

observing the delighted expressions on the children's faces, the Safety Bear program was a tremendous success in this area.

While in the Richmond area, the bear took time out to present Supt. H. K. Hodgson with a Safety Bear Club certificate. Before meeting Safety Bear, the Supt. had ascertained the bear was only visiting the area and would be returning to the Yukon, which no doubt averted a confrontation between the two bears, as the Supt. had been heard to mutter something about the state of Safety Bear's haircut. After the presentation, Safety Bear posed for pictures with the office staff before returning to his den.

Note: On May 18, 1978, the B.C. Police Commission Crime Prevention Committee approved a grant of \$15,000 to develop three Safety Bears for the Municipal and the RCMP Police Departments.

Regimental Ball On Friday, June 16, 1978, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the University of Victoria where the "E" Division Social Club hosted the Spring Regimental Ball. Many friends of the Force, members of other police forces and retired members attended to pay tribute to D/Commr. and Mrs. P. Bazowski on their retirement.

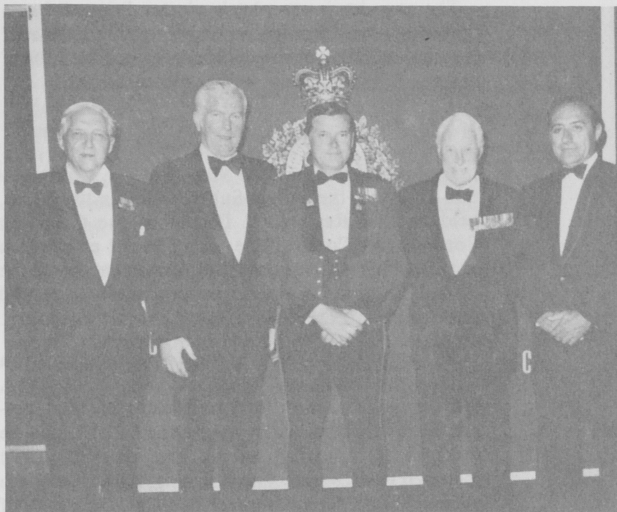
Following a most sumptuous smorgasbord, the 498 guests danced into the wee hours of the morning to the music of the RCMP Dance Band.

Presentation On July 27, 1978, "E" Division RCMP were honoured with two presentations made to the Force by the Provincial Government.

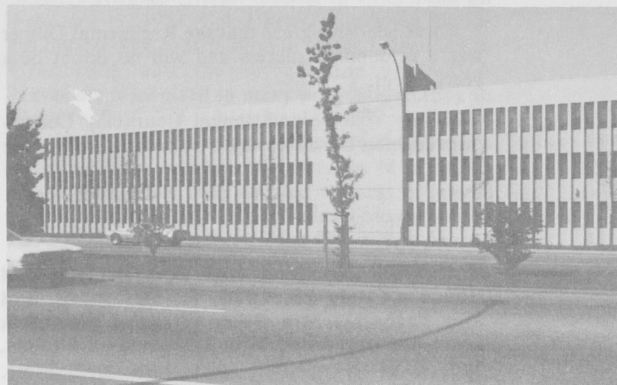
The Attorney General of British Columbia, the Honourable Garde B. Gardom, Q.C., representing the Province, presented the "E" Division Officers Mess with the official Provincial Plaque, in appreciation of services rendered.



Mr. Gardom, right, presents the plaque and painting to D/Commr. Bazowski.



Guests at the Regimental Spring Ball. L-R Commr. Rivett-Carnac (Rtd); Jack Reed, FBI; D/Commr. Bazowski; Major-General Pearkes; Robert Moore, FBI.



The new "E" Division — District 2 and Victoria Sub-Division Headquarters complex.

In addition to the plaque, to commemorate the Captain Cook Bicentennial celebrations taking place within the Province, the Attorney General also presented the Mess with a limited print of one of six original paintings commissioned by the Province through a local artist Mr. Harry Heine.

New Headquarters Complex After 28 years of renting and leasing and after a lot of planning, the new "E" Division — District 2 and Victoria Sub-Division Headquarters complex was opened on May 1. Though the complex was originally going to be leased from the Dept. of Public Works, the 50,000 sq. foot Division Headquarters Building and the 15,000 sq. ft. Sub-Division Headquarters Building have been bought outright by the Force for approximately \$4.5 million.