

Dr. William Thomas Ross Flemington



New Brunswick's first Ombudsman was born October 11, 1897, in Britanna, Nfld. Flemington moved to New Brunswick with his family in 1900, and graduated from Fredericton High School and Normal College before enlisting in the Canadian Army.

He went overseas in 1917 and transferred to the Royal Flying Corps where he served as pilot. Entering Mount Allison University on 1919 he graduated with a bachelor of arts and obtained his master's degree after studies at Columbia University and the University of Toronto.

He was ordained to the Minister of the United Church of Canada in 1925 and appointed head master of Mount Allison Academy.

He went overseas again during the Second World War and was named principal chaplain of the Canadian Army with

the rank of Colonel.

Dr. Flemington was appointed president of Mount Allison University in 1945 and retired from that position in 1962. In the same year he was asked by the Federal Government to organize the Canadian external aid educational program in underdeveloped countries.

Retiring from that position, he returned to New Brunswick and in 1966 was appointed chairman of the royal commission to report on the need for a medical school in the province.

When this work completed in 1967, he was appointed the province's first ombudsman and continued until illness forced him to retire from his position in June of 1971.

New Brunswick first Ombudsman died at his Port Elgin home on July 10, 1971. He was 73.