

Bev McDougall

Summary of Outstanding Achievements

Mr. McDougall a.k.a. Bev was operations manager for Forest Protection Limited (FPL) from 1960 to 1992 when he retired (32 years). He was the second in command under first, Mr. B.W. Flieger and then Mr. H.J. Irving. Mr. McDougall successfully and efficiently implemented the policies and complex plans presented to him. It is largely due to his managerial insight, organizational abilities and his extensive and functional contacts throughout the forestry community that he was able to yearly, pull off the efficient conduct of the New Brunswick spruce budworm spray programs. Through his knowledge and acumen when dealing with people he was able to successfully meet FPL's commitment to spruce budworm and hemlock looper programs in Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Maine in the 60's and 1970's. Because of his unflagging loyalty to New Brunswick and the managing directors of FPL, and his anticipatory skills he negotiated and smoothed over many tense moments associated with the spray programs in the 60's, 70's and 80's. He was the main contact for FPL with many scientists from diverse disciplines who worked in studies related to the spray programs. Similarly, his managing directors (BWF & HJI) relied heavily on him to lead negotiations with pesticide companies and aircraft operators and forest managers.

Mr. McDougall after obtaining a forestry degree in 1950 commenced employment with New Brunswick International Paper Company. He was seconded to the budworm program and what became FPL in 1951. His first major task that fall was to survey in and work on the construction of Budworm City, the first purpose built budworm spray field in NB. Mr. McDougall worked at building airstrips and supervising the spray operations. He remained with FPL and became operations manager in 1960 until his retirement in January 1992.

He was a regular member of and attendee at the North East Forest Pest Council, The North East Aerial Applicators Association, the National Aerial Applicators Association, the Canadian Forestry Association and RPF?

Bev was a doer, and thanks to him the spray operations in the heady, testy years of the 70's and 80's, in particular, benefited from his extraordinary abilities. In the shadow of others he got the job done and we owe him a debt of gratitude and the recognition of being ranked in the Forestry Hall of Fame.



A skeleton city for woodsmen,
pilots and scientists grew among
the trees at the edge of the
airport. In the spring, it would be
a town of 150 inhabitants.

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