A veteran of World War II, Dr. Barootes was President of the Saskatchewan Medical Association and honorary treasurer of the CMA before being named Deputy President of the CMA in 1976. In that role, he handled CMA affairs on behalf of Dr. Barry O’Donnell of Ireland, who was serving as Joint President of the CMA, British Medical Association and Irish Medical Association that year. Dr. Barootes, who was appointed to the Canadian Senate by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1984, was awarded the CMA Medal of Service in 1981 for “outstanding contributions to medicine and society.”