

# Terrence Fleming Flahiff

## Professional Overview

Terrence Fleming Flahiff is a barrister who served as Chairman of the Board for the Manicouagan Power Company (established in 1949). He was also Vice-President and Director of the Quebec North Shore Paper Company (established in 1938), located at 680 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, as well as Vice-President and Director of Ontario Paper Co. Limited (established in 1912) in Thorold, Ontario.

## Early Life and Education

Born in Paris, Ontario, on April 29, 1907, Terrence is the son of John James and Eleanor Rose (Fleming) Flahive, both of Paris. He attended schools in Paris and later studied at Osgoode Hall (Law Society of Upper Canada). He read law with Read & Innes in Brantford, Ontario, and was called to the Bar of Ontario

## Legal and Early Professional Career

Terrence began his career as a hotel and theatre manager in Paris in 1929. He then joined the Law Society of Upper Canada in Toronto from 1933 to 1938. He worked as Corporation Solicitor for the Companies Branch of the Ontario Government in Toronto between 1938 and 1939, and subsequently as Legal Secretary to the Attorney General of Ontario from 1939 to 1940. In 1940, he was appointed Assistant Crown Attorney for the City of Toronto, a position he left in 1941 to enlist for active military service.

## Military Service and Government Roles

Flahiff enlisted as a cadet in the Canadian Armored Cars in 1941. Later that year, he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. In January 1942, he was called to Ottawa to help establish the Canadian division for strategic munitions distribution, which evolved into the Combined Munitions Assignments Board. Serving as Secretary for the Canadian branch, he actively participated in operations in London and Washington, rising from Lieutenant in 1942 to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1943. He was attached to the American Army and graduated as a U.S. Military Government Officer in 1943 for overseas duty. Returning to Ottawa, he continued his work with the munitions allocating committee until 1945 and was later tasked with technical investigations of German science and industry, traveling extensively in Germany immediately after V-E Day.

Upon his return to Ottawa in November 1945, Flahiff served as Deputy Director-General of Industrial Reconstruction and later as executive assistant to the Deputy Minister of Reconstruction and Supply. He was appointed by the Right Honorable C.D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, to oversee the liquidation of Canadian equipment on the European continent and was promoted to Brigadier. He subsequently became Coordinator of Housing for Canada and Timber Controller from 1946 to 1947.

## Business Leadership

In 1947, Flahiff was appointed Assistant to the President of Ontario Paper Company and Quebec North Shore Paper Company in Montreal. Throughout his career, he held key leadership positions in several major Canadian companies.

## Honors and Decorations

Flahiff was decorated by the President of the United States with the Legion of Merit, and by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands with the Order of Orange-Nassau, Degree of Commander (with Swords). He was also invested as a Knight of the Sovereign and Military Order of Malta.

## Personal Audiences and Military Service

He was received in private audience by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in Rome on March 6, 1946; by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1961; and by Pope Paul VI on May 1, 1969. Additionally, he served on the reserve with the 2nd-10th Dragoons (Cavalry) from 1933 to 1938.