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New Headquarters Building

Jan. 20, 1953 was the first of a series of "moving days" for branches of "Headquarters" Division and the general exodus from the Justice Building continued until all but the Identification Branch had moved to the building which for the next few years will house the administration centre of the RCMP. This issue's cover pictures give some idea of the size and magnificence of the structure which is being leased for a five-year period from the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Ottawa.

In the near future it is anticipated that the Identification Branch offices as well as "G" Division Headquarters will be able to occupy the quarters assigned to them in the new location and in the Justice Building—shared jointly by the Force and the Justice Department since October 1936—the only space allotted to the RCMP will be in the sub-basement where the shooting range will be housed. Constructed originally as a seminary, the new headquarters building affords the Force approximately 269,000 square feet of space with 200,000 square feet of usable space, exclusive of corridors and washrooms—an increase of nearly 60,000 square feet over the amount previously available. Because of the great expansion in the work of the RCMP through the war and post-war years, it was necessary to locate several branches in buildings scattered about the city. The added