

PETER M. BELYEA

Under the guidance of Peter Belyea, Fraser's Woodlands Division made the move from horses to harvesters and entered the modern era of forest management in New Brunswick.

Peter was born in Rothesay, New Brunswick in 1921. He served his country during World War II as a Lieutenant Commander navigating Corvettes for the Royal Canadian Navy. Following the war, Peter studied forestry at the University of New Brunswick. Having worked for Frasers as a student, Peter's forestry career began in earnest when he graduated with a BScF as part of the Class of '49.

Peter Belyea worked his way from the field to Logging Superintendent, Through Woodlands Manager and finally Vice President. From the very beginning he supported intensive forest management. He established a tree nursery, instituted planting programs, and implemented the use of trucks as the primary means of moving roundwood to the mills.

Peter was also a key player in the design and implementation of the province's Crown Lands and Forest Act. In his final year with Frasers, Peter worked on special taskforce of the Prime Minister studying the state of natural resources in Canada including future directions. In addition to this, Peter Belyea served as the Chairman of the CPPA woodlands Section and twice as President of the N.B. Forest Products Association.

For many years Peter worked with the Victorian Order of Nurses. Peter was a director of the St. John Council of New Brunswick. He was rewarded for many of his years of service and made a Knight of Grace on the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in 1992.

For 40 years Peter Belyea was the epitome of professional forestry and he stands as a proud example of this to us all.