

Canon William E. Hart

Born in San Palo, Brazil, William Hart moved to Canada at a young age. His early education was obtained in the Saint John schools. Later, he attended the University of Kings College where he received a BTh degree. In 1986, he received an honorary D.D. from the same University. Canon Hart passed away in October 1990.

For 43 years he was Rector of Norton and Springfield parishes, serving with numerous church organizations and societies along the way. He took time to found Camp Pascobc , a Children's Aid Society and the John Howard Society, both locally and provincially.

Canon Hart was a member of the first Forest Products Commission from 1971-1976. He also received the Order of Merit from the CFA of NB in 1975, the Order of Canada in 1981, and the Al Doiron Award in 1990, for his wide interest in forestry and human resources.

His interest in Forest Management and Marketing Boards came about as a result of his concern over the small woodlot owners not receiving a fair return for their products in the market place. The founder of the Wood Producer's association of Southern NB, he became the first president of the NB Fredericton Woodlot Owners.

Canon Hart was a man with a mission. He opened the door and gave small woodlot owners a direction. He is recognized here for his private woodlot management practices and his concern for small woodlot owners, particularly in Southern NB. Canon Hart could be classified as the "Father" of the woodlot owner movement in New Brunswick, Canada.