

# **R.D. (DICK) MAHARA**

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Richard Dick Mahara was born in Musidora, Alta. in 1910, and was raised on the family farm at Morecambe, Alta. He went to school there to Grade 10.

Mr. Mahara, employed by the CPR, came to Saskatchewan in 1930. After being laid off by the railway he worked for a garage in North Battleford where he also acted as a Commission Agent for Gray Goose Stage Line. In 1936 he became a driver with Gray Goose. So began a career in the bus industry that spanned over half a century.

In 1937 Gray Goose Stage Line was purchased by Midland Bus Lines and Mr. Mahara became Midland's Terminal Manager in North Battleford. Midland was, in turn, purchased by Greyhound Lines in 1938. Mr. Mahara served Greyhound as Terminal Manager in North Battleford, and relief District Superintendent in Saskatoon.

In 1946 he became Traffic Manager with Saskatchewan Transportation Company, and during his time with STC was Asst. General manager of Operations, Acting General Manager, and Operations Manager.

In 1966 Mr. Mahara accepted the position of Sales Manager with Western Flyer Coach, Winnipeg, and in 1967 became Canadian Sales Representative with Motor Coach Industries, Winnipeg.

In 1969 he was appointed District Superintendent, Greyhound Lines, Calgary, and in 1970 became Regional Manager of Greyhound's Central Region, and Canadian Coachways (Alberta) Ltd., a subsidiary of Greyhound Lines. In 1975 he retired on pension from Greyhound but was retained as Consultant, Eastern Canada.

From 1976-77 Mr. Mahara was General Manager, Farwest Bus Lines, Kitimat, B.C., and from 1978-88 was a Consultant with Moose Mountain Lines, Regina. From 1988 to 1989 he acted as part time Consultant with Capital Coach Lines Inc.

Mr. Mahara was on the Executive of the Saskatchewan Highway Safety Council from its inception until 1966. He is a Charter Member and an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Western Canada Motor Coach Association. He was made a Lifetime Member of the North West Commercial Travellers Association in 1991. He is a Charter Member of the Regina Chapter of Skat Club International.

A Mason since 1950, and a Shriner since 1952, Mr. Mahara maintains a close association with these organizations to the present time.

In May, 1986, Mr. Mahara was presented with an award by the employees in the bus industry to mark fifty years of continuous service.

Inducted into the  
Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame  
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