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Alternative/previous reference numbers: C630 (part)

Accession number: A57

Extent: 3 volumes

Creator: Isle of Man; Forestry Board; 1931-1946

Description of series: The Isle of Man Forestry Board was responsible for the effective management of the Island's forestry and woodland assets. The series comprises 3 foliated volumes which evidence the board's realisation of one of its core functions, namely, the ongoing propagation of the Island's forestry stock. Each folio entry is broken down into two sections, namely, 'Trees Planted in Nursery' and 'Trees Disposed of from Nursery'.

The former, 'Trees Planted in Nursery', includes the following fields: date of planting, kind of tree, age, from whom purchased, number of trees and cost; while the latter, 'Trees Disposed of from Nursery', details: date of removal, kind of tree, age of removal, method of disposal, number of trees and estimated value when removed.

Additionally, annual summaries of trees removed are included in the back of each volume detailing the kind, number and price at which saplings were sold. In effect, the information furnished by the entries offer a granular account of the purchase and propagation as well as the sale and transplantation of the forestry crop controlled by board.

Administrative History: The history of publicly owned forestry on the Island can trace its genesis back to the establishment of one of the Forestry Board's antecedents, the Arboricultural Society. The society was established in 1896 with the aim of securing government grants for the planting of forestry.

By 1919, with public appetite for forestry increasing, the Tree Planting Committee of Tynwald was established. The Tree Planting Committee of Tynwald's core functions entailed: the development and ongoing management of publicly owned forestry plantations on the Island.

In 1931, these functions were transferred to the Forestry Board. The new board comprised seven members who, in addition to their forestry management duties, were responsible for the election of their own chairman and secretary. The Forestry Board's core functions were later ceded to the newly formed Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in 1946 alongside the functions of the former Board of Agriculture and the Fisheries Board.

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Custodial History: Records in consignment C630 were transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office as a temporary consignment under section 3 (8) of the Public Records Act, 1999 in Mar 2010 by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Forestry, Amenity and Lands division). The records were fully transferred to the Isle of Man Public Record Office under section 3(4) of the Public Records Act, 1999 in Jan 2016.

Appraisal: Selected for permanent preservation in Nov 2015, Angela Skitt, IOMPRO.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Arrangement of series: Volumes are arranged in chronological order within the series.

Access Status: Open

Access conditions: Open

Copyright: Crown copyright (duration - 125 years from the end of the calendar year of production).

Related records at the Isle of Man Public Record Office: S63 – Records of the Forestry Board: minute books.

Archivist Note: Gavin Rowan, IOMPRO, 25 Jan 2017.

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<p>S62/1 Item</p>	<p>Records of the Forestry Board: nursery book</p>	<p>Bound volume comprising the handwritten record for the nursery stock managed by the Forestry Board 4 Dec 1919-31 Mar 1929. The volume includes the following loose enclosure: 2 schedules, dated 30 Mar 1927 and 5 Apr 1930, which comprises a list of forest trees tested under the Seed Act, 1920. The schedules include information on: quantity, kind of seed, country of origin, percentage of purity and percentage of germination.</p>	<p>1 volume</p>	<p>4 Dec 1919-31 Mar 1929</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>S62/2 Item</p>	<p>Records of the Forestry Board: nursery book</p>	<p>Bound volume comprising the handwritten record for the nursery stock managed by the Forestry Board 6 Sep 1930-31 Mar 1937.</p>	<p>1 volume</p>	<p>6 Sep 1930-31 Mar 1937</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>S62/3 Item</p>	<p>Records of the Forestry Board: nursery book</p>	<p>Bound volume comprising the handwritten record for the nursery stock managed by the Forestry Board 31 Aug 1937-31 Mar 1944.</p>	<p>1 volume</p>	<p>31 Aug 1937-31 Mar 1944</p>	<p>Open</p>



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Alternative/previous reference numbers: C630 (part)

Accession number: A57

Extent: 3 volumes

Creator: Isle of Man; Forestry Board; 1931-1946

Description of series: The series comprises 3 volumes which furnish an account of the Forestry Board's committee meetings. In effect, the series documents the day-to-day decision making processes of the board as well as the activities undertaken by the board in order to realise its statutory obligations.

The earliest minuted meeting extant in the series, 13 Oct 1926, dates from when the board first began to exercise its core functions, but pre-dates the board's official establishment under legislation in 1931. The last minuted meeting, 17 Jul 1946, dates from shortly before the body's dissolution and the transferral of its core functions to the newly formed Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Activities detailed in the minutes include but are not limited to: the appointment of board members including the Chairman and the Secretary; the approval of Foresters' wages; the appointment of Inspectors; the undertaking of survey work and the issuing of reports regarding the management of the forest crop; and the approval of expenditure in furtherance of the effective development and management of the island's forestry and woodland assets.

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Access Status: Closed

Access conditions: This series is currently subject to a B2 closure period of 84 years under the Public Record Order 2015 due to statutory data protection restriction laid down in the Data Protection Act 2002.

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<p>S63/1 Item</p>	<p>Records of the Forestry Board: minute book</p>	<p>Bound, indexed volume comprising the handwritten and signed minutes for the meetings of the committee of the Forestry Board 13 Oct 1926-14 Jul 1937. The volume also includes the following loose enclosures: a typed letter, dated 10 Dec 1935, regarding an application by the board's secretary for an increase in his salary due, in part, to changes in workload; 2 typed letters, dated 12 Jan 1937, detailing an application by the board's secretary for an increase in wages due to the increased scope of his role.</p>	<p>1 volume</p>	<p>13 Oct 1926-14 Jul 1937</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>S63/2 Item</p>	<p>Records of the Forestry Board: minute book</p>	<p>Bound, indexed volume comprising the handwritten and signed minutes for the meetings of the committee of the Forestry Board 11 Aug 1937-22 Jun 1942.</p>	<p>1 volume</p>	<p>11 Aug 1937-22 Jun 1942</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>S63/3 Item</p>	<p>Records of the Forestry Board: minute book</p>	<p>Bound, indexed volume comprising the handwritten and signed minutes for the meetings of the committee of the Forestry Board 8 Jul 1942-17 Jul 1946. The volume also includes the following loose enclosures: 3 Isle of Man Forestry Board statements, dated 06 Mar 1942, furnishing abridged summaries of accounts submitted by the board.</p>	<p>1 volume</p>	<p>8 Jul 1942-17 Jul 1946</p>	<p>Closed</p>



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