

them free. He stole a truck (4) but in turning it about collided with another truck (5) parked on the side of the street. In his anxiety to rejoin his partner, he drove too fast and got lodged in the snowbank beside the other car.

Undismayed he returned to the village once again, and this time was attracted by a long sleek Packard "Clipper" in a workshop of a garage. Breaking into the place (6) he cleaned out the office till and was on the verge of taking the Packard (7) when the owner of the garage entered the show room with a friend and walked through to the office.

Stealthily he crept up on them and upon reaching the doorway of the office brandished an automatic pistol (8). Equal to the challenge, the owner grabbed up a loaded rifle from his desk

and there was some doubt as to who would get who first. A bullet belched (9) from the rifle and struck the door jamb close to the bandit. The latter swung his automatic around as if about to shoot, the rifle roared again, and the bandit slumped to the floor mortally wounded (10). Examination subsequently showed that the pistol wasn't loaded.

Meanwhile the other itinerant was doggedly making no headway fast in his struggle against the falling snow. He was toiling furiously when the arm of the law reached out and relieved him of his labours (11).

This story has a sad ending. The coroner summoned to the scene collapsed and died on the way.

I still have an inward uneasiness on days when nothing happens.

B.E.M. Presented to R.C.M.P. Constable

AT AN impressive investiture ceremony in the R.C.M.P. gymnasium on Feb. 8, 1948, a few minutes prior to the regular church parade to the R.C.M.P. memorial chapel, Regina, Sask., the British Empire Medal was presented to Reg. No. 13030 Cst. Roger Philippe Arsenault of "Depot" Division. The presentation was made by Lt. Cmmdr. W. W. Spicer, R.C.N. (R), Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. *Queen*, in the presence of some 200 officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Force, and the citation that accompanied the award reads:

"This Sick Berth Petty Officer has shown untiring devotion to duty under consistently difficult circumstances. He has been greatly responsible for the efficient transporting of injured and repatriated personnel landed in Halifax, and was commended for his conduct during the recent magazine explosion there".

A native of the Acadian district of Nova Scotia and a descendant of the people of French blood whose exile is commemorated in Longfellow's *Evangeline*, Constable Arsenault was an ordinary seaman in the R.C.M.P. Marine Section from Aug 16, 1938, until transferred in the first weeks of the war to the Royal Canadian Navy. Serving continuously at sea until 1942, he was transferred to the corvette *Spikenard* just before that ship's voyage in which she went down with a loss of more than 90 men. Ashore, at Halifax, he was in charge of the sick bay at H.M.C.S. *Scotian*. He re-engaged in the Force on Nov. 17, 1945.

The holder of a Bachelor of Arts degree, which includes study and laboratory work in chemistry and physics, Constable Arsenault finds scope for his specialized training and practical experience gained during the war as a member of the permanent staff employed in the R.C.M.P. Crime Detection Laboratory, Regina.