

locked in by Arctic ice—the trip was completed in 86 days. In September 1944 Staff Sergeant Larsen was promoted to commissioned rank in recognition of his outstanding northern service. In 1946 he was promoted to Inspector and in 1953 he was raised to the rank of Superintendent.

The Massey Medal is the latest in a list of honors which have been awarded Superintendent Larsen for his outstanding contribution to the knowledge of Canada's geography. He is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, a Fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America, an honorary member of the Royal Geographical Society, has been awarded the Patron's gold medal by the Royal Geographical Society and also the Polar Medal and bar.

The Massey Medal is for annual award by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, but may be withheld in any year

in which the Society feels that there is no candidate with the necessary qualifications. Mr. Massey, who is now Honorary President of the RCGS, has long expressed great interest in geographical study and the work of the Society in particular. The Medal is the work of craftsmen of the Royal Canadian Mint, and was designed by Mr. Alan Beddoe of Ottawa. The obverse side shows the Shield, Crest and Motto of the Armourial Bearings of the Society, while the reverse includes a hart resting on the ground in front of a crenellated stone tower, which is the device of the Massey Foundation.

Superintendent Larsen's career in the Force has been marked by unique and invaluable service to the country as well as to the Police. His exploits have added rich pages to the Force's history and all personnel will view with satisfaction this additional and signal honor which has been bestowed upon him. ● ● ●

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### It Happened in the Force

A telephone call received by one of our detachments reported that an individual had purchased a large amount of intoxicants which he intended to bootleg. Members of the detachment were unable to locate the subject or his automobile, but it was learned later that he did arrive in the area to begin to sell his wares and that actually he encountered considerable success. Unfortunately (for him) he endeavored to make a sale to a non-drinker who directed him to a customer who lived in a large white house in the residential section of the town. It was truly a surprised salesman when he was taken into custody by the occupant of the large white house, who happened to be the local RCMP constable. No complaint was ever made to the detachment by the non-drinking customer and it was only much later when it was learned why the bootlegger had chosen to peddle his wares at the police office.

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Police work has its humorous side, a fact which is evident in the following comments which were received from persons when identification cards were produced during investigations:

"I don't know anyone by the name of auburn."

"No, I've never seen that man before."

"I'm sure I paid that bill last week."

"Sorry, I have all the insurance I need."

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A description in a wanted circular listed a fugitive's identifying characteristics as follows: "Male, 170 lbs; stocky build; black hair, brown eyes, *pub nose*, ruddy complexion."