

Arthur Parent

In 1922, Arthur Parent was born in St.-Quentin, New Brunswick. He was one of eighteen children. He left school after grade four and began life as an entrepreneur, cutting and hauling wood at the age of 13.

From these humble beginnings, Arthur Parent hired other crews until he became the largest harvesting and trucking contractor in the region with more than 250 employees. Yet, he did not rest here. Arthur recognized that value could be added to the timber that he cut – value for him, and value for his community. In 1972, Arthur Parent built and started operating a dimension lumber mill in St.-Quentin (which he re-built after a fire in 1979). He acquired a cedar mill in 1976, and he built a studwood mill in 1984. In 1998, he acquired Scierie Oscar Belanger of St. Arthur. Although Mr. Parent built and operated a saw mill, he loves being in the woods most of all. He is proud of his operations and has learned the value of doing things right. Mr. Parent has been quick to adapt improvements in forest management to the needs of his forest without losing sight of the needs of his company. For his continued efforts and hard work, Mr. Parent was awarded the Picard Award for best Sub-licensee Operation in 1966-97. Today, Mr. Parent's companies directly employ more than 350 people.

In addition to his work in forestry, Arthur Parent is a family-man, married to Sadie Violette with six children. In addition, he has been active in his community. Over the years he has contributed to such civic projects as the ball park, the arena, and the sponsorship of local athletes. At.-Quentin recognized Arthur's commitment to the sustainability of his community by naming him "Citizen of the Year" in 2000.

Arthur Parent provides the people of New Brunswick with an outstanding example of success through hard work and commitment to the forest and its bounties. He is honored for his love of the forest, his willingness to lead by example, and his commitment to his community.