

including the time when he lay on his death bed, his great activity and zeal in the interests of our native birds has been marked. Your Executive consider that our Society should head an effort to suitably commemorate his love for our birds and his lifelong efforts on their behalf. A recommendation to this effect is made to the incoming Council.

Amongst other foremost helpers, the deaths of Sir George Fenwick, A. T. Clarke, Esq., and others have to be regretfully recorded.

The outgoing Council further recommends that as new branches are being formed the rules of the Society be so revised as to permit all members throughout New Zealand voting for the election of officers, instead of as in the past only those resident in the Capital City.

We have to acknowledge the hearty assistance given to this movement to save our unique birds and plant life from total destruction by the Department of Education, Postal and Telegraph Department, Forest Service, and indeed all Government departments. The importance of wild life matters was not realised in earlier times and their control was allowed to drift largely into the hands of sportsmen, and the care of various matters therewith was entrusted to many different departments. The straightening out of this tangle must necessarily be accompanied by some friction and departmental jealousies, but we are pleased to be able to state that the Hon. Minister of that Department which controls sport has shown a desire to find a solution of the many difficulties, and it is believed that he will act in a statesman-like manner and finally be prepared to insist that the matter be handled nationally, even though his Department should be one of those which has to relinquish a share of the voice in the control of wild life matters.

Your Executive whole-heartedly acknowledges the co-operation and assistance of many kindred organisations, too numerous to mention, who have rendered invaluable aid in imbuing that regard for our birds and forest, now becoming so marked, and without which all laws are of little avail.

His Excellency the Governor-General, who is intensely interested in the saving of a sufficiency of birds and forests the world over, has graciously accepted the office of Patron to our Society, and we feel that His Excellency's action will materially assist the efforts of those, now constituting a majority, who desire to save our wonderful flora and fauna.

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