

On the retirement of Alex Patterson from politics, a group of his friends organized an endowment fund to honor him. At his request it was to be made available to students proceeding to post-secondary studies in political science or social studies.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1986.

The funds are administered by the Abbotsford Community Foundation, however, the recipients are chosen by the Dr. Alex B. Patterson Scholarship Committee.

This award is available to students graduating from the Secondary Schools located in the geographical area represented by Dr. Patterson. These include Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope and the Fraser Canyon.

#### Dr. Alex B. Patterson

Alexander Bell Patterson was born in Raymore, Saskatchewan on April 21, 1911. He was the son of an Irish father and Scottish mother who immigrated to Canada in 1901. Raised on the family farm, young Alex learned the ethics of honest work and integrity before moving to Portage la Prairie to work in a grocery store. Later he attended the Salvation Army Leadership Training School in Toronto. In 1938 Alex married Charlotte Nice, a Salvation Army officer from Neepawa, Manitoba. They raised a family of four children.

From 1935 until 1953 the Patterson's pastored churches in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In 1953 while pastoring the Church of the Nazarene in Abbotsford Alex was elected, as a Social Credit member, to the House of Commons, representing the people of the Fraser Valley. In 1980 Canadian Nazarene College conferred on Patterson the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

During 23 years of service as a Member of Parliament, Dr. Patterson represented first the Social Credit Party and later, the Progressive Conservative party, on many House of Commons committees, including External Affairs. This took him to a number of countries as well as to the United Nations in New York. He represented the diverse needs of his constituents as well as the agricultural interests of the Fraser Valley.

Alex Patterson died April 6, 1993 having devoted his life to serving people in the Church and Community. He left a legacy of accomplishments which live on in the lives of his family and the members of this community.

## Dr. Alex B. Patterson Memorial Scholarship

*Application Form*