The newly elected Vice President of the Association is A.V. (Bill) Backman, R.P.F., who lives in Vancouver. He is Director of Planning and Forestry for Canadian Cellulose Company Ltd. He has been directly associated with the forest industries of B.C., in various capacities, since 1934. He is currently the Chairman of the Economics Committee of the Council of Forest Industries, Director and Chairman of the Education Committee of the Canadian Forestry Association, immediate Past President and still a Director of the Intermountain Logging Conference and a former Director, from 1974-77, of the Pacific Logging Congress.

Also at the Association's meeting, Dr. Karel Klinka, R.P.F. received the Distinguished Forester Award for 1977 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the improvement of forest practice in British Columbia through leadership and direction in the development, testing and implementation of practical techniques in applied forest ecology. His accomplishments have contributed directly to the maintenance and enhancement of the productivity of the

forest land base in British Columbia and have assisted immeasurably in providing the impetus for a co-ordinated provincial effort to properly identify and apply ecosystem principles in all forestry treatments.

Dr. Karel Klinka (right) receiving 1977 Distinguished Forester Award from retiring President C. Harry Gairns.

Obituary

Philip Benjamin Bodman

The profession of forestry lost one of its most active and valued members when Phil Bodman was killed in the crash of a helicopter just north of Quesnel, B.C. on November 8, 1977.

Phil was born in 1925 and graduated from UBC in 1950. He visited most of British Columbia in his first job as a visibility mapper checking fire protection lookout sites for the B.C. Forest Service. Later, he transferred to the Prince George District Office of the Forest Service and became Forester-in-charge of Tree Farm Licence administration in the District. In 1960 he joined Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. in Prince George as a Project Forester and then Consultant. In 1968 West Fraser Mills Ltd. of Quesnel was a modest sawmilling operation struggling to modernize and expand when Phil was first retained as a consultant and then hired as the firm's first forester.

West Fraser's phenomenal growth was in large measure due to Phil's ability and enthusiasm. At the time of his death Phil was the Vice-Pres-

ident in charge of Woods Operations for the company, which had grown to become the largest non-integrated lumber producing company in Canada.

Phil was an active member of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, the Canadian Forestry Association and the Association of B.C. Foresters. He worked on the planning committees for the National CIF meetings in Prince George in 1959 and 1969, was Chairman of the Cariboo Section in 1964 and a member of the Board of Directors of the Institute in 1965. He had been a member of Council and the Examining Board for the Association of B.C. Professional Foresters and was currently a member of the Policy Committee.

In spite of spending so much time working in the woods, Phil always enjoyed outdoor recreation and he participated in hiking, ski touring, hunting and canoeing with his wife, Barbara, and his four children. He was a gentleman, a good friend and a dedicated forester. He will be sadly missed, but well remembered by all who knew him.

C.H. Gairns