

# A Full Day for the Musical Ride

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June 24, 1993 was very busy as well as a very significant day for the RCMP Musical Ride. Rows of anxious school children, their beaming faces surpassed in brightness only by the glorious sun shining above, lined the streets inside the entrance to the Canadian Police College, Rockcliffe, Ontario. With tiny effigies of the new RCMP Equitation Ensigns clutched in their hands, they awaited the arrival of The Right Honourable Ramon J. Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Gerda Hnatyshyn.

The RCMP Band was playing and the members of the Musical Ride stood at attention beside their horses as the Victoria Carriage carrying Their Excellencies arrived in front of the review platform, set up for the occasion, in front of the Officers' Mess. They stepped down onto the red carpet where they were greeted by RCMP Commissioner N.D. Inkster. They approached the review platform where

the special guests were introduced: Mrs. M.A. Inkster, J.M. Shoemaker, QC, Deputy Commissioner Corporate Management; Mrs. B. Shoemaker; C/Supt. J.D. Walker, Director, Public Affairs; Mrs. G. Walker and Supt. D. Cleveland, the Commissioner's Executive Assistant.



His Excellency, the Governor General, inspecting the Musical Ride accompanied by Commr. Inkster.



The RCMP Band ready for inspection by His Excellency, the Governor General.