

carrying out the various functions of the other government departments. The Force has not set the policies but has carried them out fully and carefully on behalf of the department it represented in the field. Now in some places it no longer has to administer to the sick of an area, handle employment of Eskimo matters, administer family allowances and relief of destitute persons and so forth, but it does continue to serve each community in its prime capacity. Members of the RCMP during these years have undergone great hardships and privations in patrolling the North in the interests of the native people, and these interests are just as sincere today. The values concerning the integrity of our government as a whole, fairness, rights of human beings, law and order and so forth are as important today as they were 50 years ago. The task of law enforcement is not an easy one for each member of the Force in the North must have an understanding of the basic concepts of primitive law of the Eskimo before he can engage in the task of imposing new legal and moral standards on the native people.

Many things the Force does are subtle contributions, however they are some of the genuine and most essential values which we can encourage in our citizens of the North. And as the Force is making a good part of its contribution in a seemingly hidden way, so are other

government departments who are now so actively administering to the needs of all. That is why I say that now in these present developments we must realize that the government and other agencies working in the advanced techniques of today are really accomplishing far more than is at first apparent. Probably within a few years there will all of a sudden be some major unexpected and pleasing results which will mushroom out of this mass of ground-work. And possibly within this generation there will be in this northern part of Canada one of the greatest advances ever evidenced in the development of both the human and natural resources that the world has ever seen. Our almost once forgotten northern heritage, we have discovered, is an exceedingly rich one.

There is hope for the old people today, work and good reward for us and an even better life for the children who tomorrow will carry on the work which is being laid down now. The slow beginnings from when the Eskimo migrated across from Alaska accelerated with the coming of the explorers, missionaries, government personnel and military establishments. Now we are in the era of jets and missiles and even probing into outer space itself. Wherever we are going tomorrow, one thing is certain, it will depend to a large degree upon our national treasure of human and natural resources of the north-land. ● ● ●

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From Mrs. J. Mann, the Yethon family and W. R. Billings of Innisfree, Alta., *The Quarterly* has received the following expression of thanks:

"We would like to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind and sympathetic help we received from Supt. H. C. Langton and Insp. T. Horn of Edmonton, Insp. M. T. Laberge of Red Deer, and Sgt. D. E. Webster of Vegreville, at the time of our bereavement of our son and brother, Cst. R. Yethon, Wetaskiwin."

(See also "K" Division Bulletin and Obituary Column.)

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Cst. Bryan Gelly, Police Station, Fawkner, Victoria, Australia, is interested in corresponding with personnel of the R.C.M.P. A Senior Constable in the Victoria Police, Constable Gelly has been a member of that force for ten years, is a former member of the C.I.B. and is now in charge of the Station at Fawkner.