

Marching Into the Future

Establishing the North West Region

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In traditional fashion last January, the RCMP continued its march into the future, while recognizing its illustrious past, by formalizing the establishment of the North West Region (NWR) Command at Regina.

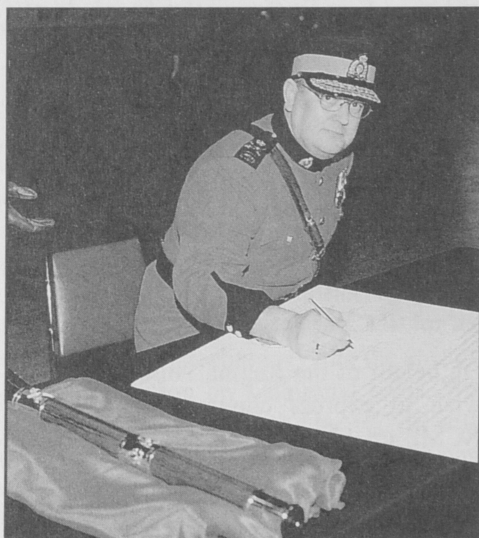
During an Establishment of Command Ceremony held on January 26, 1998, the Deputy Commissioner of the North West Region and the Commanding Officers of the Divisions located therein, signed a parchment as a public declaration attesting to the official launch of the North West Region and to their pledge of commitment to continue to uphold the tradition of excellence entrenched by the members of the NWMP. They also agreed to openly demonstrate their commitment to the Shared Leadership Vision and further agreed to actively strive to ensure safe communities and safe homes for all the citizens served by the Force.

In his allocation during the ceremony D/Commr. R.C. Berlinquette said, "Some would hasten to say that we are reliving history as it was 125 years ago ... When the North-West Mounted Police first broke ground on their March West to bring peace and good order."

The North-West Mounted Police was established in 1873 by the federal government to

police the vast areas of western Canada that today comprises the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. This year, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police celebrates its 125th anniversary, it is significant that we take time to recognize the establishment of the North West Region (NWR) Command.

Sgt. J.T.N. (Norman) Fradet of the RCMP Armourer Unit, at "Depot" Division, handcrafted the tipstaff that was presented on January 26, 1998, to D/Commr. Berlinquette by D/Commr. Larry Proke on behalf of Commissioner Murray. The tipstaff symbolizes the authority vested in the North



D/Commr. Berlinquette signing the Parchment.