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OUR COVER: Although spring in most areas of Canada is seen as the greening of grass, the budding of trees, and the flowering of spring bulbs, much of our northern terrain holds onto its blanket of snow. This photograph, taken by ex-Sgt. Bill B. MacWhirter (Reg. No. 17521), near Whitehorse, Yukon, shows a mode of transportation used by the RCMP up until 1969. With his snowshoes, Cst. R. L. Julyan (Reg. No. 22091) breaks trail for his dog team in the deep spring snow. Cst. Julyan (now S/Sgt., and Peace River East Section NCO) and his prize-winning dog team won the 1966 Sourdough Rendezvous races after travelling all the way from Old Crow, where they were stationed, to Whitehorse. The scene is reminiscent of early northern patrols (see "Patrol to Old Crow", page 16) and contrasts with the patrols of today (see "High Arctic Patrol", page 10). Ex-Sgt. MacWhirter, the photographer, retired in April 1979 and is now happily residing in Surrey, British Columbia.

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