

remains of Tin Mines and in the heart of Poldark country. I must also state that you can observe a cricket match, while seated on the lavatory!

In spring of 1997, we plan to open as a small bed-and-breakfast and hope that RCMP employees, serving and retired, will drop us a line, fishing or otherwise, and maybe will come for a visit.

We look forward to *The Quarterly* plopping onto our doormat and much enjoy the articles and news of friends, past and present. It is curious that after working in the field of law enforcement we have chosen to reside in a village which contains the words, "Truth and Just"!

Wishing you and your readers, a happy and peaceful 1997.

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✉ **SUCCESSFUL BOOK-DRIVE**

Dear Editor,
On behalf of Fort McPherson Detachment I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. The book-drive has been a tremendous success (see p. 3, *Quarterly* Vol. 61 No. 3, Summer 1996). The kids, our Detachment's five employees, and the community were amazed by the response. We are full to capacity and have run out of space to store books. At a time when Canadians are trying to discover what it truly means to be Canadian, the overwhelming response to the Chief Julius school book-drive is a perfect example of the real essence of being Canadian.

From the province of Newfoundland to the province of British Columbia, RCMP employees and the general public alike have shown their deep regret and concern for the loss of the school to the fire. The thousands of kilometers that separate you all from us, here in the high remote arctic, disappeared as parcels of donated books arrived at our little post office. Our post mistress was personally touched as well as very busy. This was not the only method by which books were delivered: they travel up the mighty Mackenzie River on barges, were transported by truck through Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon, and up the Dempster Highway. Many books were delivered by the RCMP Air Services Sections across Canada. A special thanks to Air Services in Ottawa, Edmonton and Yellowknife.

We would also like to say "Thank you!" to RCMP personnel in Ottawa! The biggest donation of books came from "A" Division. Who can forget the books that were transported from Prince Edward Island to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and from there, to Fort McPherson via a Canadian Armed Forces Hercules? The crew landed at Fort McPherson on a mild overcast day and put the finishing touches on the book drive and the National CBC News crew was there to capture this memorable event on film.

I would also like to thank all the retired RCMP members who contributed books, as well as those families who lost loved ones who once worked beside us to "Maintain the Right"! Lastly, how can we forget our American cousins who are always there to lend a helping hand?

The principal of Chief Julius school is looking forward to stocking the shelves of the new library this September, with more books than there have ever been in the school library in its history. In fact, the RCMP storage space is completely used up and so is the school's; consequently, our