

races, novelty events, horseshoe pitching and a ball game.

Gatherings allied to the picnic were held at three other points during the Summer also. Colpitt's Ranch five miles west of Calgary was the scene of **Calgary Sub-Division's** second annual **barbecue** June 22. Some 400 persons attended this popular outing where several hundred pounds of prime Alberta beef was consumed.

A similar event—though not nearly so large—was held July 9 at a farm near **Saskatoon** where sizzling steaks were barbecued to perfection by chief cooks Cpl. A. Sikora and Cst. J. R. Garstang.

Then down Nova Scotia way, the newly-formed **Sydney Sub-Division** "Stetsonettes" under Mrs. Barbara MacDowell were responsible for arranging a **wiener roast**-marshmallow toast August 9 at the Ben Eoin Sand Bar. Twenty-five couples partook of the goodies.

There were a few late Spring **dances** and one of these was **"A" Division's** annual combined rifle and revolver and bowling clubs' affair June 10 at HMCS *Carleton*. This is always a popular event and well attended by personnel in the Ottawa area in addition to the division's own members. The Officer Commanding, Asst. Commr. C. N. K. Kirk, presented the trophies and prizes to the season winners in the two groups.

Another dance, sponsored by the **Regina** RCMP Bowling League, was held June 24 in the basement of the "Depot" Division Mess. The Club Aces provided the music and during the affair, the Officer Commanding "F" Division, Asst. Commr. E. H. Perlson, awarded prizes to individual and team winners. Also, a farewell token was made to S/Sgt. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, both of whom enjoyed a good season of bowling, and who were "on transfer" to Yorkton.

Asst. Commr. and Mrs. S. Bullard were the guests of honor at an informal dinner and dance at the Assiniboine Hotel, Winnipeg, June 15, when members of **"D" Division** were on hand to say farewell to their Officer Commanding who retired from the Force July 31 with over 33 years' service. Presentation of a painting to the O.C. and a chair to Mrs. Bullard was made.

Among the distinguished guests at **"E" Division's** annual ball held at Butchart Gardens near Victoria May 27 were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Ross, owners of the Gardens, the Hon. and Mrs. R. W. Bonner, Attorney-General of the province and Mayor P. B. Scurrah of Victoria.

Alex's Bar B-Q in **Kamloops** was the setting for that sub-division's annual ball held May 3 and attended by about 350 persons including some from as far away as Williams Lake, B.C. Music was provided by the Rocky Mountain



The "receiving line" at "E" Division ball, from the left, Insp. P. Bazowski, Mrs. Bazowski, Asst. Commr. D. O. Forrest, Mrs. Forrest, S/Sgt. Major E. C. R. Woods, Mrs. Woods.

Rangers and the ball officially opened by Supt. J. B. Harris, O.C.

A combined banquet-dance was held in the Silver Room of the Hume Hotel, **Nelson, B.C.**, when members of that sub-division paid farewell respects to Insp. and Mrs. E. S. W. Batty, Officer Commanding for the past three years and now O.C. at Fredericton, N.B. and welcomed the new O.C. and his wife, Insp. and Mrs. F. W. Joinson. Ex-S/Sgt. J. L. Smith, recently retired sub-division NCO, presented the departing couple with an original oil painting by Alec J. Garner of Six Mile Lake in the Kootenays, also a scroll containing the names of the members of Nelson Sub-Division. Among the head table guests were Mayor and Mrs. T. Shorthouse of Nelson, Mayor and Mrs. Read of Trail, B.C., Chief Parsons of Spokane (Wash.) City Police, Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Braun of Spokane and Deputy Sheriff Syl Colistr of Spokane. Music was supplied by Roy Kline and Cst. Ken Wickens of Nelson Detachment helped out with his accordion.

A previous dance was held May 27 in Nelson in the new RCMP administration building, this time to say "so long" to two members retiring to pension, S/Sgt. J. L. Smith, sub-division NCO, and Cpl. E. Kidd, NCO in charge of communications. Gifts were presented by Inspector Batty and also during the course of the evening, he presented Long Service Medals

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