

Dr Taylor emphasises that the greatest single contribution of forestry to the tourist industry is the maintenance of attractive background scenery.

### Importance of Unspoiled Countryside

"An unspoiled countryside is as important in attracting tourists as are the more publicised tourist centres," he says.

The working party has noted that in developing areas for recreational purposes the Forest Service has shown the way by establishing forest parks, such as Tararua and north-west Nelson, which are managed on multiple-use principles. More forest parks are planned. However, the working party thinks that production forest owners should allow the public limited or seasonal access to their forests when such access does not conflict with forest activities. This would apply particularly to those forests near centres of population or alongside major highways.

Facilities desirable for full recreational use of forests by the public include scenic roads, picnic areas, camping grounds, and tracks.

### Public Education Necessary

Public education is necessary to obtain public support for forest conservation, says Dr Taylor. The working party intends to press for an educational programme on multiple-use forestry, with the basic theme that those who have the privilege of entering

forests also bear responsibility for caring for them.

In Switzerland, where 90 percent of the national forest area contributes to timber production, legislation provides for all forests to be managed primarily for water conservation and also for all forests to be available for recreation.

## Soil and Water Conservation Should be First Purpose of Forest Management

COMMENTING on the foregoing statement, the President, Mr R. C. Nelson, who is a member of the multiple use working party of the Forestry Development Conference, said:

"The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society has always contended that whenever it is applicable soil and water conservation should be the first purpose of forest management. Because this is so, we have advocated the retention of native bush on all areas subject to erosion, and this is a policy generally endorsed by the Forest Service.

"Otherwise timber production would take priority in commercial forests. However, this would not be applicable to areas set aside as parks and reserves under the control of the Department of Lands and Survey."

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## Forest Service Holding a Photographic Competition

IN its fiftieth anniversary year, 1969, the New Zealand Forest Service is offering prizes for photographs of subjects related to forestry or the forest industries.

Photographers are invited to enter their pictures in a competition, from the results of which the Forest Service hopes to obtain pictures it can use for displays, for illustrating its calendar and its publications, and for other purposes. There is a possibility that

some entries may find a place at Expo 70 in Japan.

There will be two classes in the competition—black and white prints and colour prints. Prizes for each class will be \$100, \$50, and \$25. Entries close on 31 March.

Copies of rules and entry forms are available from the Publicity Section, New Zealand Forest Service, Private Bag, Wellington.

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