

J. M. McDONOUGH

James M. McDonough was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and received his education there and in Montreal. He joined Robin Hood Flour Mills in 1952, and assumed several positions with the company until 1965 when he joined the Federal Government as Supervisor of Subsidy Programs with the Feed Grain Administration. In 1966, he was named Director of the Feed Grain Administration. It was then that he worked on designing legislation leading to the Livestock Feed Assistance Act and the establishment of the Canadian Livestock Feed Board of which he became Executive Director in 1967. The Governor-in-Council appointed him a member of the Livestock Feed Board in 1968.

He was loaned to the Canada Grains Council in 1973 when it undertook to examine grain handling and transportation problems in Western Canada on behalf of the Federal Government. In 1975 he became Executive Director of the Grain Handling and Transportation (Hall) Commission, while remaining a member of the Canadian Livestock Feed Board in Ottawa.

He was appointed a Commissioner of the Canadian Transport Commission in 1977 and in 1979 became Senior Commissioner, Western Canada, responsible for the Commission's new Western Division headquartered in Saskatoon. Concurrently, he served as a member of all modal committees of the Commission and Chairman of the International Transport Policy Committee. In 1984 Mr. McDonough was appointed by the government to conduct a study into the railway branch line system to explore and pursue the development of innovative options and alternatives to provide improved transportation services to those areas of Canada affected by rail branch line abandonment. This inquiry culminated with a report entitled "Report of the Inquiry into Railway Branch Lines" published in June 1985.

Mr. McDonough was appointed a Member of the National Transportation Agency January 1, 1988, and retired from the Agency on December 31, 1988.

Mr. McDonough is a Trustee of the Canadian Transportation Education Foundation, a member of the Chartered Institute of Transport, an Honorary Member of the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation, and a member of the Arbitration and Mediation Association of Saskatchewan.

Inducted into the
Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame
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