

Association of Professional Engineers
of the
Province of Manitoba

Merit Award

to

WALLACE RAYMOND McQUADE

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Winnipeg, Manitoba

Wallace Raymond McQuade graduated from the University of Manitoba in Civil Engineering in 1950 having served as a Sergeant in the Artillery Survey of the Canadian Army from 1943 to 1946. He joined Cowin and Company as a junior engineer in 1950, and is still with that firm.

Ray McQuade has given generously of his time both to the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of Manitoba and to a very important element in its community, the University of Manitoba. Over the past twenty-five years he has served on Committees of the Association for a total of thirty-one years. He was first elected by the Alumni to the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba for a three year term effective June 1, 1974. He was re-elected by acclamation — almost unprecedented — for a second three-year term beginning July 1, 1977.

In 1974-75 he was named as a Board representative on several University Committees and as a Director of the Pre-Cambrian Centre — on which he continues to serve and in 1975 as first Chairman of the Joint Board/Senate Committee on University Priorities, a post that he relinquished when elected Chairman of the Board of Governors in September 1975. He was re-elected each June thereafter for a total of four and a half terms. During his terms as Chairman, the University faced difficult situations including the first collective bargaining with academic staff of any major English speaking University in Canada, severe fiscal constraints and accompanying difficulties over distribution of funds.

It is notable that, as Chairman, he attended all 62 meetings of the Board and missed only three meetings as Chairman of its Executive Committee during his 4½ years. He believed that the Board should be accessible and visible and was present at most public functions including award ceremonies and convocations. He was very active "behind the scenes" in contact with the Universities Grants Commission and provincial Ministers — more than is generally known.

His unstinting efforts within the profession and the time and talents that he contributed to lead the Board of Governors and University through a period of adversity have brought reflected honour and prestige to this Association.

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