

Perhaps more than anything else it is former Deputy Commissioner Mead's humanitarian outlook and approach to everything he handles that have endeared him most to members of the Force. His underlying philosophy of kindness and tolerance toward humanity in general naturally finds him the recipient of many private confidences within the Force. Never aloof, even after he achieved to his higher ranks he was always accessible to callers, either in person or on the telephone. No matter how busy he may be, he seems always to have time to listen to the problems of those who come to his office. The warmth of his interest in their personal welfare, his readiness to lend an open ear to the other man's side of a story, and the lack of dogmatism in his own assertions have made him a sort of father confessor, and countless members of the Force have reason to be thankful for his sound advice and help.

This magazine, which thrived so under his chairmanship and whose progress he still jealously watches, is pleased to publish this valediction of the cordial goodwill of Royal Canadian Mounted Policemen everywhere toward Mr. Mead. Whatever the future may hold for him, the Force as a body is grateful that he continues to serve in the field of human relations which his talents enrich so nobly.

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This issue's cover picture is of the Justice Building in Ottawa, Ont., which accommodates R.C.M.P. Headquarters and the Federal Department of Justice. Facing west, this stately structure stands on the north-west corner of the intersection at **Cover Picture** Wellington and Kent Streets. That's part of the Confederation Building you see beyond and to the right, and the low wooden building to the left in the picture was erected in 1942 to meet the expansion of the Force's wartime duties. This annex houses the Treasury Department which looks after R.C.M.P. accounting, audits, pay, and so on. Perched on the cliff that overlooks the Ottawa river, to the left of the large square sward in the foreground and just outside the range of the picture, is the Supreme Court of Canada.

The setting is appropriate and notable. In 1939 it drew commendation from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth who laid the corner-stone of the Supreme Court Building during Their Majesties' Canadian tour. "Surely one of the noblest situations in the world", was her description of these heights, and of the Capital's Government buildings in general she remarked, "A group of public buildings unsurpassed as a symbol of the free and democratic institutions which are our present heritage".

Except for the R.C.M.P. Supply Stores and associated branches all of headquarters, including the whole of "A" Division and the headquarters of "G" Division (North-west Territories and Yukon Territory), is located in the Justice Building and its annex. The Justice Department, whose minister is Minister in Control of the Force, takes up the third, fourth and fifth floors and part of the basement, and the remainder of the building is given over to Mounted Police offices. It is of course a great convenience to the Minister of Justice to have all these offices under a single roof.

All R.C.M.P. operations are coordinated from the Justice Building, and from his office on the seventh floor the Commissioner issues instructions the length and breadth of Canada. This ornately handsome building invests R.C.M.P. Headquarters with a dignity that is commensurate with the importance and extent of its functions, and it compares favourably with the headquarters of such renowned police forces as Scotland Yard in Great Britain and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States.

In the planning of this fine edifice slavish copying of ancient architectural designs was avoided, the object being to produce a thoroughly practical departmental building that would be at once attractive, Canadian in spirit, and conform to the beautification scheme of Canada's capital city. With a symmetry and unity of form its architecture harmonizes with that of the Confederation Building next door to the east, without re-

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