



**RETIRING** after 35 years as a forester at Deer Forest, Aberdeenshire — the last three years as head forester — Mr James B. Thow (left) is presented with a cheque by Mr

R. J. G. Horne, North divisional officer of the East of Scotland Conservancy of the Forestry Commission, on his retirement yesterday.

The cheque was handed over on behalf of Mr Thow's col-

leagues at Deer Forest and the staff at the conservancy. Looking on at the presentation outside Mr Thow's house at Linwood, Pitfour, Mintlaw, are Mrs Thow and some of the forestry workers.

A native of Perth, Mr Thow

(63) joined the Forestry Commission in 1926 after working on the estates of Lord Lovat in Inverness-shire.

He and his Pittenweem-born wife now plan to live in Glenrothes where Mr Thow hopes to find part-time employment.