

C. L. (Cal) UDELL

C. L. (Cal) Udell was born and raised near Viscount, Saskatchewan.

He began his lifetime transportation career at age 23 from his home. With a 1949 Mercury 3-ton and a 1947 Chevrolet 3-ton he spent three years in a self-employed venture serving the agriculture and construction industries and the oil fields.

In 1951, he joined Trans-Canada Highway Express Limited as operations manager for Saskatchewan. In 1959, he became president and general manager of Continental Trucking Limited, based in Saskatoon, a position which he still holds.

During Cal Udell's 40 years in the trucking industry, he has devoted much time and energy to public service. He was president of the Saskatchewan Trucking Association from 1970-72, and has served on the executive committee, the board of directors and the standards councils of the Canadian Trucking Association.

In 1975, Cal Udell was instrumental in organizing the C.T.A. National Safety Committee and he served as its Chairman until 1987. Under his chairmanship, significant improvements in policy and operations occurred. He actively promoted the C.S.C. Professional Driver Improvement Course which was designed to improve the driving practices of truck drivers. As well, he encouraged and supported the creation of a safety manual for use by trucking firms, which outlines safety practices not only in areas concerning vehicle operation but also ancillary activities such as terminal docks, warehouses and garages. Concentration on the selection, training and well being of the driver has been of primary importance in Cal Udell's mind.

In 1977 Cal Udell was Saskatchewan Regional Chairman for NTW, in 1978 president of the Saskatoon Traffic Club, and in 1981, the National Transportation Week Secretariat honoured him by naming him Canada's Transportation Man of the Year. In 1982 he was appointed to the Saskatoon Transit Vehicle Accident Adjudication Appeal Committee.

Inducted into the
Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame
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