NEWS AND NOTES

R. G. (GERRY) MCKEE APPOINTED DEPUTY MINISTER OF FORESTS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Upon the retirement of Dr. C. D. Orchard September 1, 1958, Robert Gerald (Gerry) McKee was appointed Deputy Minister of Forests for the Province of British Columbia. The post of Chief Forester, held also by Dr. Orchard, is not yet filled.

Mr. McKee was born in Armstrong, B.C. in 1900, graduating from the University of British Columbia with the degree of B.Sc. (Forest Engineering) in 1924.

From 1921 until his appointment as Deputy Minister of Forests last September, he has had a history of steady work and promotion through the B.C. Forest Service.

FORESTER'S TOOLS LITERATURE

Swedish forester's tools are described and illustrated in new literature now available from Sandvik Canadian Limited, Montreal. The tools described include steel tree calipers, bark measures, increment hammers, increment borers, planting hoes and bush knives.

It is claimed that these tools have an exceptionally long working life, while the design makes them easy to use and carry around.

This literature is available free of charge from Sandvik Canadian Limited, 5675 Royalmount Ave., Montreal, Que.

NATIONAL FOREST FIRE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The second National Forest Fire Research Conference was held near Dorset, Ontario at the Ontario Forest Ranger School August 6-8. The conference was sponsored by the Woodlands Section, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association with the co-operation of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. It brought together about 200 representatives of industry, the Canadian Federal, Provincial and the U.S.A. governments.

The Chairman, Mr. F. A. Harrison, Vice-President and Manager of Woodlands of Canadian International Paper Co., mentioned that next year's national conference would be held in one of the western provinces. The purpose of these conferences is to "provide for exchange of information among forest fire authorities in Canada and the U.S.A., to assess the current fire research situation, and to inform the public of the research work going forward and the progress being made."

Items of interest during the conference included: