

After nearly ten years of steady growth, the R.C.M.P. *Quarterly* with this issue suspends publication for the war's duration. In the interests of economy of materials and labour, our regimental magazine must step aside, **War Casualty** like many another amenity of peace-time living, until the present world crisis is over.

From its inception in July, 1933, the *Quarterly* has had several objectives: to acquaint members of the Force with the latest developments in criminal investigation through technical articles; to present a picture of the Force's activities through the 'Notes on Recent Cases'; to delve into the historical past for the benefit and instruction of recruits; to record in its Obituary columns the passing of the Force's sons; to act as a link between the Force and the public and show the policeman in his rightful role as a dignified servant serving in the best interests of the community at large. It was also the *Quarterly's* aim to put before the public the little sidelights on the personal, human side of police work—the peace officer off duty, his hobbies and pastimes, the curious and humorous little experiences that are an inevitable part of his profession. The sensational, spectacular phases of crime, so well played up in the press and pulps, were left for others to publicize. The *Quarterly's* underlying aim was to foster and cultivate the public's respect and cooperation in law enforcement and to reveal the policeman as a man with a worth-while job to do—a dependable stalwart maintaining the right and suppressing the wrong for the common good.

But the necessity of winning the war has forced the abandonment of such pursuit for an indefinite period; like coffee, pleasure driving, and electric signs, literary endeavours have to be rationed, curtailed, eliminated. The *Quarterly* must put out its light for the time being.

In this, its farewell-for-the-duration number, the *Quarterly* desires to express thanks to those who have given so generously of their time and talents to make the magazine a success; to writers, non-members of the Force like J. C. Martin, K.C., who from the beginning has contributed instructive legal and historical articles; to John Peter Turner for his valuable historical articles; to Prof. D. J. Wilson, Ph.D.; to George Shepherd, Philip Godsell, F.R.G.S., and many others.

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Thanks must be extended, too, to our advertisers; their support has made various improvements in magazine format and make-up possible. It is hoped that they, as well as our subscribers, will be with us again when Victory is won and publication is re-commenced.

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The editorial committee wishes to announce that some back copies of the *Quarterly* are now available, including several complete sets. The complete sets, limited in number, are to be sold intact for the convenience of those who may wish to get them bound. Anyone wishing to obtain extra editions of the magazine should make application to the editor without delay, as the supply is limited.

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