

hutiwai is kept in control by certain insects in Tasmania, and this matter has been taken up with the Tasmanian Department. So soon as the field investigations have been completed it is intended to publish the results in the departmental *Journal*, and critically discuss the various methods of management that are adopted. In general it can be said that these vary in different districts, but are all fundamentally alike in as much as spelling and then overstocking with cattle for certain periods are the cardinal features."

13. "That this meeting recommend that the control of noxious weeds be vested in County Councils in place of the Agriculture Department, and that this resolution be submitted to the Board of Agriculture for its approval and support."

*Reply.*—In February, 1923, the Board passed a resolution approving this principle. It might be pointed out also that the County Councils have certain powers under this Act to deal with this question already.

14. "That the question of the appointment of a Plant-breeder for the purpose of developing the growth of grasses be referred to the Board of Agriculture, with a strong recommendation in favour of such an appointment."

*Reply.*—It was decided to recommend this for the favourable consideration of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, who has now advised that arrangements have been made for a Plant-breeder to be appointed in the near future and stationed at the Ruakura Farm of Instruction, Hamilton.

The Board desires me to thank you for the encouragement it has always received at your hands.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES G. WILSON, President.

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