FIRST PRESENTATION OF THE CANADIAN FORESTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO
DR. C. D. ORCHARD

By V. J. Nordin, President, Canadian Institute of Forestry
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For the first time in its history, the Institute tonight will present a Gold Medal to recognize outstanding achievement in forestry in Canada. The committee report establishing this award—The Canadian Forestry Achievement Award—reads, in part, as follows:

“The Canadian Institute of Forestry shall present annually or from time to time a Gold Medal in recognition of outstanding achievement in forestry in Canada. Outstanding achievements shall be judged on the basis of:

- i) Superior accomplishment in research in forestry or a related field where the results obtained contribute to the advancement of forestry; or
- ii) Dedicated and dynamic administrative leadership in management, research, affairs of professional and scientific societies, or education.”

The Selection Committee has chosen the winner from amongst twelve outstanding nominees proposed by C.I.F. Sections across Canada.

The recipient is an eminent Canadian forester and an Honorary Member of the Institute. A native of New Brunswick, he received the B.Sc.F. (1920) and M.Sc.F. (1926) degrees in forestry from the University of New Brunswick. In 1947, his Alma Mater bestowed on him the honorary degree of Doctorate of Science.

Following overseas service in World War I where he won the Military Medal for bravery, he began his career with the New Brunswick Forest Service in 1919 and then moved to the B.C. Forest Service in 1920. In his 38 years with the B.C. Forest Service he held increasingly responsible positions in surveys, protection, and research until his appointment as Chief Forester in 1941 and Deputy Minister and Chief Forester in 1945.

In 1958, he retired as Deputy Minister to continue his forestry activities as a private consultant.

Tonight, we can only highlight a very distinguished career of dedicated and dynamic administrative leadership in forest management, research, professional societies, and education. Unquestionably, his outstanding contribution in forest management is his development and implementation of Tree Farm Licences wherein Industry and Crown lands together are managed by Industry as a unit to provide wood in perpetuity. As a direct result of his imaginative policies, forestry progress in B.C. has been dramatic and the capital expansion of the industries has been unparalleled. Some 100 million acres of forest are now under sustained yield management in British Columbia. In addition, the systems he developed have been adopted by other provinces and by several counties. Certified Tree Farms, Farm Wood Lot Licences, and the Public Sustained Yield Units are additional examples of progressive measures developed under his direction. These legislations are acknowledged throughout the world as outstanding examples of progressive forest procedures and policies.

He early recognized the significance and necessity of research in the development of effective systems of forest management. Despite the almost complete loss of research staff during World War II and the shortage of funds, his perseverance resulted in the creation of a Forest Research Division in 1951 which has made notable contributions to forest practice.

He appreciated the importance of contributing actively in the affairs of professional forestry societies. He is a charter member of the Association of British Columbia Foresters, and served as Vice-President of the first Council and President of the second Council. He holds the honour of life membership in this organization. He is a Past President of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association and received this association's coveted award for outstanding contribution to forestry. He is an Honorary Member of the C.I.F. Internationally, he is highly regarded particularly for his influential activities associated with the Commonwealth Forestry Conferences.

It is now my privilege, on behalf of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, to present the first Canadian Forestry Achievement Award to a distinguished Canadian forester, *Dr. C. D. Orchard*. Dr. Orchard, please accept the Gold Medal Certificate, and Citation that symbolize this award as well as the esteem, affection, and best wishes of your many friends and colleagues.