

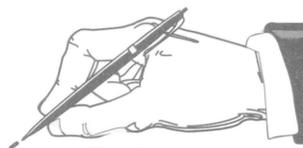
The Commissioner's New Year Message

As we begin the New Year, it is appropriate to reflect on the many blessings we enjoy as Canadians and the opportunities provided to all of us as individuals and as families. Canada, as part of the global community, has received the distinction of being the envy of other nations as "the country to live in".

In celebration of the New Year with families and friends, let us reflect on events that have influenced our lives and are shaping our future. Over the past few years, the Force has undergone fundamental organizational change to aggressively pursue our objective of a leaner, more efficient organization, and one that is better able to respond to changing circumstances that are affecting all levels of our society.

We have much to look forward to in 1997, having weathered the many challenges of organizational change. Our Mission, Vision and Values is the template for the Force's direction into the future. The character, spirit and reputation of the Force is being carried forward by the hard work and dedication of all RCMP employees. To all of you, I extend my sincere thanks. On behalf of the staff of the RCMP Quarterly and myself, may the New Year bring each of you and your families peace, prosperity and good health.

J.P.R. Murray



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