

John Miles (Hoot) Gibson

Born in Fredericton, N.B., educated in Saint John and Fredericton, N.B., Miles Gibson became known as Mr. Forestry.

His education in forestry was interrupted by World War 1. Serving with the 65th Battery R.C.A. in France he was wounded by 1917 and invalided home. His forestry career in Canada can truly be described as a "Sea to Sea" profession as he worked from B.C. to N.B. between his graduation in 1919 and his teaching career which began in 1929. He became the first Dean of Forestry at U.N.B. in 1948 and 800 graduate foresters later he retired in 1961. Through his influence and respect U.N.B. became internationally known in forestry circles.

He was a charter member of the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick. Miles Gibson has served as either a director or chairman of most forestry groups he was associated with, C.I.F. (Maritime and National), Canadian Forestry Association, Maritime Lumber Bureau, Commonwealth Forestry Association, Society of American Foresters.

During World War 2, Dr. Gibson was awarded the O.B.E. as Director of Civil Defense for New Brunswick. Miles Gibson's honorary degrees are listed as D.Sc. U.N.B. 1942, L.L.D. Toronto 1957 and D.Sc. S. laval 1960.

When Dr. Miles Gibson passed away in 1968 the forestry profession lost a leader and many foresters lost a friend.