

## **Gordon L. Baskerville**

Gordon L. Baskerville was born in Emerson, Manitoba in 1933. He received his early education in various schools across Canada. His university program includes a BScF from UNB in 1955, with an MF and Ph.D. at Yale in 1957 and 1964. He has made his home in New Brunswick since 1950.

Gordon's career covers the entire forestry scene in New Brunswick; scientist, professor, Assistant Deputy Minister and Dean of Forestry at UNB – living testimony that his route to forestry excellence has indeed been varied.

Of Particular note is Gordon's contribution to the rationalization of wood supply and demands in New Brunswick. Prior to 1982, the province was struggling with the demands of hundreds of entrepreneurs which created demand for timber exceeding the capacity of the forest to satisfy that demand. As Assistant Deputy Minister, he personally guided the province into a process that resulted in a radical shift to licensees and sub-licensees, through the forest Management Agreements and ultimately the Crown Lands and Forest Act. These changes established New Brunswick as the Canadian leader in the development and application of sound forest management.

Few others, if any, have had greater influence on the development of forest policy and practice in New Brunswick or in Canada.

Over a period of 40 years his exceptional ability has been continually recognized through academic scholarships, professional honors and awards. The facts show that he has moved easily and effectively among that major constituents of Canada's forestry sector- provincial and federal governments, industry and universities- as scientist, academic, consultant and senior manager. This convincing testimony to the high respect that Gordon has gained over the years, has earned him a rightful place in the Forestry Hall of Fame.