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Reg. No. 2036 "Billy" purchased 1927 Cochrane, Alberta from D. P. MacDonald for \$150. age 5 yrs. International Horse Show, Olympia, London, England, 1930. King's Coronation, London, England, 1937. New York World's Fair, New York 1939. Stationed—Regina, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Ottawa. Destroyed at Regina, 1944.

Billy had many noble characteristics and was known throughout the Force as one of the friendliest of animals. It was on Billy that the present Commissioner rode while leading the R.C.M.P. contingent during the Coronation ceremonies, London, Eng. in 1937.

Education versus Experience

Many there are who claim that of all teachers, experience is best, while others maintain that the lack of classroom education is like a man travelling along Knowledge Road, tormented by countless detours and with no route map to guide him. The Force believes that both are essential to produce the type of policeman best qualified to carry out police duties. That is the attitude of Commr. S. T. Wood in the matter, a policy he has pursued throughout, since assuming office in 1938. That is why the Canadian Police College with faculties in Regina, Sask., and Rockcliffe, Ont., was established.

The R.C.M.P. recruit during the first months of his engagement is subjected to intense training and study in the theory and practice of successful law enforcement. Afterwards, he gains experience under the tutorship of older members, and thus step by step education combines with experience in moulding a product worthy of the name, policeman. Periodically the experienced member returns to academics so that he can keep in tune with the progress of modern crime prevention.

Education and experience, each plays an important part in everyone's life; education points the way and suggests the means, while experience tempers the choice and is a bulwark against error. In a policeman's career both are essential.