

Paul Cederberg Retires

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"How would you like to write a short article for the *RCMP Quarterly* about S/Sgt. Paul Cederberg's service and contributions to the RCMP over the years?"

"Well now," I wondered aloud, "where would I begin?" I didn't meet Paul until April, 1961, and he had joined the Force in 1952. In Toronto, I believe. Yes, that's right, Paul was a "Hogtownner." He was sworn in at the old "O" Division headquarters over on Sullivan Street.

"If you can find out some of the details, jot them down into some kind of order and send them to us. You don't mind doing that, do you?"

"I guess not. I'll check around and try to get some accurate dates and so forth. Oh, by the way, when do you want this?"

"In 10 days."

"Wow! That's crowding it."

"Ten days should be enough. I'm sure you can have something ready by then. Don't worry too much about form and grammar — we'll polish it up prior to printing it."

"Well, I'll try. Since I'll have to do this on my own time, I don't suppose I'll be paid overtime, will I?"

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Well now, where to begin. Should this be historical, chronological, or facts only? Should I try a human interest angle? After all, Paul was quite a character while he was in the Force, and probably still is. Maybe I should talk to some of the people who worked with him over the years and, oh yes, be sure to talk to some



"Hagar" Sven Oscar "Paul" Cederberg (the Horrible) adorned with traditional viking headdress, at his retirement party.

of the guys in the Sergeants' Mess and maybe at the Leaf. Good plan — I'll start tomorrow. Meanwhile, what do I know about this man?

A quick check started me off with some of the regular data, such as his date and place of birth (June 8, 1932, Toronto, Ont.), that he joined the RCMP on July 21, 1952, and after training at Depot Division, Regina, he was posted to "E" Division in British Columbia. From 1953 to 1956, he