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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SUPERINTENDENT H.A. LARSEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AT THE UNVEILING OF A MONUMENT IN NORWAY THIS SUMMER TO HONOUR THE NORWEGIAN EXPLORER, OTTO SVERDRUP. THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 21, AT STEINKJER, NORTHERN NORWAY, WHERE SVERDRUP SPENT HIS YOUTH. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, CROWN PRINCE OLAV OF NORWAY WILL PERFORM THE UNVEILING.

AS CAPTAIN OF THE FAMOUS NORWEGIAN POLAR VESSEL "FRAM" FROM 1888 TO 1902, OTTO SVERDRUP DISCOVERED AND EXPLORED THE GROUP OF CANADIAN ISLANDS IN THE NORTH WHICH STILL BEAR HIS NAME. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXPLOITS, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS ERECTING THE SVERDRUP MONUMENT AND IS SENDING A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNVEILING CEREMONY. SUPERINTENDENT LARSEN, WHO WAS BORN IN NORWAY, IS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR HIS EXPLORATIONS IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC; PARTICULARLY FOR HIS WARTIME VOYAGES THROUGH THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE AS COMMANDER OF THE R.C.M.P. VESSEL, ST. ROCH.