

And so as we attempt to eulogize the life of Orrin Wells Evans—his services to the Force in those early important days—his personal contribution to the development of Canada's northland—we find there are too many blank pages in his history. And on those pages could be written much that belongs to the early history of the NWMP. Perhaps it would be simplest to echo the words of Thomas Carlyle: "Nothing that was worthy in the past departs; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but is all still here, and, recognized or not, lives and works through endless changes." ●●●

Good and Faithful Servant

After a career of almost 50 years of public service, Chief Constable Archibald Birtwistle, MBE, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., has signified his intention of retiring. To old-timers of the Force, Chief Birtwistle may be better known as Reg. No. 4493, ex-Sergeant Birtwistle who served for many years in Saskatchewan and later at Niagara Falls and Windsor, Ont. (See *RCMP Quarterly*, October, 1946).

In tendering his resignation to City Council, Chief Birtwistle admitted his reluctance to leave the office, but felt that since he had reached the allotted span of three score years and ten, it would be in their mutual interests. As he said, "... the office of Chief of Police has assumed increasing burdens and responsibilities commensurate with the expansion of our city and I feel that I should give way to a younger man."

Mr. Birtwistle was appointed Chief Constable in October, 1927, while on leave pending retirement to pension from the RCMP. Prior to joining the Force on Aug. 17, 1906, Archibald Birtwistle spent a year with the Cheshire Constabulary and four years with the Scots' Guards. During World War I he served in France with "A" Squadron RNWMP Cavalry draft. On two occasions during his service in the Force he was chosen for contingents sent to England—in 1911 for the Coronation of King George V, and in 1925 to the Wembley show.

As he looks forward towards the enjoyment of his retirement, Chief Birtwistle may be pardoned a little pride if he reflects with satisfaction on a good job well done, first in the service of his country and later

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in his adopted city. His many friends among the old-timers of the Force will join with the *Quarterly* in wishing ex-Sergeant Birtwistle many years of happy retirement. ●●●

A New Career

His many friends throughout the Force will be gratified to learn of the recent appointment of Reg. No. 9992 ex-S/Sgt. R. E. Baynes as a Police Magistrate for the Province of Alberta. It is understood that in his new office, Mr. Baynes will preside in the Athabasca District, where he will join forces with another ex-member, Reg. No. 5088 ex-Sgt. F. A. Olsen. The latter, who has performed in a magisterial capacity in Athabasca for some years, is at present seriously ill.

While Staff Sergeant Baynes' last years of service were spent at Ottawa, in Headquarters CIB, he was for many years stationed at Edmonton Sub-Division. And Alberta must have been his first love, for when he retired recently, it was to Edmonton that he moved. ●●●