

## **Burt M. Smith**

Burt was born at Boundary Creek, New Brunswick in 1919. His early education was in the Moncton School system and then on to UNB where he received a BScF in 1940.

During World War 2 he served as a Navigator with the RCAF. Most of his service was in the Burma Theatre out of India, being discharged as a Flight Lieutenant.

Burt's entire forestry career was with the provincial government starting with the Photogrammetry Branch. In 1954 he was responsible for the provincial inventory program, where he was instrumental in setting up the New Brunswick forest inventory including Permanent Sample Plots, expanding the application of aerial photography for forest inventory systems.

Burt pioneered the use of computer application for forest inventory applications. He was New Brunswick's representative on the Forest Metric Commission which brought New Brunswick into the Metric system. He sat on the Forest Metric Commission from which evolved the Canadian Forest Inventory Committee which sets the standards for our National and Provincial inventory systems.

Burt is recognized in our Hall of Fame as the man who brought provincial forestry from the pencil and paper tally system into the modern age of computer Science now recognized as unparalleled in North America.