

NEWS

1969 SYMPOSIUM

The format of the N.Z. Hydrological Society Symposium, to be held in Wellington on 9-10 December 1969, differs from that of previous years. New Zealand hydrology is currently enjoying a spate of symposia, and it was therefore decided to prepare a programme giving ample time for discussion. The first day is a seminar dealing with the topics of climate change, snow and ice, and lakes. This will be followed on the next day by a visit to the Makara experimental basin, where a study is being made to evaluate the effect of grazing practices on the hydrological cycle.

Speakers at the seminar are:

CLIMATE CHANGE

Chairman: Dr J. F. Gabites (N.Z. Meteorological Service).

Principal Speaker: Mr J. T. Holloway (N.Z. Forest Service).

Discussion Leaders: Prof. K. B. Cumberland (University of Auckland), Dr J. F. de Lisle (N.Z. Meteorological Service), Mr P. J. Grant (Ministry of Works).

SNOW AND ICE

Chairman: Mr D. E. Greenland (University of Canterbury).

Principal Speaker: Mr T. J. Chinn (Ministry of Works).

Discussion Leaders: Mr A. C. Archer (Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research), Mr J. Y. Morriss (N.Z. Forest Service), Dr R. D. Thompson (University of Manawatu).

LAKES

Chairman: Mr G. G. Natusch (Ministry of Works).

Principal Speaker: Dr G. R. Fish (Marine Department).

Discussion Leaders: Mr R. J. Pittams (Ministry of Works), Dr V. M. Stout (University of Canterbury), Dr M. E. U. Taylor (Cawthron Institute).

CANTERBURY BRANCH OF HYDROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The branch has to date held two lecture meetings and one field trip. Other meetings are planned for the remainder of the year.

The first meeting, on pollution in the Heathcote-Avon Estuary, was attended by over 60 people. The meeting was chaired by a well known figure, Mr L. W. McCaskill, and received considerable publicity. About 30 people attended the second meeting, on the Christchurch floods of April 1968, while the field trip to experimental studies in the Canterbury high country attracted 24.

The branch attracts attendance from a wide range of professions and institutions, and appears to be filling a need amongst those interested in hydrology to get together.