renumbered A. 7.

Rule A. 6 to be renumbered A. 8.

Rule A. 7 to be renumbered A. 9.

New rules A. 4 and A. 5 to be inserted:

"A. 4. The bylaws of every member body admitted as aforesaid shall include a provision whereby members who belong to one or more specified categories shall be considered subscribing members of the Royal Society of New Zealand and every member body shall pay to the Society in each year the sum of 5s. for each of its members belonging to such category or categories. Any sum paid under this rule shall be considered as part of the one-third or one-sixth of the annual revenue required to be expended in terms of rule A. 3.

A. 5. Any contributions made by a member body towards the cost of publishing the Proceedings and/or Transactions of the Society in terms of rule H. (e) shall not form part of the contribution of member bodies in terms of rules A. 3 and A. 4."

(b) A resolution that section F. VII—Rules relating to Plant Diseases Trust (gazetted 6 August 1942, No. 74, page 2009) be rescinded and the following new section F. VII substituted therefor:

"F. VII. The Plant Research Trust: The Plant Research Trust, formerly called the Plant Diseases Trust, was established by the gift of Sir Frank Crossley Mappin in 1942.

1. Grants from the Trust shall be made by the Council or by the Standing Committee at any of its regular meetings.
2. Except under special circumstances grants shall be made only from the income derived from the Trust Fund.
3. Member bodies in some appropriate way at the beginning of each year shall draw the notice of their members to this Fund.
4. Applications for grants from this Fund shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Applications must state clearly the purposes for which the grant will be used, the amount required, together with the qualifications of the applicant to undertake the research proposed.
5. Grants shall be available to members of the Royal Society of New Zealand who possess the necessary qualifications, for the purpose of undertaking research in the field or at research institutions in New Zealand or overseas, on problems connected with the pathology, systematics, physiology, ecology, distribution, or genetics of New Zealand plants and plant pathogens.
6. The Council or the Standing Committee shall, if it deems necessary or advisable, consult the Director of the Plant Diseases Division of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in determining whether to make a grant to any candidate or not.
7. All recipients of grants from the Plant Research Trust Fund shall, on the completion of the research, forward to the Secretary of the Royal Society of New Zealand a report giving the results achieved and the details of expenditure incurred.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of March 1959.

M. WOOD, Secretary.

*Plant Declared Noxious Weed in the County of Rangitikei (Notice No. Ag. 6718)*

PURSUANT to section 3 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1950, the Director-General of Agriculture, acting under a delegation from the Minister of Agriculture for the purpose of the said Act, hereby publishes the following special order made by the Rangitikei County Council on the 11th day of December 1958.

SPECIAL ORDER

THAT, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in it by section 3 (1) of the Noxious Weeds Act 1950, the Rangitikei County Council hereby resolves and declares, by way of special order, that

Heath (*Erica lusitanica* and *Erica arborea*)

is a noxious weed within the County of Rangitikei, and that such special order shall take effect as from the 1st day of January 1959.

Dated at Wellington this 14th day of April 1959.

P. W. SMALLFIELD, Director-General of Agriculture.

*Plants Declared Noxious Weeds in County of Rodney (Notice No. Ag. 6724)*

PURSUANT to section 3 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1950, the Director-General of Agriculture, acting under a delegation from the Minister of Agriculture for the purpose of the said Act, hereby publishes the following special order made by the Rodney County Council on the 19th day of March 1959.

SPECIAL ORDER

THAT, pursuant to section 3, subsection (1) of the Noxious Weeds Act 1950, the following plants be declared noxious weeds in the County of Rodney.

SCHEDULE

Gorse (*Ulex*, any species).

Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*).

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of April 1959.

P. W. SMALLFIELD, Director-General of Agriculture.

*Unclaimed Property—Notice of Election by the Public Trustee to Become Manager Under the Public Trust Office Act 1957, Part V*

WHEREAS, after due inquiry, it is not known where the owner of the property described in the Schedule hereto is or whether he is alive or dead; and whereas the gross value of the said property (as estimated by the Public Trustee) does not exceed £2,000 and for the purposes of subsection (2) of section 80 of the Public Trust Office Act 1957, the Public Trustee is satisfied that it is advisable that he should become the manager of the said property; now, therefore, the Public Trustee, in exercise of the authority conferred upon him by the said subsection (2), hereby elects to be manager of the said property under Part V of the said Act.

SCHEDULE

ALL that piece of land situate at Foxton, containing 1 rood 21·2 perches, being part of Rural Section 465, Township of Foxton, which said piece of land comprises Lot 5 and part of Lot 6, on Deposited Plan 252, and is the whole of the land comprised and described in certificate of title, Volume 278, folio 198, Wellington Registry. The registered proprietor of the said land is William George Richardson, of Foxton, hemp expert.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of April 1959.

GEO. E. TURNEY, Public Trustee.