

FORESTRY SCHOOL

South Australia Leads

In the Assembly today Mr. E. Anthony asked whether the establishment of a Federal forestry school was discussed while the Premier was in Melbourne. The Hon. J. Gunn (Premier) said that he discussed the matter with the Prime Minister and was told that the Commonwealth was determined to establish a school at Canberra. He asked Mr. Bruce to continue the school in South Australia as a Federal school. "We lead the way as regards reforestation and training," added the Premier, "but the Commonwealth was not prepared to do that except as a temporary measure. If South Australia decides to join in the Federal school it is probable that this State's school will be kept going for two years or until the Federal school is ready." Mr. Edwards—The next Federal Labor Government will fix it up.

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THE FORESTRY SCHOOL.

The Premier, in reply to Mr. Anthony in the Assembly on Wednesday, said while he was in Melbourne he had discussed the question of the Federal Forestry School with the Prime Minister, who stated that the Commonwealth Government were determined to go on with the establishment of the forestry school at Canberra. He (the Premier) had suggested that the school in Adelaide be continued as a Federal school, because South Australia easily led the way in the Commonwealth in re-forestation and training. The Commonwealth Government, however, were not prepared to do that except as a temporary measure. It was recognised that the school could not be established at Canberra in less than two years.

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THE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE.

The thirtieth annual conference of the South Australian Public Teachers' Union will be held at the Price Hall, Adelaide High School, Grote-street, on Saturday. On the previous day there will be a public meeting, over which his Excellency the Administrator (Mr. Justice Poole) will preside, and at which Mr. F. J. Gartrell will deliver the Presidential address. Professor Darnley Naylor will speak on "The meaning of words," and the speakers will also include the Hon. L. L. Hill (Minister of Education).

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FORESTRY SCHOOL PROPOSALS.

The Premier (Hon. J. Gunn), replying to Mr. Anthony in the House of Assembly on Wednesday, said he had discussed the question of the Federal Forestry School with the Prime Minister in Melbourne during his visit. Mr. Bruce had stated that the Commonwealth Government was determined to go on with the establishment of the Federal School of Forestry at Canberra. He (the Premier) had suggested that the school in Adelaide should be continued as a Federal school, because South Australia led the way in the Commonwealth in reforestation and such training. The Commonwealth Government, however, was not prepared to do that, except as a temporary action. It was recognised that the school could not be established at Canberra within two years.

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TRAINING FOR COUNTRY TEACHERS.

Complaints have been voiced from time to time regarding the educational disabilities suffered in the rural areas compared with the advantages enjoyed in the city and other populous centres. According to a statement by the Minister of Education (Hon. L. L. Hill), it is the desire of the Government to amend matters in this direction as far as possible. The Minister stated on Saturday that the commission given to Dr. H. Heaton to enquire into education matters in Canada included investigations into the system in existence in the Dominion for providing special instruction for teachers in country districts, and the standard of instruction adopted in the universities. He expected to secure some valuable information as the result of Dr. Heaton's enquiries which would be of benefit to the teachers and the State generally, and add to the efficiency of the Education Department.

DEPARTURE OF DR. HEATON

Council Member Protests

"To my mind Dr. Heaton has been persecuted with peculiar malignancy for purely political reasons," said Mr. L. C. Hunkin, M.P., a member of the University Council, regarding the departure of the doctor, who was director of tutorial classes and lecturer in economics at the Adelaide University.

"His going is an irreparable loss to South Australia," continued Mr. Hunkin. "He has been undoubtedly an inspiration to the working classes of this State. His work as director of the tutorial classes has enabled thousands to obtain some form of higher education which would otherwise have been lost to the community."

"Dr. Heaton ranks among the five foremost economists of the world, and when a chair of economics was founded at Melbourne University the question of making the appointment was referred to a distinguished committee in Britain. Dr. Heaton was selected, yet he did not get the position, solely because of political prejudice. When the Board of Commercial Studies met to consider the establishment of a Chair of Economics at Adelaide University it objected to the proposal. I am convinced that it refused to pass on a recommendation to the University Council for the reason that Dr. Heaton would have been given the chair."

Would Have Stayed

"It is most disturbing to me as a member of the University Council to even entertain the suspicion that political influence should affect in any way University appointments," continued Mr. Hunkin. "My investigations in this case, however, have led me to the conclusion that the chair has not been established for the reason that Dr. Heaton would have received the appointment if it were determined purely on professional fitness and academic qualifications."

"It is known that he would have stayed in South Australia if he had obtained a professorship at the University. I was so concerned on learning of his intention to accept the MacDonald Chair of Economic and Political Science at Queen's University, Canada, that I made it my business to discuss the matter with him, and I learned what I had already guessed—that Dr. Heaton was going because of lack of opportunity here. He felt that he was being treated unfairly. He said definitely that if he were offered the Chair of Economics in Adelaide he would not consider the Canadian offer."

"Following this I discussed the matter with some of the University authorities and with the Workers' Educational Association. I interviewed both the Hon. J. Gunn (Premier) and the Hon. L. L. Hill (Minister of Education). The Government subsequently advised me that it was deeply concerned with the proposed departure of Dr. Heaton and that to retain his services in the State it was prepared to endow a Chair of Economics at the University. This would have cost more than £2,000 a year, and may be taken as indicative of the Government's views on the matter."

Strong Opposition

"In the short time at my disposal I endeavored to ascertain whether such a chair could be established and whether Dr. Heaton would be appointed. To the latter suggestion I encountered strong opposition. I could get no indication whether the council of the University would establish a chair even if subsidised by the Government, and so far as the appointment of Dr. Heaton to the chair was concerned this would be dealt with in the usual way—that is by calling for applications from all over the world and giving the usual careful consideration to such applications."

"This would have taken months at least, and in the meantime Dr. Heaton had to decide to accept or reject the Canadian offer. He told me that the probability of his appointment here was too remote to justify his refusing the professorship in Canada, and so I was unable to do anything more in the matter."

"I greatly regret the departure of Dr. Heaton," concluded Mr. Hunkin. "It will be extremely difficult to replace him, but what is more disturbing to me is the feeling I have that Dr. Heaton has been driven away from us."

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CANBERRA FORESTRY SCHOOL.

MELBOURNE, Sunday. The Minister for Home and Territories (Senator Pearce) on Saturday expressed satisfaction that the proposal of the Federal Ministry to establish a forestry school in Australia has received the unqualified support of all the university authorities with whom the Forestry Adviser of the Commonwealth (Mr. C. E. Lane Poole) had discussed the matter.

IMPERIAL PROBLEMS

A DISTINGUISHED CANADIAN

STUDYING AUSTRALIA'S VIEWS.

The Hon. Newton W. Rowell, K.C., of Toronto, who will arrive in Adelaide this morning by the express from Melbourne, has had a long experience in Canadian politics, first in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, to which he was originally elected in 1911, and later as a member of the Dominion Parliament and Minister. He was a member of Sir Robert Borden's Cabinet, a Canadian delegate to the Imperial War Conference of 1918, and a member of the Imperial War Cabinet. Though he has retired from active politics, he still takes much interest both in Canadian



Hon. Newton W. Rowell.

and Imperial affairs, and he is spending his summer vacation in Australia so that he may obtain at first hand the Australian point of view on Empire matters.

The Australian experiment of appointing a liaison officer in London, whose duty it is to keep the Australian Government informed of what is happening in London in connection with foreign affairs, and to improve the means of communication between the British and Australian Governments, has excited much interest in Canada, and it is Mr. Rowell's desire while here to learn whether the innovation has proved a success. So far Canada has not taken any steps to follow Australia's example in that respect, the practice of the Dominion being rather to utilise the services of the High Commissioner to an increasing extent in foreign affairs affecting Canada. As far as present indications go the probability is that if the Dominion takes any action in the matter it will be towards giving the High Commissioner increased duties and responsibilities of a diplomatic nature, rather than towards the employment of a special foreign affairs officer.

Mr. Rowell's visit is also significant of the fact that Canada is beginning to realise that the Pacific problem is of vital interest to her. Up to a few years ago Canadian interests and thought were centred on the Atlantic and Europe rather than on the Pacific, but the increasing importance of matters affecting the Pacific is gradually becoming understood by Dominion statesmen. It is inevitable that Canada will become one of the great Pacific Powers, and when that is thoroughly appreciated the visits of Canadian students of foreign affairs to Australia will become much more common than they are to-day.

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INTER-UNIVERSITY HOCKEY.

Hockey teams representing the Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, and Brisbane Universities arrived in Adelaide on Saturday and yesterday to take part in an inter-University tournament, which will begin this morning. The matches will be continued during the week. The visiting ladies will be entertained at afternoon tea at the University to-day.

ELDER CONSERVATORIUM.

On Monday week a students' recital will be held in the Elder Hall. An extremely interesting programme has been arranged, and includes many fine instrumental and vocal items, such as Max Bruch's "Kol Nidrei" for cello and piano, a concerto for two violins, a trio for violin, cello, and piano, two excerpts from "Samson and Delilah," and a number of songs by Handel, Strauss, and Wolf. Plan at S. Marshall and Sons, Gawler-place, to-morrow.

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AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

DEBATING COMPETITIONS.

Sydney, August 29. All the teams taking part in the inter-University debates were present at the annual meeting held in Sydney to-day. Mr. E. S. Booth presided. The most important matter discussed was a proposal advanced by the Adelaide University that a team representing all the Australian universities should be sent to the United States during the next long vacation. It was suggested that the team might be selected provisionally at this year's contest.

The chairman informed the meeting that the Sydney University had been invited to send representatives, and proposed doing so either in November or March next. The guarantees received were far in excess of what had been expected.

After a discussion the meeting decided to postpone consideration of the question of sending an all-Universities team until the Sydney team returned about the middle of next year. They are to report to each of the universities on their reception, and on the possibilities of other Australian university debating teams making similar visits. In the meanwhile other universities are to be at liberty to send representatives if they please. It was decided that Melbourne should be the scene of similar debates next year.

It was resolved to broadcast the final debate to take place next Tuesday by 2FC. The subject will be "That Australia must look to America rather than to Great Britain for support in her external policy."

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AN ECONOMIC SOCIETY.

A meeting is to be held at the University to-night to form a branch of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand. Mr. President Jethro Brown will preside. The object of the society is to investigate legislative, administrative, and legal decisions bearing upon economic conditions in Australia, and other similar matters.

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INTERUNIVERSITY DEBATING.

WIN FOR ADELAIDE.

SYDNEY, Thursday.

The interstate university debating contests commenced to-night, the debate being between Queensland and Adelaide. The verdict was given in favour of Adelaide.

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VETERINARY SURGEONS' BILL.

By the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill, which has been introduced in the Assembly by the Minister of Agriculture (Hon. T. Butterfield) stringent conditions will be imposed upon veterinary surgeons in South Australia. The measure provides for the creation of the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of South Australia to consist of the Chief Veterinary Officer of the State (Mr. C. A. Loxton), and four other members, one of whom shall be nominated by the Minister, and another by persons registered under the Act. A registrar will be appointed. Qualifications for the securing of registration will be that a person must prove to the satisfaction of the board that he is 21 years of age, is of good character, and is the holder of a degree or diploma in veterinary surgery of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of Great Britain, or of any Australian or New Zealand University authorized to grant such diploma or degree. In addition, he must have passed a regular course of veterinary study in a school of veterinary science in some portion of the British Empire, or other country, of not less than four years' duration, and not below the standard required by the Melbourne University for the degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Science. Any person desiring to be registered must submit to the board proof of the qualification upon which he relies, and must attend before the board in person. Provision is made for appeals, and the issue annually of a register of names of persons practising. A penalty of not more than £50 is provided for contraventions of the Act, particularly for advertising when not registered, and for false statements.