

the two codfish they had given Carr earlier was still in the cockpit.

Word reached Cpl. W. H. Orser and Cst. W.B. Parker, St John's Sub-Division Drug Section, who had investigated for some time the rumour that marihuana was about to be imported into Canada, somewhere along the 6,000-mile coastline of Newfoundland. Orser and Parker took over the investigation, and for the following six years, would travel with Crown Counsel to Jamaica, the U.S., Ireland and England, in search of other suspects.

Charged with importing narcotics, Carr was tried by a judge and jury at St John's, in 1976. Represented by Newfoundland criminal lawyer Gerald F. O'Brien, QC, his defence of "duress" to the importation charge was unsuccessful. Carr was convicted and sentenced to eight years imprisonment.

Sexton was sentenced to ten years in jail and was incarcerated at Dorchester Penitentiary in New Brunswick. He was

granted an escorted temporary absence to attend a conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and gave his Corrections Canada escort the slip. He was arrested later for his role in the importation of 33,000 lb. of marihuana into Canada, off the coast of British Columbia, following an investigation by the RCMP and the the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The *Carrero*, worth \$250,000, was subjected to three unsuccessful forfeiture applications under the Narcotic Control Act. Canada Customs proposed levies against the yacht for customs violations, and a deal was struck. Upon release from prison, Carr could have his yacht back, provided he removed it permanently from Canada. In time, Carr sailed out of St John's harbour aboard the *Carrero*. Whether he intended to adhere to his part of the bargain with Canada Customs is not known. In any event, this question was to become academic; the uninsured yacht sank to the bottom of the Atlantic, off the U.S. coast, and Carr was rescued by a passing freighter. ■

Charlie's Quest

by Cst. G.L. Thierman

When Charlie Gauthier was growing up in Ross, Manitoba, he never thought that one day he would be racing dog teams across the frozen expanse of the Eastern Arctic, through the mountains and lakes of the Yukon and Alaska, or that he would be entering the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest International Dog Sled Race. But

as he tried to control his dog team at the starting line on February 18, 1989, he realized he had come a long way from riding into town on a dog sled dressed as Santa.

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