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Extracts from the ‘**Transactions of the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society**’ Vol 29

Appendix Report of the proceedings of the ‘General Meeting’ held at Hawick on 16th July, 1914. p 44

‘DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

... .. The CHAIRMAN mentioned that Mr Rauner, representative of Russia, had brought with him a piece of silver plate in the form of a Quaich as a present from the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, and a conversation took place as to the custody of the Quaich. The matter was ultimately remitted to the Council. ... ..’

Appendix Report of the proceedings of the ‘General Meeting’ held at Edinburgh on 6th February, 1915. p 4.

‘ACCOUNT OF DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

... .. At the close of the dinner, M Rauner, the representative of Russia, handed to the President, on behalf of the Society, a beautiful piece of silver plate — in the form of a fruit dish made in the old Crimean style and set with two carbuncles and one chalcedony — as a present from the Russian Imperial Ministry of Agriculture. It has been deposited for safe custody with Messrs. Hamilton & Inches.

In the course of the Conference, the Honorary Membership of the Society was conferred on the six foreign representatives present. ... ..’

Both extracts are from the same volume of proceedings. Proceedings for the years immediately following are reduced in size being wartime. The journals are preoccupied with the major changes in forestry, partly due to the demands on home-grown timber, and partly to due to changes in national forest policy and the proposed formation of the Forestry Commission.

I have not checked the membership lists for the presence of M Rauner, as an honorary member.

Extracted JRA 17.May 05