

RCMP Quarterly 65th Anniversary

In 1933, the RCMP celebrated its Diamond Jubilee and launched the *Quarterly* as the official magazine of the Force. The publication was designed to promote efficiency and reflect the RCMP view of its growing responsibilities. I'm proud to say that, 65 years later, the *Quarterly* is still fulfilling that role. The magazine provides employees, both new and long-serving, with a colourful glimpse into the RCMP's history and traditions while illuminating the road to the future.

Leafing through back issues of the *Quarterly* paints a portrait of what we've accomplished and where we're going. Our lives from birth to death are chronicled in the pages of the magazine. From graduation photos, to regimental dinners to divisional dispatches, the *Quarterly* covers all aspects of life in the RCMP.

Over the years the *Quarterly* has gained a strong reputation across Canada and around the world. Copies of the magazine can be found in various government offices and libraries, at historical societies' offices and of course, many members have their own collections. Many universities, colleges and libraries rely on the *Quarterly* as a prime source of reference regarding the history of the RCMP.

While half the *Quarterly*'s readers are employees, veterans make up a large part of the rest of the audience. Every year the publication helps them retain strong links to the Force and remain part of our family. As a result, the *Quarterly* receives overwhelming support from our veterans and the communities we serve; many of whom want to volunteer their time to help record history. I'm told that there usually aren't even enough desks or computers to accommodate all the volunteers.

Since much of the *Quarterly*'s readership is external to the RCMP, the publication offers the organization a unique opportunity to ensure its messages are heard. It enables us to promote a positive image of the RCMP around the world and show how the RCMP is inextricably linked with the development of Canada.

It's also quite fitting that the *Quarterly*'s 65th anniversary coincides with the Force's 125th anniversary. Both milestones provide a time for us to look back at what we've accomplished over the past century and a quarter. I think the *Quarterly* certainly stands out as a distinctive achievement in the history of the RCMP.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the *Quarterly* many more years of success! Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard over the past 65 years to produce such a fine publication. I'm proud that we have continued this fine tradition and exemplified the spirit in which the *Quarterly* was developed.

Commissioner J.P.R. Murray