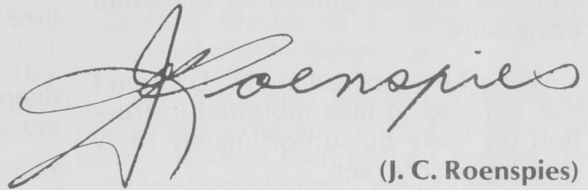


even! Suspend him for life!" were the cries from sports announcers and fans alike. Imagine, taking the player's livelihood away for the rest of his life for a cuff on the side of the head! In sports, they take it *seriously*!

Yet here we have the sanctimonious wailings of perhaps good-hearted, but misguided individuals like the professor from the University of Toronto, whose Holy Grail, it seems, is to over-protect criminals and diminish the risks of their chosen profession. Meanwhile, they applaud that policeman are even more restrained.

As I have said, no serious and dedicated policeman can entertain a tolerance to the abuse of police power, but at the same time there is something wrong with a society that is appalled when a sports official is grabbed, poked or shoved by a player, yet will overlook a similar protection for an arresting officer. This is particularly true for the officer who has to fight, sometimes for his life, to carry out his duty to the same people he has sworn to protect against those who seem to feel they are involved in some sort of game staged for their own self-satisfaction, or for the people who may be watching. Sad, isn't it? Sick too.



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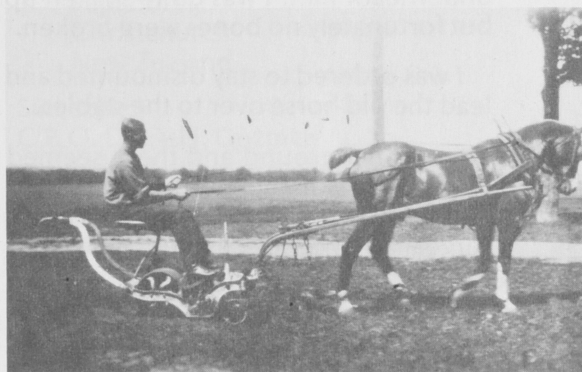
Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I have just finished rereading the old-timers column in the 1977 Spring issue of the *Quarterly* (vol. 42 — No. 2) and would refer you to an article entitled "Nero," by Reg. No. 10226, ex-Cst. Dave Mason.

I knew Dave during WW II when he was a member of No. 1 Provost Co. (RCMP) CASF and although, regretfully, he is no longer with us, I'm sure Dave would like other ex-members in



Nero pulling the mowing machine, driven by Cst. "Taffy" Fraser.