

Conservation Week.

New Zealand Conservation Week is being held from 1st to 9th of August. The following events arranged for that week may be of interest to members.

On Wednesday August 5th there will be a public debate in the Auckland Museum Auditorium. A panel of well known speakers will discuss various aspects of conservation and members of the audience will be given the opportunity to state their own views on the subject and to question the panel.

On the 4th floor of the Building Centre there will be a display featuring aspects of conservation. Material for this is being supplied by Government Dpts., commercial firms and various Societies. This will run from 1st - 6th of August.

Films on conservation and wildlife will be shown in the Building Centre Conference Room between 12 noon and 2.p.m. on Aug. 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th.

The first meeting of the N.Z. Conservation Society was held on Tuesday, 30th June, with Professor K. Sinclair as guest speaker. It was gratifying to see the hall at 57, Symonds Street packed to capacity with well over 100 people, although this is a minute number compared with the figure of 100,000, which is the membership that the President, Prof. W.R. McGregor feels it is not unreasonable to aim for.

A public education programme is high on the list of priorities and everything possible is to be done to inform the public fully on conservation problems as they arise. Eventually it is hoped that the society will be able to give financial assistance for research on conservation in the Universities.

The fact that the society intends to fight vigorously for conservation in its broadest sense and not to concentrate purely on the newsworthy and controversial issues such as Manapouri, is all to the good.

Professor Sinclair warned that Auckland is in danger of losing something we take very much for granted, namely clean air. I'm sure that those who have noticed the smog from domestic fires, etc., that builds up on fine, still winter nights, will need no reminding that this is all too easily possible.
