

Annual Report - F.Y. 56

1. Forest.

Area additions & disposals.

Acquisitions -	Midwood	Plantable 2.1 aca
" -	Litterfounie (Part 2)	Plantable 107. aca
		Agrie. 44. aca
		Unplnt. 11. aca
Resurreptions -	Dracynymet.	183 aca from Agrie. to B&K Rlt

Forest details are now as follows:-

	Plantations		B&K Plantable		Agricultural		Unplantable rolls	Total
Qty.	FC	Total	Total		FC	DOAS		
2170	6133	8303	2168		283	283	568	894
								12,536

2. The Year's Work

The exceptionally dry spring caused:-

- Deaths in planting.
- Extra fire protection measures to be taken.

The extremely wet summer caused:-

- High weeding costs, some areas requiring to be weeded three times.
- Flooding over many areas of Culriach & the Warren. 5 ft high pines had to be topped & sand had to be moved from around & over the P.C. in Culriach.
- The erosion of many roads indicated the inadequacy of much of our culvert work.

3. Wage Payments.

	Operation	Overpaid by	Orig. Estimate	
4/34	Wad. P. 56	£152	£370	underestimated.
	RSA 55	244	750	
60	Fire Prot	382	1040	extensively dangerous conditions
10.	Drains new.	15	150	-
12.	Fences new.	7	35	-
203	Processing	89	298	carrying over of FY 55 work into FY 56
232	Carriage (timber)	62	125	as above r. for cash sales
1106	Transp. of workers	68	254	underestimated.
1107	Tools stores	19	40	-
144	Fence repairs	24	30	unexpected requirements
1170	Maint. rds.	124	340	-
3121	Rds. New.	325	370	-
3432 WA	New garage	10	30	underestimated
85	Outlaying	23	NIL	unexpected.
200	Thinnings (costing)	48	NIL	
3432 W8	Dist. Office	36	NIL	

	Operation	Under-spent by	Estimate.	
1.	Scrub.	£235	£1312	
3.	Ploughing	222	500	Change of Plans of Works. Ploughs transferred to Glenlivet. This may mean overspending in FY 57.
200	Felling	187	836	} Change in Plans of Works.
202	Extraction	60	276	
1107	Blds. Hqs.	20	55	work done cheaper than expected.
1115	Blds. Div. Hqs.	50	115	-
1222	Local Superv.	101	400	surveying not now included
1100	Insurance	178	1040	-
1103	Sick pay	56	400	-
1105	L.F. Act.	194	1163	-

monies credited from Susp. Accts. = £1224 m/-

4. Local Supervision.

No changes. - still working short of one Forester or Asst. Forester.

I understand this head no longer includes gangers.

5. Industrial Staff. as at 26-7-56

Gangers	5
Grade I	23
Grade II	4
Grade III	7
Juveniles	4
Clerks	2
Total	45

6. Labour. Minimum 45 Maximum 70

The employment of the 30 Salmon Fishers from Aug. to Feb. was not possible this year until the 24th Sept. due to curtailment of expenditure in the latter part of the year.

Efficiency is normal.

6. Forest Operations.

		Acres	Hds.	Total
Planting.	Afforested.	541	33	574
	Re-afforested	47.5	2.5	82
	Underplanted	1	-	1
		621.5	35.5	657

Planting	657 acres	@ 57/6	p. acre
Manuring	531 acres	@ 17/2	-
B. Up.	423 acres	@ 31/-	-
Weding.	636 acres	@ 60/1	-
Cleaning	104 acres	@ 88/4	-

Seed Collection	643 bshls. & 28 bshls. combs collected @ 10/- per basket
Seed Extraction	4507 bshls. were extracted at 4/6 1/2 p basket
Fire protection	8303 aers. of plantations cost 3/5 per acre.
Damage.	2 firs at 5 aers each.
Reet. & other.	8303 aers of plantations cost 4/5 per acre.
New fences	Stock only on Bracowynnes 49 chs @ 14/2 p ch.
Fence upkeep.	82 chs @ 13/3 per ch. (In reality this was stripping & re-erecting)

Thinning R.O. figures explain.
Thinnings are not yet forward to the desired rotation due to the delay by 1953 gale.
Thinnings by Merchants are well up to date.

Cost of Thinning. Fell sand & peel has mostly been done on P.W. at 6/- to 6/6 per cft.

It is proposed in future to sell scrub standing to one of the local firewood merchants wherever possible.

8. Mechanical Equipment.

A new darning machine has been made locally and is now being tested.

9. Points of Interest.

In the spring of this year there were indications of a large crop of S.P. cones next year. Many of them seem now to have vanished possibly due to frost.

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