

"L" Division

On February 26 the strength of the Division was increased by the arrival of Cst. H. J. F. Ade and police dog, Donner Von Papen, on transfer from "N" Division, Rockcliffe. This will be the first time a police dog has been stationed at Prince Edward Island.

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The winter months' sports consist mainly of curling, bowling and skiing.

"N" Division

With the disappearance of the last paint pot and the removal of the last scaffolding, Rockcliffe barracks has emerged from the rebuilding operations commenced last summer. Its face-lifting over, "N" Division barracks, capped by a third storey addition, has taken on the dignity of a fine building, balanced, symmetrical and complete.

A nice area of hardwood floor was tacked on to the gym thus doubling its capacity for badminton courts. Two courts were marked out almost before the carpenters had decamped. Members of the division have taken to the game like kids to a soda-fountain, even playing right through the Friday night band practices, which by the way are held at the south end of the gym far enough away to prevent any stray birds from nesting in the euphoniums. Cst. J. I. McLean won the "A" and Cst. H. E. Brownhill the "B" tournaments just concluded.

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Swimming and skiing activities have played no small part in making the Rockcliffe Policeman's lot a happier one this winter—the swimming being done in the glorious depths of the Chateau Laurier tank and the skiing on the slopes to be found near the barracks. With these activities on the go, the local billiard sharks were not slow to take their cue and accordingly they tabled a resolution to start snooker and billiard tournaments, which are now in full swing. In charge of playing arrangements are Cst. J. Dunbar and Cst. L. E. Wilson. Excellent prizes are up for competition.

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A new game, but one as old as the hills, has come to "N" Division—the ancient and honourable game of chess. No doubt this form of mental gymnastics has taken hold with some members because it is open and above board—and always on the square. In any case it's a moving sight to see the intense struggle carried on nightly over the chequered battle field.

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The orchestra has come in for a lot of action this winter. The knockout New Year's Dance, attended by over 500, was followed up by two other successful "hops" in February and March. In February the orchestra played at the Little Theatre for the Ottawa Women's Club and later in the month delivered the sound effects at a Canadian Legion smoker.

The regular Band appeared on the ice at the Auditorium in Ottawa to play at the Ice Carnival staged for the Soldiers' Fund by the Civil Service Hockey League. After some popular numbers by the Band, two fast hockey games provided thrills for a capacity audience.

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On January 15 the Canadian Police College started its first class on a course which covers the whole range of police work. The class numbering eighteen men has been under the direction of Sub-Inspector R. M. Wood and took lectures in the wonderfully equipped new crime laboratory at Rockcliffe. The next instructional class is due to start April 8.