

Brief Biographies of the Presidents

HON. SIR THOMAS MACKENZIE,
G.C.M.G., LL.D. (Edin.), F.R.G.S.

Born Edinburgh 1854. Educated Otago public schools. M.P.: Clutha 1887-96, Waihemo 1900-02; Waikouaiti 1902-08; Taieri 1908-11; Egmont 1911-12, resigned. Minister of Industries and Commerce 1908 and later of Agriculture, Tourist and Health Resorts. Prime Minister 1912. Defeated and accepted High Commissioner London 1912-20. K.C.M.G. 1916; promoted G.C.M.G. 1920. Grand Officer of the Crown of Belgium. Mayor Roslyn 1902-05. Member Otago Education Board; Chairman Otago High School Board. Member Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, of Benovolent Trustees, and of a number of other bodies. Member of Royal Commission on Education 1901, and at various times of other commissions.

Explored much of Fiordland and adjacent areas; 1886, Tautuku Forest; 1888, Milford Te Anau, Manapouri, Hall's Arm, West Coast; associated with Quinton McKinnon when he discovered McKinnon's Pass; 1894-96 Manapouri, Dusky Sound; 1907 Te Anau, Wakatipu. In 1896 reported to the Government on the geology, fauna, and flora of the Manapouri - Dusky Sound area. F.R.G.S. 1898. Foundation member Forest and Bird Protection Society. First President 1923-30. Died 14 February, 1930.

LEONARD COCKAYNE,
C.M.G., D.Sc., F.R.S.

Honorary Botanist State Forest Service and City of Wellington. Born Derbyshire 1855. Arrived in New Zealand from Australia 1881. Conducted private experimental station 1887-1903. Devoted all his time to research on flora and vegetation of New Zealand and exploring botanically most parts of the country, including Chatham Islands and sub-antarctic islands. Was awarded many honours by overseas scientific societies, including honorary membership of many of them. Member of Royal Commission on Forestry 1913 and of other commissions and boards. C.M.G. conferred 1930. Degree of D.Sc.

conferred by New Zealand University 1932. Author and joint author of several books on New Zealand plants and of many papers and reports on scientific aspects of New Zealand flora. President Forest and Bird Protection Society from 15 May, 1930 to his death on 3 December, 1931.

SIR ROBERT A. ANDERSON, C.M.G.

Born Queenstown 1886. Was managing director of J. G. Ward and Co. Ltd., Invercargill. Chairman High School Board of Governors; member Southland Power Board; Chairman Bluff Harbour Board; member Local Bodies Loan Board and a director of a number of prominent New Zealand companies. In 1930 the C.M.G. was conferred on him and in 1934 he was knighted. Elected President of the Society on 14 April, 1932; relinquished office on 26 April, 1933. Died at Invercargill on 14 October, 1942.

CAPTAIN ERNEST V. SANDERSON.

Born in Dunedin in 1866. Enlisted as a trooper for service in the South African War; promoted to lieutenant; mentioned in dispatches. Served for 12 months in World War I (Gallipoli); invalided.

It was due to Capt. Sanderson's efforts that steps were taken by the Government to have the Maori-owned portion of Kapiti Island fenced to keep out cattle and sheep, and on the appointment of a new caretaker effective steps were taken to eliminate the wild goats. It was only then that Kapiti commenced to return to its primitive state and was saved as a bird and forest sanctuary. Immediately following his campaign for the preservation of Kapiti he founded the N.Z. Native Bird Protection Society, the name of which was later changed to Forest and Bird Protection Society. From its foundation to 26 April, 1933, served as Honorary Secretary, when, on the death of Sir Robert Anderson, he was elected President. In later years he devoted the whole of his time to the Society. Over the