



Les Corkum

Graduated from the Maritime Forest Ranger School in 1948. Les spent his entire career working with the former Dept of Lands & Forests, retiring in 1981 as Supervisor of the Hants West District. Les led the design of the body and pumping system for trucks used to fight forest fires, the hand primer for Wajax fire pumps and specialized equipment used by the Christmas Tree Industry. He was one of the first to suggest growing exotic species of Balsam Fir and collecting plus trees for seed in the Christmas Tree Industry. He developed mechanized net balers and miniature sprayers for Christmas Tree plantations. Les was inducted into the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers Association Wall of Fame in 2002. As an active woodlot owner, he was selected the Provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year in 2002. He was a founding member and the first president of the Nova Scotia Forest Technicians Association.