

Job Offer

Dear Editor,

It was September 6, 1978, when I wrote my first letter to you, seeking information about the Louis Cardinal story for my Sudbury friend, Clifford A. Fielding. This time, my request is a bit different.

Mr. Fielding owns Cloche Island, just north of Little Current, Ontario, a total of 25,000 acres. Since July 20th I have done what I could to try and find a couple qualified to manage his lodge and farm. The man must be able to handle horses, cattle and farm equipment, and perform necessary manual work.

The woman will work as a cook-housekeeper at the owner's lodge, mainly for weekend guests. An attractive six-room stone house will be provided free for the couple, in addition to the usual salaries and benefits.

Would you consider running this request in *the Quarterly*?

Sincerely,

H. Willard Reed

Although we do not normally advertise in the Quarterly, Mr. Fielding's offer of employment seems ideally suited to retired or retiring members of the RCMP.

Readers interested in this position should phone Mr. Reed in Port Hope, Ontario, at 416-885-6625, or write to: N. Swanson, Box 1000, Copper Cliff, Ontario. Ed.

Through a woman's eyes

Dear Editor,

Your article "Policemen and Their Families" by Dr. Lawrence Breen was most enjoyable and informative. However, I was personally left with questions, frustrations, and some observations of my own that I would like to share with you.

The article, although unbiased, was nevertheless written by a male who couldn't possibly "see" a member or the Force through a wife's, or even more to the point, a women's eyes.

Your author points out that alcoholism, depression and divorce are well above the national average, due mainly to the high stress level they, the members, encounter and have to live with. This could possibly be part of the explanation. There's another, I think, that is worth looking at. How about the type of individual who chooses this type of career? Do not a high percentage of them have some similar traits: "gypsy blood", a need for change and excitement, a somewhat aggressive nature... similarities that could possibly lead to a destructive trail of liquor and depression no matter what career they might choose?

Take any young man from, let's say, rural Canada. Ship him out to Depot and train him quickly and intensely to be a good (hopefully excellent) cop. Great, but what about his emotional training? Suddenly he's drawing a fairly good wage for his tender years. He is clean cut, sporting a new car and an unmatched enthusiasm for life. Just like magic, girls find him to be everything he may not have been six months ago.

He's lonely, possibly immature. Does he take the time to really get to know his new found love or does he soon find himself committed to a relationship, which in all likelihood would have soon ended under different circumstances? After a short time he's a husband, probably a soon-to-be new father, and all the while trying his darndest to be good at his often times frustrating, stressful occupation. At this point a strong, caring, relationship with a carefully chosen lady could see him through. On the other hand, an insecure start might lead to the above mentioned depression, divorce, etc.

The reference made to the T.V. series "Police Story" in which the couple are