

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.



When proposals were made to form an Animal Production Society in New Zealand, Dr McMeekan was a member of the original committee of five which drew up the first draft constitution of the Society and called the first annual conference and annual meeting held in August, 1941.

At this meeting he was elected Vice-President and in the following year he succeeded J. M. Ranstead as President of the Society. After his term as President, he continued to serve on the Management Committee for several years. He has been a frequent contributor of papers to annual conferences of the Society and in this capacity, and also in speaking from the floor, he has been one of the most stimulating speakers the Society has known.

He has been invited to contribute to several international conferences and to advise on agricultural development in developing countries.

His achievements in agricultural research were recognized by the award of the Underwood Fellowship in 1957, while his contributions to New Zealand agriculture received recognition by the award of the C.B.E. in 1958.

**SIR GEOFFREY S. PEREN, K.B.E., C.B.E., F.R.S.A., CROIX DE GUERRE,
B.S.A.(TORONTO)**

Sir Geoffrey Peren was appointed, in May, 1924, to the newly established Chair of Agriculture at Victoria University College. In 1927, when Massey Agricultural College was founded by combining the agricultural faculties of Auckland and Victoria University Colleges, Professor Peren was appointed Principal and Professor of Agriculture.

In this capacity he played a major role in the development of the College during its first 31 years. He developed it with an emphasis on animal production, recruited staff of standing, and initiated research and extension activities of particular value to the sheep, beef cattle and wool industries.



At the time of his retirement in 1958, Massey, from its small beginnings in 1927, had become widely recognized both in New Zealand and overseas for the calibre of its graduates and its achievements in agricultural education and research. As its Principal during this period, Professor Peren can claim much of the credit for this achievement.

Sir Geoffrey's own particular contribution to the problem of finding and developing a suitable breed of sheep for the poorer hill country is commemorated in the Perendale breed, developed by him from the Cheviot-Romney cross.

He played a leading part in the formation of the Society and as a foundation member he has always taken a close interest in its affairs. He has contributed to its conferences both as a speaker and in discussion. The Society owes him a debt of gratitude for his willingness at all times to place the facilities of Massey College at the disposal of the Society. For his service to agriculture and agricultural education in New Zealand, he was knighted in 1959.