

members other than the associate members are appointed by the Governor-General, the wool-growers' representatives being appointed on election by the wool-growers of the Dominion in accordance with regulations to be prescribed ; but pending the enactment of the necessary election regulations, and with a view to the early appointment of members of the Committee, the first members to represent the wool-growers may be appointed on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, to hold office until 30th September, 1937. The personnel of the Committee so appointed is as follows :—

H. M. Christie, M.P., Waipawa, Government Representative, and Chairman.

H. D. Acland, Esquire, Christchurch, Wool-growers' Representative.

B. E. H. Tripp, Esq., Timaru, Wool-growers' Representative.

A. W. Douglass, Esq., Waikouaiti, Wool-growers' Representative.

Sir William Perry, Masterton, Wool-growers' Representative.

A. H. Cockayne, Esq., Director-General of Agriculture, Associate Member.

Dr. E. Marsden, Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Associate Member.

The Associate members have full rights of discussion at meetings but no voting-powers.

The functions of the Committee are—(a) To promote the use of New Zealand wool in existing or new markets by such methods of publicity or other means as commend themselves to the Committee ; (b) to promote, by way of subsidy or otherwise, scientific or industrial researches in relation to wool or sheep with a view to improving the quality of New Zealand wool or increasing its production, or the discovery of new or improved methods of utilizing it, or generally in connection with the wool-production industry ; (c) to act in combination or association with similar bodies overseas having similar functions.

The levy imposed by the Act applies to all wool produced in New Zealand which is either exported or delivered to a wool-manufacturer for use in New Zealand. The Minister of Agriculture is required to fix the rates of the levy for each season ending 30th September, but the rates so fixed must not exceed 6d. per bale, 3d. per fadge, and 1d. per bag or sack. The rates of the levy fixed by the Minister for the current season are the maximum rates prescribed by the Act. In the case of wool exported the levy is payable to the Collector of Customs at the port of entry for export. In the case of wool intended for use in New Zealand the levy is also payable to the Collector of Customs by the wool-manufacturer acquiring the wool. Every wool-manufacturer is required to render to the nearest Collector of Customs a monthly return of the quantity of wool delivered to him, and the amount of the levy must accompany the return. All amounts paid in levies are deemed to have been paid on behalf of the wool-grower, and may be recovered from the wool-grower accordingly. An allowance for the levy to be paid by the eventual exporter or by the wool-manufacturer may be made in all transactions of sale and purchase of wool so that the levy shall, in fact, be borne by the wool-growers, whose representatives have full control over the disposal of the proceeds, less the cost of collection by the Crown.

The Committee in the exercise of its powers and functions may apply its funds in payment of the travelling-expenses of members (not being officers of the Public Service), the salaries of officers of the Committee, and the fees or other remuneration of members in respect of their services. The amount of such fees or other remuneration must, however, be approved by the Minister of Agriculture.

—A. E. Morrison, Solicitor, Department of Agriculture, Wellington.