



D/Commr. Proke and D/Commr. Berlinquette during Tipstaff presentation; with the North West Region Emblem.

West Region Command as passed on by the Commissioner of the RCMP. This work of art displays the coat of arms of the three provinces and one territory in the sculptured head, the rank of the Deputy Commissioner on a brass band at the upper end of the shaft, and the five divisional flag emblems engraved on the brass band at the bottom.

This Establishment of Command ceremony was held in a traditional fashion with the Commissioner being represented by D/Commr. Proke, with the mustering of the troops and inspection by S/M Roger Tardif — and later on by the Inspection Party — and with the marching in of the Commanding Officers of the North West Region: A/Commr. John Moodie (“D” Division), A/Commr. Brian Watt (“F” Division), A/Commr. Don McDermid (“K” Division), C/Supt. Ross Grimmer (“G” Division), and C/Supt. André Gauthier (“Depot” Division). This was followed by the playing of the Regimental March, opening remarks by Insp. Cindy and François Villeneuve, blessings by Father Don McNeil, Chaplain Allan Higgs and Mr. Isador Pelletier, the official signing of the Parchment, the presentation of the Tipstaff and Ensigns, followed by customary speeches by various dignitaries and finally, the March Past.

Dignitaries and special guests in attendance included The Hon. John Wiebe, Lt.-Gov. of

Saskatchewan and Mrs. Wiebe; The Hon. Victor E. Toews, Q.C., Min. of Justice and Attorney General (Manitoba) and Mrs. Toews; The Hon. John Nilson, Q.C., Min. of Justice and Attorney General (Saskatchewan) and Mrs. Nilson; Nora Sanders, Asst. D/Minister of Justice (Northwest Territories); Vice-Chief Terry Sanderson, Indian Governments of Saskatchewan; Wilf Blondeau, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan; President Harry W. Daniels, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples; His Worship Doug Archer, Mayor of Regina, and Mrs. Archer; D/Chief Laurent Toupin, Regina Police Service; Chief Terry Coleman, Moose Jaw Police; Mr. Hugh Gordon, Director of Fires Services (Regina Fire Dept.); various Chief Justices, representatives of other police forces, various corporations, municipal and provincial government departments, local media and RCMP employees.

The Establishment of Command Ceremony represented a historical moment for the Force, as well as a day of forging ahead and developing a new era in policing. This new era will be transparent, as the public seeks no less from its police personnel than the core values of integrity and honesty. Public accountability must be the highest priority. D/Commr. Berlinquette quoted from the book *The Mounties*, the comments made by one of the first members of the Force to don the uniform and ride the Prairies, Sub-Constable E.H. Maunsell: “Have I not reason to be justly proud of the boast that I