

## **PAUL E. BOUCHER**

Born in 1922 and educated in Edmundston, Paul Boucher has been a leader in the changing world of forestry both in the field and as an administrator. Before beginning his studies at university he served overseas in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1942-46, as a radio operator. In 1950, having received a B.ScF from the University of New Brunswick, he began his long career with the Department of Lands and Mines, which is today called the Department of Natural Resources and Energy.

Beginning as assistant-district forester, then the district forester, he became the first director of the Forest Protection Branch in 1977 responsible among other things for the forest fire control. In 1979 he was appointed as the Regional Resource Manager for the North-West responsible for the management and protection of the Crown Lands including wildlife. He retired in 1983 as special advisor to the deputy-minister.

In addition to these positions Mr. Boucher has always been extremely active in organizations such as the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick, the Canadian Institute of Forestry of which he was the national president as well as president of the Maritime Section, the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association and the New Brunswick Forestry Association.

In the early 1970's he was responsible for the creation of the "Centre Écologique du Madawaska". Thanks to his efforts, thousands of school children have been introduced to ecology and the environment as well as the protection and conservation of our natural resources.

In May 1996, l'Université de Moncton through its Edmundston Campus conferred on Mr. Boucher and Honorary Doctorate degree in forestry sciences.