

Editorial

IN THE Annual Revolver Competition for the year 1934 four members of the Force tied for first place with the scores of 237; a very fine performance.

The Commissioner has ruled that these four Non-Commissioned Officers, Sergeant J. D. O'Connell, Sergeant A. Ford, A/Sergeant F. H. Fenton and A/Sergeant D. E. Forsland, are to fire the practice again before the end of May, 1935, to determine the winner of the Connaught Cup for 1935. The winner will also be awarded the revolver which has been donated by Colonel Maynard Rogers for competition in 1934, in memory of the late Inspector T. Wattam.

In this shoot-off two competitors will use the Colt .45 and the other two will shoot with a Colt .455. There is a popular misconception that those using the .45 revolver are handicapped. This matter was enquired into recently, and it has been ascertained definitely that difference in the shock of recoil in these two revolvers is so slight that only a delicate electrical instrument can detect it.

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At the present time most people regard finger printing as a kind of trick played exclusively on criminals or suspected criminals. While this science does serve an exceedingly useful and helpful purpose in the detection of crime, there is a feeling that, if the system was really understood by the community at large, its uses could be extended considerably. With a view to removing some of the misconceptions commonly entertained about finger printing, an article is published in this issue by Staff Sergeant Butchers, who has been identified with this work for twenty years. He shows some of the uses to which the method could be adapted quite apart from the detection of crime. The Finger Print Bureau in Ottawa is well worth a visit. It is extremely well equipped, the latest available appliances, consistent with reasonable economy, have been purchased and everything possible is being done to make the service thoroughly efficient.

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A picture of the R. C. M. Police Detachment at Lake Harbour is published in this issue. This Detachment is in what is generally referred to as the Eastern Arctic District. It is situated in the centre of the South shore of Baffin Island (usually called "Sunny Baffin") on the Hudson Strait.

Lake Harbour Detachment

The Detachment is built about one-third of the way up a steep rocky slope, which runs down to the water's edge at the head of a big bay. Approaching this site, from the sea, the Detachment looks something like the lay out of a lighthouse. The buildings are all painted a light grey with black roofs and a white flag pole. They are connected by neatly arranged walks flanked with nicely whitewashed stones. All the buildings and a good wharf have been erected by members of the Police who have been stationed at Lake Harbour. There are no natural advantages of any sort or kind surrounding the Detachment, the attractive appearance of which is due entirely to the work performed by members of the Force. It is regarded as one of the show places of the Eastern Arctic.