



Mr. Tidy as he was in 1966.

Our Association in Canada

by Charles F. Tidy

Not only does 1984 mark the 50th Anniversary of the International Right-of-Way Association, it also is the 25th Anniversary of the active participation of Canadians in the Association.

Early in 1959 a group of people, headed by the late Harry Hustler, who were active and wanted to improve their knowledge and skills in the Right-of-Way field contacted the Association in the United States with a view to participating by becoming members and even bringing the Association into Canada by establishing a chapter there. As a result of these contacts Harry Hustler headed a small delegation that went to the Annual Seminar held in the fourth week of May 1959 at St. Louis. This delegation received a warm welcome and very positive support for the plans of expansion into Canada.

Back in Canada the delegation reported back to the original group and the enthusiastic response led to arrangements for the inaugural meeting of the Ontario Chapter No. 29 to be held in Toronto on June 15, 1959. Heading the many "Pilgrims" from the Association in the United

States was the then National Chairman Fred A. Crane, and two former National Chairmen Richard H. Taylor and Sam Houston.

At this auspicious occasion the Association was launched in Canada and it has never looked back. From an original membership of 93 in Ontario Chapter No. 29, the Association has spread across Canada from Atlantic to the Pacific comprising a total membership of about 1300 in 10 Chapters and one Affiliate.

When we were first organized in Canada we were part of Region No. 4. As our education developed it became apparent that the development of our programmes should be made around problems peculiar to Canada and it was thought the best way to do this, under the umbrella of the Association, was to form a new Region in Canada. Accordingly such a recommendation was presented to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in 1968. The Board adopted the resolution and the Canadian Region No. 8 was formed. However, with the continual growth of the Association in Canada, and the great distances between the Chapters, Region No. 8 was divided into the

East Canadian Region No. 8 and the West Canadian Region No. 10, which greatly simplified the administration across this country.

All Canadian Chapters enthusiastically participated in the Senior Registration Program when it was inaugurated and have held many of the Educational Courses to assist member-candidates to become qualified. There are over 200 Senior Registered Members in the Canadian Regions 8 and 10 with all Chapters participating in ongoing programmes of the Association's Educational Courses for the new and future Candidates.

The Canadian Regions, Chapters and members at large, strive to achieve the Aims and Objectives of the Association; the recruitment of new members is an ongoing programme; Regions and Chapters hold annual educational seminars and actively participate in the Senior Registration Program; all this work and effort are being done and will continue to be done to improve the professionalism of "The Right-of-Way Man" across Canada with the main objective that he gain the recognition that is rightfully his.



Attending the presentation ceremony were IRWA Secretary Ted Rootham, IRWA Director of Professional Services Ralph Brown, SR/WA, Director of Lands in the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Fred Singleton, Governor General Fred Schreyer, President of Ottawa Chapter 63 Morris Kelso, SR/WA, and St. John's, Newfoundland attorney Graham Wells.

Canadian Governor General Given Honorary IRWA Membership

At a private presentation ceremony held at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, Governor General Edward Schreyer was presented with an honorary IRWA membership certificate. This honor was made possible through the efforts of Fred Singleton, International Education Committee member.

In conversation following the presentation, Schreyer said that he hoped to participate in the benefits offered by the Association. He did not want to be a member in name only and does have a strong interest in land use and development.

The Governor General is the representative in Canada of Queen Elizabeth II. Schreyer was appointed by the Queen in January 1979 on the recommendation of the Canadian government. He is the crown's representative in Canada and represents the Queen in all ceremonial and state functions. The office is not political. Rideau Hall is the official residence of the Governor General.



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