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STATE'S FAUNA AND FLORA

Improvements at Flinders Chase.

That a great deal has, and is, being done to protect and preserve the State's fauna and flora is shown in the report of the Fauna and Flora Board for the year ending June 30 last.

The report shows that a wirenetting enclosure for animals has been constructed sufficiently near to the ranger's house to ensure satisfactory supervision. The netting fence is 6 ft. high, and is stoutly constructed. The area enclosed is about 14 acres of sheltered scrub, providing plenty of cover and feed for the animals. In a small enclosure, completely roofed with wirenetting, has been constructed for the purpose of accommodating birds for liberation on the Chase. In the main enclosure are four kangaroos and a number of wallabies, all are becoming tame and are breeding, and they are available for inspection by any interested visitors. Besides constituting a feature that will be attractive to visitors, the enclosure is intended for the primary liberation of introduced animals and for keeping available a supply of animals indigenous to the Chase for the purpose of exchange with other Australian sanctuaries. Various improvements and repairs have been carried on in connection with the buildings at Rocky River, and a buggy has been secured for the purpose of facilitating movement of the ranger in his duties of inspecting the reserve. Various tracks upon the Chase have been kept in order by the ranger, and the bridge across Breakneck Creek has been reconstructed, thus re-opening the important road to the shelter hut at West Bay. For the purposes of this work the services of the ranger were placed at the disposal of the Forestry Board. Negotiations are being carried on with the Kingscote District Council, with a view to improving the roads to and from the Chase, and for the opening up of a road along the eastern boundary of the Chase, thus linking the mail road to Cape Borda with the South Coast road.

Introduction of Native Animals.

The board has continued its policy of liberating on the Chase such species of harmless native animals and birds as are in danger of extermination on the mainland. During the present year a further consignment of native bears, consisting of six males and six females, with their half-grown cubs, was sent to the Chase for liberation. Three pairs of rat-kangaroos, from at the Adelaide Zoo, have also been placed in the enclosure during the year. A card index is being prepared of all the species of plants and animals known to occur on the reserve, and the information thus gathered will be available to the public. Specimens of wallaby embryos, demonstrating the facts relating to the birth of marsupials, has also been donated to the museum for the purpose of exhibition and public instruction. The specimens were obtained by the ranger from wallabies snared for meat.

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STATE DENTAL SOCIETY DINNER.

With the President (Dr. H. T. J. Edwards) in the chair, the annual dinner of the State Dental Society of South Australia was held at the South Australian Hotel on Friday evening, and was largely attended. The function was a formal gathering of practitioners from all parts of the State. Following the loyal toast, "The Government" was submitted by the Hon. secretary (Mr. Alex Swan), and the Premier (Hon. J. Gunn) responded. "The Dental Board of South Australia" was proposed by the President of the Dental Board of Victoria (Dr. R. J. Ryan), and in this toast Mr. Wallace Bruce, Lord Mayor-elect and President of the South Australian Dental Board replied. The editor of the Australian Journal of Dentistry (Dr. W. J. Tuckfield) submitted "The Dental School and Hospital," and the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry (Sir Joseph Verco) responded. The President reviewed the work of the year. "Our Guests" was proposed by the Vice-President (Dr. L. W. Trott). The Inspector-General of Hospitals (Dr. B. H. Morris), and Messrs. G. Miller Randle and A. J. Hanan responded. Musical items were given by the Hands Male Quartette (Messrs. G. E. Hands, E. R. Sim, E. A. Jeffrey and W. B. Wright).

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UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED.

REGULATIONS CHANGED.

At a meeting of the Senate of the University of Adelaide on Wednesday, the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Poole) presided in place of the Chancellor (Sir Isaac Isaacs), who was elected to the latter position, and Mr. F. W. Eardley was re-appointed clerk.

The election of members of the council resulted as follows:—The Vice-Chancellor (Professor W. Mitchell), Messrs. E. H. Heden, W. J. Tabuteau, C. C. W. R. Bayly, and A. G. Price. Messrs. Price and Holden are new members. Mr. J. R. Fowler did not seek re-election.

Among the amendments made to the statutes, the following are important:—

Faculty of Arts—Five subjects, including English and Latin, at the Leaving Examination; and if mathematics (Part I) is not also included, mathematics (parts I. and II.) must have been passed at the Intermediate Examination.

Faculty of Science—Five subjects, including mathematics (part I.), at the Leaving Examination; and if English and one other language are not also included, these subjects must have been passed at the Intermediate Examination.

Faculty of Applied Science—Five subjects, including mathematics (parts I. and II.), at the Leaving Examination; and if English and one other language are not also included, these subjects must have been passed at the Intermediate Examination.

Faculty of Law—Five subjects, including English and Latin, at the Leaving Examination.

Faculty of Medicine.—Four subjects, including English and one other language, at the Leaving Examination; and if the following subjects as have not been passed at the Leaving Examination must have been passed at the Intermediate Examination:—Latin, one language other than English and Latin, and mathematics (parts I. and II.).

Faculty of Dentistry.—Three subjects, including English and one other language, at the Leaving Examination; and such of the following subjects as have not been passed at the Leaving Examination must have been passed at the Intermediate Examination:—Physics, Latin, a language other than English and Latin, and (unless mathematics I. has been passed at the Leaving standard) mathematics (parts I. and II.).

Faculty of Music.—The conditions shall be as prescribed in the regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Music.

The provisions for matriculation have been modified for all faculties. In the main a candidate who has passed in English, Latin, and mathematics at a senior examination will be eligible for matriculation in any faculty. There are certain exceptions, however, which enable candidates who have not passed in these subjects to present instead subjects taken at the intermediate grade.

Provision has been made for the purpose of creating an Appointments Board, and also for founding a bursary in memory of the late Mr. Marcus Thornber, formerly principal of Unley High School, a sum of £450 having been subscribed for the purpose of this purpose. The bursary will be awarded to women students, and a temble for one year without a scholarship at the University. It is valued at £22.

Holders of musical scholarships in the past have been permitted to take a course for a diploma in music. They will no longer be required to do so, but will be permitted to take a course in music in the principal subject of study at the end of each year of the course.

Amendments have been made in the regulations for the degree of M.A., to allow of Hebrew being counted in certain circumstances as a language. Regulations for the B.Sc. degree were amended so as to provide for a course in surveying, and the curriculum for the course in forestry has been remodelled.

New regulations were approved to provide for a degree in Economic Science. This degree has not been awarded for many years by the other Australian Universities, and not at all by the University of Adelaide.

Regulations for the degree of Bachelor of Laws were amended (Dr. W. J. Thomas), those recently made by the Supreme Court, and provide for the addition of a new subject on the elements of law, legal, and constitutional history, and for an intermediate certificate.

Regulations for the public examinations were amended so that mathematics in future may be taken in two parts, instead of as present, as one subject counting as two units.

Mr. D. H. Hollidge moved, and Miss L. Wait seconded:—"That to the regulations governing the nominations of candidates for the council a statement be attached showing the regular the attendance of members at council meetings." Mr. Hollidge explained that at present the Senate could without any guide regarding the amount of interest taken by candidates for elections in the work of the institution.

A discussion followed, during which the vice-chancellor (Professor Mitchell) said the facts he would give would doubtless lead Mr. Hollidge to withdraw his motion. The council of the University met in fact only once a month. Its main function was to coordinate the activities which were carried on during the month. The faculties and boards carried on the detail business. Instead of giving the council more work the aim for year to enlighten the senate on the work of the council, he suggested that there might be a nomination meeting when members standing for election could put questions, and that would give an opportunity to the retiring members of the council to state the work done by the candidates. At present it was quite unknown to the members of senate just what the council work was. Mr. Talbot Smith, for example, had for at least the past 10 years, he imagined had been one of the statutes and regulations presented to the senate. That was probably unknown to all the members voting this day. They was ample need, as well as opportunities, for members of the senate to engage in fellowship with the students by means of the hostels and faculties.

Mr. Hollidge, with the consent of his seconder, withdrew his motion in view of the suggestions made by the vice-chancellor.

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At the Public Library Lecture Room his evening Professor A. E. V. Richardson will deliver a lantern lecture, "Australian Wild Life for Farmers," under the auspices of the Victoria League. The lecturer will deal specifically with land settlement, and the increased opportunities offered to small holders by the application of science to agriculture. Further particulars appear in our advertising columns.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Further results of the November examinations in connection with the University of Adelaide will be found on page 10.

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"THE ECONOMIC RECORD."

From the managing director, University Press, Melbourne, we have received a copy of the first issue of The Economic Record, the journal of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand. The book comprises 176 well-printed pages, and includes instructive articles on—Australian population, its nature and growth (Mr. E. O. Wickens), Australian banking and exchange (D. B. Copland), the Australian tariff and the standard of living (Mr. J. Brigden), the measurement of business conditions in New Zealand (A. H. Tocker), wages and productivity (T. Sutcliffe), group settlement of migrants in Western Australia (E. Shaun), and a review of Australian land settlement (H. Heaton). There are also critical notices of books on finance and economics, and extensive notes on personal current questions. The Adelaide branch of the Economic Society contributes a digest of recent legislation in South Australia. The constitution and excellent aims of the Economic Society are set forth by Mr. D. B. Copland on behalf of the editorial board. The society is the outcome of a scheme submitted by Mr. Copland (as President) to the social and statistical science section of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science, in Adelaide, in August, 1924. Apparently the society is in a healthy condition, and likely to be permanently helpful to the public life of the Commonwealth and the States. The Record will be at the disposal yearly in May and November, and should be extremely valuable to students of the science of the application of science of the material resources of the British dominions in the Southern Seas.

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Dr. W. J. Tuckfield, editor of the "Australian Journal of Dentistry," and Dr. R. J. B. Vale, President of the Dental Board of Victoria, will arrive by this morning's express from Melbourne. They are coming over to participate in the annual yearly deliberations—clinical and otherwise—of the State Dental Society, and to represent Victoria at the annual dinner of the local society on Friday.

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AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Visiting Scientist Impressed

PRAISE FOR ADELAIDE

Surprise at the wonderful progress made in such a short while by Adelaide was expressed by Dr. Clark Wissler (Curator of Anthropology in the American Museum of Natural History, and Professor of Anthropology at Yale University) prior to his departure for Tarcoola yesterday.

Accompanied by Professor E. R. Embree (Director of the Division of Science Studies of the Rockefeller Foundation), Professors J. B. Cleland and T. Brailsford (Universities of Adelaide University) and Drs. R. H. Pulleine and A. R. Campbell, he will for the next few days be engaged in an intensive ethnological investigation of Australian natives at Tarcoola.

On account of the nature of his work Dr. Wissler has gone into contact mostly with university people, and declared that he was greatly impressed with the size of the Australian universities and the financial support accorded to them. He thought those were greater in proportion to the population than in other countries. He was also very particularly pleased while in Adelaide to note the great interest taken in the study of the native races and anthropological problems generally.

"Scientific men here," he said, "are not only interested themselves, but actually doing important work along these lines."

He said that Professor Wood-Jones was well known all over the world by his writings and productions on anthropology, and Professor Baxedale was another prominent writer whom he had had great pleasure in meeting, also Dr. Tindale.

Speaking of Australian universities Dr. Wissler said that he had seen those at Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. They were all live institutions and were doing work of a high order. He was greatly impressed with what he had seen.