

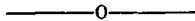
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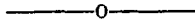
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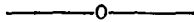
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Eleven papers were presented and read in abstract form by their authors during the morning and afternoon sessions held at the Philippine Columbian Association Building. Interesting discussions followed after each author had read the abstract of his paper.

Two addresses on statistical matters were delivered by Members of the Cabinet: the first by the Secretary of Commerce and Industry, Hon. Oscar Ledesma, after the banquet held at the Malacañang Park. Mr. Cesar Lorenzo, President of the second by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Hon. Salvador Araneta, after the banquet held in the evening at the Malacañan Park. Mr. Cesar Lorenzo, President of the Philippine Statistical Association, introduced the guests of honor.

The election of new officers for the year 1954 was held before the afternoon session of the Conference began. The oath of office of the new officers and members of the Board of Directors was administered by Hon. Oscar Ledesma, Secretary of Commerce and Industry.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE

Six papers and two addresses were available during the First Annual Conference held last year; it was then practicable to publish all in the first quarter issue of "The Philippine Statistician".

Due to limitations of space, five of the papers and the first address are published in this issue of "The Philippine Statistician". The remaining papers and the second address will be published in subsequent issues during this year.

The Editorial Board of the Philippine Statistician invites all who desire to comment or discuss the papers published herein to submit their written discussions or commentaries for possible publication, addressing their papers to "The Editor, Philippine Statistician, P. O. Box 1470, Manila, Philippines."