

B. W. (BASIL) HINDMARSH

1900 — 1989

Basil William Hindmarsh was born in Cardinal, Ontario and moved to Saskatchewan on a permanent basis in 1916. He lived in Trossacks, Coronach, Buffalo Gap, Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Regina, and Saskatoon.

In 1927 Mr. Hindmarsh acquired a farm near Coronach, Sask. Along with the farm came an old Model T Ford truck. He soon found himself hauling not only his own grain but that of his neighbours as well. He traded up to a heavier Model A and began hauling grain and livestock.

In 1937 he moved to Assiniboia as manager of the Assiniboia Co-op. In the same year he became involved in a trucking business which eventually grew to be Freightways Ltd. He was associated with this company until 1961. Also in 1937 he and two associates founded the Saskatchewan Trucking Association.

Mr. Hindmarsh was appointed Sheriff of Assiniboia in 1949. He also served on the town council and was Mayor for six years. In 1957 he was transferred to Moose Jaw as Sheriff. In 1958 he was appointed to the Mediation Board for the Province of Saskatchewan and, in 1961, became Chairman of that Board. In 1973 he was appointed to the Saskatchewan Highway Traffic Board and served in that capacity until 1982.

In 1978 he was a member of the Saskatchewan Transportation Advisory Council which reviewed the performance of the general merchandise trucking system in serving the needs of rural Saskatchewan.

Mr. Hindmarsh could boast that he had participated in fifty consecutive Saskatchewan trucking conventions and, in 1987, on the anniversary of its fiftieth convention, the Saskatchewan Trucking Association honoured him with its "Pioneer Award" to commemorate his dedication and contributions to the trucking industry. The Association also named him Honorary President for life.

Inducted into the
Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame
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