

set up quarters at Rockcliffe. Learning that the Department of National Defence had vacated one of the structures on the site, the D.R.A. Building, the Force investigated the possibility of obtaining its use during these annual camping forays. Permission was granted on June 23, 1924 by the department and several other buildings including the Competitor's Building, "A" Block, the Pump House, Ice House and the 38th Battalion's quarters were turned over to the Mounted Police for use. All these buildings were expropriated by the RCMP and on June 16, 1925, "N" Division was officially transferred to Rockcliffe Ranges for permanent occupancy. A month later, the Police were also given the rights to the hut used by the Governor General's Foot Guards and the care-taker's house and workshop.

Within the next few years, the Force sought a suitable location for the breeding and raising of sled dogs for northern service, and subsequently, in 1928, kennels were erected at "N" Division for

this purpose. In later years, the training of Police Service Dogs and their masters was conducted at Rockcliffe.

Despite the fact that from 1922 through to the later '20's the strength of the division was over 100 less than it was originally, around 1930 the Force began to find that these Rockcliffe quarters were somewhat cramped. The situation was eased off temporarily by housing an additional 14 men in the sergeants' mess. A construction program at this time included the laying of a new roof on the Q.M. Stores building and the erection of a veranda on the main barrack building.

The work of the RCMP was greatly enlarged in 1932 when it entered into an agreement with five provinces to take over the duties formerly handled by provincial forces. This gave the Force jurisdiction over all provincial statutes as well as the task of policing several towns and municipalities in addition to Federal Statutes and Criminal Code enforcement. The Mounted Police assumed these duties in Alberta, Manitoba, New

**"N" Division's Sergeants' Mess, Christmas 1922.**

**Top:** Inspectors Cadiz, Fraser; Sergeants Crease, Henderson, Mercer; Sergeant Major Cooper; Sergeants Bishop, Stoot, Pavely; Inspector Trundle; Staff Sergeant Margetts.

**Bottom:** Assistant Commissioner Cortland Starnes, Commr. A. Bowen Perry, Assistant Commissioner McGibbon.

