

ment functions. It is presently estimated that over 13,000 voluntary men-hours have been expended by L Division auxiliary force members in training and assistance to the regular Force and the Province of P.E.I.

A survey of present membership shows representation from all walks of life. Included are town councillors, oil company agents, plumbers, tinsmiths, auto mechanics, truck drivers, retail and wholesale salesmen, insurance agents and adjusters, a dentist, an air traffic controller, a postmaster, supervisors and employees of telephone and electrical companies, etc. Some are otherwise qualified through such hobbies as amateur

radio, scuba diving and aircraft pilots.

The selflessness of these men becomes apparent when one considers the following extract from a short talk given by an auxiliary member at an auxiliary force Regimental Dinner:

"Each and every one of the members are in the organization because we believe in the work that we are doing, are grateful for the training that we receive and we hope that we are providing a useful assistance when required by the RCMP."

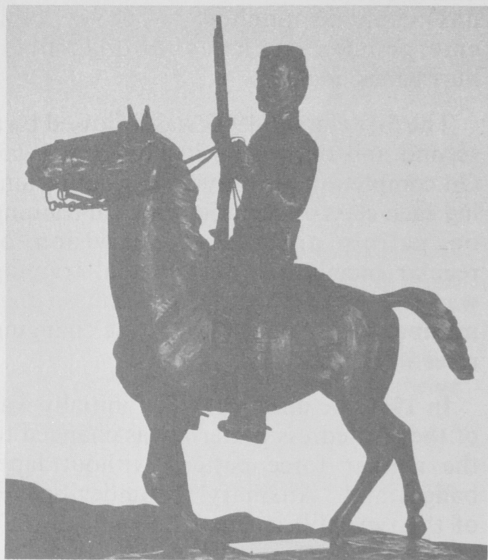
May it be known that their assistance is both useful and highly appreciated by the members of L Division.

A Friend Passes On

Members of the Force were saddened recently, when informed that a long-time friend, Mr. William O. Sweet, passed away in Reno, Nevada, during the last week of November, 1975. He was president and Chairman of the Board of Sweet Manufacturing Co., West Mansfield, Mass.

Mr. Sweet's association and generosity to the Force goes back quite a number of years, exactly when is lost in time. However, he missed no opportunity to renew old acquaintances or make new friendships with members whenever he travelled to Canada. Numbered foremost amongst those is our present and several former Commissioners.

Perhaps most visitors to the main Headquarters building in Ottawa have noticed a very visible example of Mr. Sweet's generosity. Displayed in the main foyer, encased in glass, stands the bronze statue pictured here, donated to the Force in 1962. But that was merely a beginning. In 1966, he presented an old vintage rifle to the Force. The Commissioner, G. B. McClellan (ret.), in turn presented him with a bridle, described as a "head collar complete with Portsmouth bit bridoon and curb rein". Mr. Sweet promised they would be mounted in his "RCMP Conference Room". In 1966, he presented the Force with two highly pedigreed



Siberian Husky pups, "Jet Jr." and "Taku", a male and female. Unfortunately, transportation became mechanized a few years later, and sled dogs were phased out.

Certainly his kindness, friendship and affability will be sadly missed. Sincerest condolences go out to his wife and family from all who knew him.