

# Editorial

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The first issue of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly comes to you on the occasion of an important landmark in the history of the Force.

Sixty years have faded into a misty back-ground since the first groups of hurriedly recruited young farmers, clerks, mechanics and soldiers, left their homes in Eastern Canada to do service for their country in the far-flung spaces of the North West.

Out of the hardships of the first few years came the first stirring of pride in accomplishment in the face of difficulties, the consciousness that a tradition had been established, a high standard set for future deeds.

During the intervening years that tradition has been mightily strengthened, the heritage left by the first men, upheld, and splendidly added to.

Throughout the years the activities and accomplishments of the Force have been inextricably interwoven with the development of the country it serves. The expansion of Canada's interests, whether in the Yukon, along the Mackenzie to the Arctic Ocean, on Hudson Bay, or in remote islands of the Eastern Arctic, has been preceded by the Force's presence, a presence which, unfailingly, established the principles of British justice at each new frontier, and ensured its unwavering application for all who followed behind.

For sixty years, aside from the annual report, an official reticence has been one of the cardinal rules of the Force. It was sufficient to know that a job had been satisfactorily done. But the compact little family of Regina Headquarters' days has grown into a large organization whose activities are only limited by the confines of Dominion jurisdiction on land and sea, or in the air. Today, a recruit may receive his training at Regina, go from there to another part of the country and not for years, if ever, resume contact with his first comrades. Also, we have recently welcomed to our ranks hundreds of members of other organizations, some of whom knew little of the traditions of the Force.

That is why the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly has come into being. It is hoped to make it the channel through which information of interest and value will be available to all ranks; to make it a link for the activities of all Divisions; to convey through its columns to new members the heritage of tradition and accomplishment that is their's.

With the wealth of tradition, history and story that is ours, there is no reason why this aim should not be attained. But the measure of our success will depend on the extent of the assistance and co-operation of all ranks.