

Opposite—View of new building taken from top of old Administration Building.

Right—Unveiling of plaque over old hitching-ring on wall of new building.

close to its old position as possible, and as a memento of the old stables.

Assistant Commissioner Curleigh's wishes were carried out, but at the same time a number of members and ex-members of the Force who had ridden their patrols or drills at "K" Division Headquarters decided that the old hitching-ring should be suitably described. As a result, these members and ex-members put together a sum of money and with the kind permission of Commissioner Nicholson a small brass plaque was erected on the outer wall of the new building immediately above the hitching-ring. The inscription on this plaque reads:

"This hand-forged hitching-ring is one of the originals installed in the R.N.W.M.P. stables erected on this location during the year 1910 A.D. and was later restored to its approximate original location during the year 1957 A.D."

When this plaque was being erected, S/Sgt. E. Davies of the Supply Branch at Headquarters brought to the attention of the Officer Commanding "K" Division the fact that Reg. No. 11078 S/Sgt. H. M. Dixon, now Section NCO at Prince Albert Sub-Division, had taken the last actual investigational patrol by saddle-horse from Edmonton Post in the spring of 1932. Although horses were retained at Edmonton Post for ceremonial purposes and for training purposes, and although the troop did its last official police function in the Edmonton riot of December 1932, nevertheless Staff Sergeant Dixon had taken a horse from this Post to make an investigation in the country for the last time in 1932.

It was decided to ask the Commissioner's permission to have Staff Sergeant Dixon unveil the plaque and hitching-ring on the occasion of the opening of



the new building, and this permission was quickly granted.

It was a great pleasure for all present to have Staff Sergeant Dixon with us and to have him carry out the unveiling of this memorial on behalf of so many hundreds of men who had spent some part of their service in the saddle at Edmonton.

For this occasion there was one of the largest turnouts of ex-members of the division that has ever been seen at Edmonton. Space will not permit recording all of them but to mention one or two, there was ex-Deputy Commissioner Moss of the Ontario Provincial Police, who as a Staff Sergeant in the RNWMP rode patrols from Edmonton. Also present was Inspr. W. E. Buchanan (Rtd.), who told this writer of riding saddle-horse at Edmonton over 40 years ago.

Following this impressive ceremony, one which brought back many memories, the Lieutenant-Governor, Premier Manning and their ladies inspected the new building. Later in the afternoon the first official reception was held in the new