

# Morley Thomas wins Patterson medal

Morley Thomas, Director General of the Canadian Climate Centre wins this year's Patterson Medal on the basis of his major contribution to society through climatology. He is one of the few AES directors general to win the top meteorology award in recent years. Preceding him was Dr. Warren Godson, of the Atmospheric Research Directorate in 1968.

Mr. Thomas spent nearly 40 years as a meteorologist and climatologist and, among other positions, held the post of Superintendent of Climatological Operations, where he evolved as the major authority on Canada's climate. He became director of the Meteorological Op-

erations Branch in 1971, Director General, Central Services Directorate (AES) in 1976 and assumed his present position in 1979.

He is author of numerous professional papers and several extensively used Atlases and books including "The Climate of Canada" and the first "Climatological Atlas of Canada."

Mr. Thomas is currently President of the World Meteorological Organization's Commission for Climatology and Applications of Meteorology, and in this capacity has guided the development of the World Climate Program. Within Canada, he is leading the design and execution of the



Canadian Climate Program.

Mr. Thomas's award was announced by ADMA Jim Bruce at the 15th Annual Congress of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society in Saskatoon on May 28, 1981.