



The Queen inspects a variety of air-rescue planes and equipment at Canadian Forces Base, Summerside, P.E.I. on July 2.

Franche de la Marine and the 78th Fraser Highlanders. At Summerside, before a crowd of 8,000, the Queen opened the Centennial Summer Games.

On the evening of July 2, the Queen and Prince Philip attended a special presentation of the musical *Anne of Green Gables* at Charlottetown's Confederation Centre.

RCMP centennial

The royal visitors left Prince Edward Island by air at noon on July 3, headed for Regina, Saskatchewan, and one of the top events of their tour – the centennial celebrations of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The flight was broken by a two-hour stopover at Thunder Bay, Ontario, at the head of Lake Superior – the result of the amalgamation of the “Lakehead Cities” of Port Arthur and Fort William. At the nearby Mount McKay Objibway Indian Resort, the Queen received the homage of five chiefs of the Robinson Superior Treaty in full regalia. An unusual feature of this brief visit was the singing of “Will Ye No Come Back Again” in Objibway.

In the late afternoon of the same day, the royal *Boeing 747* arrived at Regina, where the Queen and Prince Philip were greeted by the Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan and a number of other officials. The guard of honour was provided by the RCMP Commissioner W.L. Higgitt at the Force's Depot, where four troops of recruits consisting of 32 men each were drawn up for Her Majesty's inspection and for the presentation of a new regimental flag or *guidon* (as such pennants are called in cavalry tradition). The former guidon, presented by King George V in 1935, symbolizes the history, tradition and service to which it belongs. (Inspection by the Queen had not been planned, but Her Majesty, on her arrival at Regina Airport the previous day, had said she would like to inspect the guard.) The old colours were borne off to the strains of the regimental march, to be draped in the RCMP chapel, and the new colour was placed over the drums.

The old guidon bears four campaign honours – the North West Rebellion in 1885, South Africa in 1901, the First World War and the Siberian Campaign of 1918-1919. The new guidon bears campaign honours for the Force's role in action in the Second World War. In the centre of the flag is the Force's motto “Maintiens le Droit”.

Her Majesty, who is Honorary Commissioner of the Force, handed the new colours to Commissioner Higgitt, after which a royal salute was given with the new colours. The Queen addressed the gathering, including 2,500 spectators, as follows:

Queen's RCMP speech

“For 100 years the Force has kept the peace in Canada and, during that time, it has helped countless organizations on all sorts of occasions. Today it is your turn, and, as your Honorary Commissioner, I am delighted to be with you for this very special anniversary. It is particularly appropriate that this parade should be held in Regina, which has been associated with the Force ever since its earliest days and which was its headquarters for almost 40 years. There are police forces all over the world but none has acquired the fame and reputation of Canada's Mounties. Your bearing and smart uniforms, together with your prowess in remote areas in arduous

conditions, have certainly contributed to this reputation. But there is a more important reason. Keeping the peace, particularly in an age of pioneering foment, is no easy matter. Yet, by their integrity, persistence and devotion to duty, the men of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police succeeded in maintaining law and order on a confidence of the civil government throughout a vast area which might otherwise might have succumbed to lawless claims. They gained the respect and admiration of all the people, whatever their origin, while the wrongdoer went in healthy fear of their efficiency, without losing faith in their fairness and justice....

“I particularly value your close association with my family. A contingent of the Force took part in Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 1897 and my grandfather's Silver Jubilee in 1935. The Force has been represented at every coronation since that of King Edward VII, and I well remember the splendid detachment at my own coronation. This connection is not limited to state occasions. Members of my family have enjoyed your protection during visits to Canada ever since my



At the RCMP centennial ceremonies at Regina, Saskatchewan on July 4, Queen Elizabeth, Honorary Commissioner of the Force, presents new guidon.