



Col. C. H. Sharman, C.M.G., C.B.E.



K. C. Hossick.

An Ex-member of the Force Takes Over from an Ex-member as Chief of Narcotics Division

In March, 1946, Col. C. H. Sharman, C.M.G., C.B.E., retired from his post as Chief of Narcotics Division, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, Ont., thereby terminating 48 years of service in the Canadian Government, and Mr. K. C. Hossick, his assistant, was promoted to the position he vacated.

Between these two men runs a curious series of related biographical experiences.

Both hailed from the British Isles: Colonel Sharman was born and educated in England; Mr. Hossick was born in Scotland and received part of his education at King's College, London, Eng.

Both have had war experience: Colonel Sharman served in the South African War and in 1914 took command of the First Ottawa Battery, Canadian Artillery, overseas—he was wounded in the second battle of Ypres; Mr. Hossick saw action with the 13th Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada, in Belgium and France during World War I, and also acted in the capacity of administrative officer and secretary with the Director General of Medical Services.

Both are ex-members of the Force:

Colonel Sharman engaged in the N.W. M.P. at Regina, Sask., on Nov. 1, 1898, and

saw service in Maple Creek, Moose Jaw and other points in the West. He took his discharge with the rank of sergeant on Oct. 31, 1903, entered the narcotic service in 1904 and became chief in 1927. He was Canadian representative on the International Conference on Narcotics at Geneva in 1931 and 1936, and has been a member of the International Opium Advisory Committee since 1934.

Mr. Hossick engaged in the Force at Ottawa on Dec. 3, 1920, with the rank of staff sergeant and, after seven years' service as N.C.O. in charge of the medical branch at R.C.M.P. Headquarters, Ottawa, was granted a free discharge on Mar. 31, 1928, to accept the position of assistant to the Chief of Narcotics Division.

Both men hold executive positions in various associations and each has had years of experience in narcotic work. To Colonel Sharman, who has been recently elected chairman of the narcotic drug commission established under the Economical and Social Council of the United Nations, and to Mr. Hossick, the new Chief of Narcotics Division, we extend our hearty congratulations.