

These are, however, only a selection of the many activities which he has somehow found time for. He was Chairman of the Waikato Council of Primary Production and a member of the National Council during World War 2. His efforts in this direction were recognized by the award of the O.B.E. in 1946. He was a member of the Massey Agricultural College Board of Governors for nine years and its Chairman for two of these years. He was a member of the management committee of the Dairy Research Institute for five years, a director of the Challenge Phosphate Company for eleven years, and he is a Past President of the Waikato Province of the dairy section of Federated Farmers.

Mr Candy is a foundation member of this Society. He took a prominent part in many of its earlier conferences, has presented several papers, and served for a period on the Management Committee. Although pressure of other duties has largely prevented his attendance at conferences in recent years, he has retained a keen interest in the affairs of the Society. His leadership and example have done much to further the cause of animal production in New Zealand.

W. M. HAMILTON, M.AGR.SC., D.SC., F.R.S.N.Z.

Dr W. M. Hamilton attended Auckland University in 1931 and Massey Agricultural College from 1932 to 1935. He graduated M.Agr.Sc. in 1936 with First Class Honours in Field Husbandry and Agricultural Economics and in that year joined the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. In 1937 he was appointed Assistant Scientific Liaison Officer, London. Returning to New Zealand at the end of 1940, he worked for a short time on linen flax, undertook land utilization studies in Northland, and carried out a survey of the dairy industry in New Zealand for which he was awarded a Doctor of Science degree by the University of New Zealand in 1944. His profound knowledge of



the dairy industry has been utilized through his membership of the Herd Improvement Council's advisory committee since its formation in 1947.

He was appointed Assistant Secretary to the D.S.I.R. in 1948, Secretary in 1953 and Director General when titles of departmental heads were later amended.

In 1955 and 1958, Dr Hamilton represented New Zealand at the International Congresses on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy held at Geneva. He also led the New Zealand delegation to the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux Review Conferences in 1955 and 1960, and in 1963 was appointed to a Special Committee to study the long-term problems of the Bureaux.

In 1960 and 1962, he was a representative to the meetings of the British Commonwealth Scientific Committee, and was appointed Chairman for the third meeting of this Committee held in New Zealand in November, 1964.

In recent years Dr Hamilton has made a special study of scientific organization, and his constructive thinking on the subject played a major part in the setting up of the National Research Advisory Council.

In 1962 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Dr Hamilton is a foundation member of the Society and has played a very active part in its conferences. He has presented a number of papers and in discussion he has been quick to query any conclusion which to him was not justified by the data presented.

He was elected Vice-President of the Society in 1946 and President in 1947.

Directly or indirectly, Dr Hamilton has played a part in a large proportion of the animal production research carried out in this country during this Society's existence. It is a source of great satisfaction to members of the Society to know that he, as one of the Society's most distinguished foundation members, is playing such a large part in the administration of science in New Zealand.

C. P. McMEEKAN, C.B.E., B.AGR.SC., PH.D.(CANTAB.)

Dr C. P. McMeekan, one of the first graduates of Massey Agricultural College, was appointed lecturer in dairy husbandry at the College in 1932. In this position he gained a reputation as a lecturer not only to students but also to farmers. At the same time, he took an active interest in the development of several farmers' organizations, such as the herd recording and pig improvement movements.

This latter interest in particular was developed in the studies he subsequently made under Sir John Hammond at Cambridge University for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. On his return to New Zealand in 1939, he was appointed to the Chair of Animal Husbandry at Canterbury Agricultural College, a position he held until 1943. In that year he became Superintendent, later Director, of the Ruakura Animal Research Station. He continued as Director of Ruakura until 1962 when he went on extended leave to take up the position of Senior Agriculturist in the World Bank's Division of Technical Operations.

Although he is probably best known for his work as Director of Ruakura and for the leadership he gave to that organization, his influence has by no means been confined to Ruakura. He has been one of the technical advisers to the Dairy Board's Herd Improvement Council since its inception; he was a member of the Board of Governors of Massey College for ten years; and he has been a member of the Senate of the University of New Zealand and of the Council of Auckland University.

