



The present detachment office and quarters, built in 1952, are a far cry from when ex-Sgt. Trolove chipped the knots down with an adze.

Cochrane, Ont. From there they travelled by canoe, as he puts it, "... for three fires", meaning four days. He arrived in Moose Factory on September 2, 1926, and set up shop immediately — albeit in the Hudson's Bay Company's staff house. George Ray, the Bay manager and local Magistrate, was away at Charlton Island where the supply ship was off-loading supplies for all the H.B.C. posts in the James Bay area. Cst. Trolove left Moose Factory on a sailing ship to meet Mr. Ray there, and returned with him on the H.B.C. boat "Churchill" near the end of September.

Back in Moose Factory and through the courtesy of the Company, Cst. Trolove established himself in a building he is sure was once used as a community dance hall. The soft wood of the floor boards was worn away by the dancing feet until the knots protruded upwards and made walking in moccasins a fairly uncomfortable exercise. Ron said he spent many an hour with an adze hewing them

down so they were level with the rest of the floor. Next he had to lay in a supply of firewood cut from the surrounding woods on Factory Island. Furniture had to be made, a lock-up partitioned off, and with the onset of winter and having just arrived from the south, he needed some warm winter clothing. Ron said he was amazed when a young Indian lady came to his house, measured him with a string, and made a parka which fit him perfectly.

Detachment supplies such as typewriter, stationery, statute books, had to be portaged in from the south in the same way Cst. Trolove arrived. They finally arrived and the detachment was firmly established. Luckily, Ron said, he could eat in the Bay staff house when not away on patrol.

No sooner was Cst. Trolove settled than he was called to investigate an alleged case of incest. The investigation, the suspect's arrest and escort out to Cochrane took 36 days, all in the dead of winter.