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TRAILBLAZER IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

Though born in Nova Scotia, Skip Talbot was raised in New Brunswick. He attended Saint John Vocational School, where he earned a certified proficiency in radio in 1953. Skip went on to begin a nearly 30-year career in telecommunications and electronics, working for Transport Canada in Quebec, Labrador and New Brunswick. His employment made him the first Black person in Canada to hold the position of Radio Operator / Flight Service Specialist for Transport Canada. Skip was also the first Black Canadian to hold a bilingual position as a Maintenance Supervisor in Communications. Committed to anti-racism, equality and cross-cultural understanding, Skip has served in an executive role for the Multicultural Association of Greater Moncton and the New Brunswick Multicultural Council. Skip has also been a part of Pride of Race, Unity and Dignity through Education (PRUDE), and has spearheaded several initiatives briefing governments and the Canadian Bar Association on anti-racism and social justice causes.