

Bill's co-workers in this province also wish him well at his new posting to his native province of New Brunswick.

Retirement Supt. D. I. Watson officially retired from the Force on May 30, 1978, but before he left on retirement leave, he and his wife were guests of honour at a social function attended by over 500 couples at the Apollo Club, Torbay. During the evening Supt. Watson was the recipient of a gift from the Recreation Club. Also, Insp. G. Timko, A/Officer Commanding St. John's Sub-Division, made a presentation of a Newfoundland seascape painting on behalf of St. John's Sub-Division personnel.

Another gathering was held in the "B" Division Officers Mess in honour of the departing couple. Among the special guests were the Honourable T. Alex Hickman, Q.C., Justice Minister for the Province, and Mrs. Hickman. At the function, gifts were received by Supt. Watson from the Division Officers and the Officers' Presentation and Floral Fund.

Supt. and Mrs. Watson have taken up residence in London, Ontario and their many friends in "B" Division wish them a long and happy retirement.



Supt. and Mrs. D. I. Watson.

Depot Division (Headquarters — Regina, Sask.)

Another Milestone Last May 1st the Academy at Depot was the scene of yet another one of many Troop graduations. The day's activities started at the swimming pool as they do for any other graduation; members of Troop 18 — 77/78 were as nervous as any other graduating class, having been preparing for this special day since the 28th of October; friends and relatives were watching. Is this not a near carbon copy of hundreds of other Troop Graduations? The answer is yes and no. Why then should Troop 18 — 77/78 receive preferential treatment by having an article appear in the Quarterly when your graduation and mine did not even deserve honorable mention in the annals of the Force?

To understand the reasons we have to go back to late 1975 when word came to the Academy from Headquarters that plans were in the offing to have a Troop undergo training entirely in French. From then on plans were underway to provide for this request. Bilingual instructors had to be identified and brought in to the Academy, the Translation Bureau, already kept busy with our requirements, took on additional work. The regular outside resources brought in for our Human Relations Program had to

be replaced by bilingual people. With the assistance of the regular resources a Judge and a representative of the Probation Services were brought in from Winnipeg.

A guest lecturer from Saskatoon talked about the Canadian Correction Services while another from Hull spoke on the National Parole Services. A Regina Doctor, Dr. D. E. Walters, and a Montreal Psychologist, Dr. J. P. Hogue, completed the list of outside resources. Other in-house adjustments were made to fit the needs.

Troop 18 — 77/78 was the first Troop of regular members to undergo Basic Recruit Training entirely in French and is therefore unique. It was made up of only 16 members because of what was thought to be too many unforeseen variables, but in retrospect the Depot staff could have handled a full complement of 32 members with ease. Of the 16 members in the Troop, two were bilingual and the remaining 14 had very limited knowledge of English. The latter are presently in Ottawa attending language training and the bilingual members have taken up their duties in "J" Division.