

# Letters to the Editor

## RCMP Band

Dear Editor,

It was truly an exciting event when the RCMP Concert Band performed at Eston in our High School Gym. My students learned a great deal and still talk of the excellent clinics and concert. They could not believe that Mounties could play such exciting music. The letter to the editor of the Eston Press really summed it up nicely. "The tribute they gave to the Eston Band both orally and musically was something to be proud of too. It warmed my heart to see the kids swarm down off the stage and cluster around the policemen for autographs. When I was a kid it surely would have been unthought of." Our whole community felt very proud that this outstanding group could perform in our small town.

Larry Pearen  
Director of Bands  
Eston High School

## From Harrow to Hawk

Dear Editor,

The letters of Messrs. Devereau and Matthew in the Spring 1980 edition of *the Quarterly* reflect exactly my experience in Toronto when I tried to buy a copy of Art Cookson's book "From Harrow to Hawk." In my dilemma I wrote directly to the author who kindly had the book forwarded to me.

Art's early chapters describing police work on the prairies are nostalgic pleasure to those of us who were his contemporaries on one-man detach-

ments in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in the thirties. The hundreds and thousands of men who knew Cookson as a lecturer at recruit refresher classes and Canadian Police College courses will enjoy reading the experiences of a policeman who devoted his life to the advancement of the law enforcement profession in Canada.

A/Commr. D. O. Forrest

## Thank You

Dear Editor,

Although you may not have an award for hospitality, we definitely think you should create one. This past summer, Reid Abrams from Denver, Colorado, and I, paddled the length of the MacKenzie River. It really wasn't until we reached the end of our trip at Tuktoyaktuk in the Northwest Territories that we realized how gracious the members of your RCMP can be. In particular, we would like to tip our hats to Csts. Ken Walker, Chris Stewart, Bill Wittig, and their NCO, Cpl. Wasylenka.

In the New York area, I really can't imagine anybody inviting two bearded and dirty fellows into their private quarters to make use of a shower. Your RCMP officers never gave it a second thought.

Our "southern" hats are off to your "northern" hospitality.

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New Rochelle,  
New York.