



Cst. P. D. Hunt, seaman.

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day both vessels reached Toker Point where they remained until the fog lifted and landmarks of Tuktoyaktuk were discernible. At Tuktoyaktuk coal was discharged and dry fish taken aboard as the *St Roch* awaited the arrival from Aklavik of Reg. No. 12704, Cst. G. W. Peters, 32, who joined the ship on August 23 as second engineer. He is from Winnipeg where he joined the Force in July, 1935. Before being assigned to his present station two years ago, he served at Winnipeg, Vancouver and Aklavik. He is a good engineer and general seaman.

On the 24th, Inspector Bullard and Reg. No. 12958, Cst. J. Friederick, who had acted as second engineer up to this time, went ashore. A native woman and child from Aklavik hospital were taken aboard on their way to Cambridge Bay and the *St Roch*, with the R.C.M.P. *Cambridge Bay* in tow, set sail. Dirty weather and dense fog met them shortly after their departure from Tuktoyaktuk but they continued, reaching Pearce Point in two days where the fuel taps were cleaned and the main engine checked.

Bad weather imprisoned the ships here until August 28. Next day they reached Bernard Harbour where a strong gale delayed them again and put off their arrival at Coppermine until the last day of August.

At Coppermine coal and supplies were unloaded and three dogs, to be used for patrol work, were taken aboard. Constable Hunt, who had been assigned to duties at this detachment, was retained on board in place of Reg. No. 12582, Cst. J. M. Monette who had suffered constantly from seasickness. On September 3, Sergeant Larsen and his crew bade good-bye to this far northern point and headed for Tree River, where a thousand gallons of fresh water was taken on, then proceeded to Wilmot Island. Strong north-west winds forced them to seek shelter in the inside harbour. On September 7 when the weather improved they set sail again and anchored outside Simpson Rock.

Next day Cambridge Bay was reached. Supplies for the detachment here were unloaded and the R.C.M.P. *Cambridge Bay* was delivered in good order. Four more dogs were taken aboard and the *St Roch* got ready to put to sea; on the 10th she was away. But bad weather and strong winds forced her to run for shelter behind Finlayson Islands where she remained for two days then proceeded westward and anchored off Kent Coast. Fog and bad weather held her there until September 15 when she started back to Coppermine to attend to various duties.

All this was routine to the *St Roch* and her crew. It was the ship's custom to travel into the Western Arctic each autumn and freeze in at some officially-determined point to serve as a floating detachment up there in the land of long nights, ice and snow. This time, however, she had hoped to penetrate the Northwest Passage. But the weather had been against her, and now the season was too far advanced for her to proceed on that venture. In addition, Corporal Foster