

number of recruits proved unsuitable after being put through their initial training. Some recruits showed little realism of the scope and responsibilities of their new occupation, seemed more imbued with romantic ideas of tracking down criminals in the Arctic or with an obsession to don the scarlet tunic than with a genuine desire to make good in a serious vocation.

All this is of the past, for the present psychological methods tend to eliminate the speculative factor and to lessen the chance of men being accepted who would not make efficient peace officers, thus at the same time conserving the tax-payers' money.

As has happened in other professions, six years of warfare have left their mark on the Force. During those years our recruiting was negligible and to help us through that trying period, over-age and otherwise below-standard men and women were employed while members with pensionable service were kept on unless their health failed.

The policeman's daily rounds take him to the very core of crime and crime-creating conditions and on the whole he carries heavier responsibilities of citizenship than any other class of citizen. His life never has been easy, and indications are that it will become more exacting as time goes on. With the increased tempo of modern living, the greater volume of crime and the added intricacies of police work, every policeman must be chosen with care and trained thoroughly if he is to meet successfully the problems likely to confront him. More than ever his duties will demand instant decisions, and there will be fewer guiding precedents.

Recruitment is a task of paramount importance, for the effectiveness of any body depends primarily upon the quality of the individuals that comprise it. No one will dispute the fact that special scientific attention should be given to the type of post-war entrant to the police service when it is realized that a man taken on the strength may be there for well over a quarter of a century.

The Force's current drive for recruits to replace its wartime losses is bringing gratifying results. In the three branches of our work—land, sea and air—there are attractive and rare opportunities for travel, adventure and public service, and possibly the revised rates of pay brought about on October 1 this year have also had something to do with the satisfactory response to the call for recruits.

The R.C.M.P. enters the post-war era with optimism. In the process of reinvigorating the Force with the kind of recruits who can cope with these problems some modernization seemed necessary, and the personnel department is our assurance that the torch will be passed on to willing and capable hands.

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Doubly appropriate to this issue of the *Quarterly* is our cover picture which depicts Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein with two members of the Force both of whom served Overseas with No. 1 Provost Co. (R.C.M.P.). Taken **Our Cover** outside the cabin reserved for the distinguished soldier at Jasper National Park, where he spent a few days of leisure after his strenuous coast-to-coast tour as a guest of the Canadian Government, the picture commemorates a triumphant visit and in future years will serve to recall the expressions of his high regard for the Force which he frequently made and which were prompted by the efficiency and deportment of those members who attended him on duty.

Cooperating with the military authorities, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were in charge of police measures for security and crowd control and provided security escorts at the various points visited by Lord Montgomery during his cross-country trip.

The sound of Canada's tumultuous welcome has since died down, and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff has returned to his many duties in England, but Monty's photograph prompts the reflection that many of our men have now doffed the khaki of the Battle-dress Patrol and donned their scarlet again.

The *Quarterly* is happy to present as its lead article a graphic though general story of the activities of the Force's men in khaki. Up to the time of this magazine's suspension