

a legacy that is no small matter to uphold. Remember above all that you and your working associates **are** the laboratories. You can and will become the driving force that will determine the direction and growth of Forensic Science."

With these words in mind, Forensic Laboratories begin another half-century of service to the Force. Their record over the first 50 years has been impressive and undoubtedly will be again in the next 50 years and beyond. Today the

professionalism and dedication of lab personnel is a tribute to its early beginnings; history mirrors the present, and future performance is bound by those same standards of excellence. To all the staff of RCMP Forensic Laboratories — congratulations and keep up the good work! ■

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