

by staff members at the school, were sent off to Fort McPherson, hopefully to arrive around Christmas time.

Respectfully yours,

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✉ **FAREWELL**

Dear Editor,  
Thanks so much for the past many months. Working for the *Quarterly* has been a great experience. As with so many members and ex-members, the *RCMP Quarterly* has always been of special interest. When you, the very busy Editor, offered me the chance to help out as a volunteer, I was more than pleased to accept. And I have learned a few things about the complexities and workload associated with producing the *Quarterly*, and all this being accomplished with a reduced, but dedicated staff.

Thank you for the farewell gifts, a framed print of the St. Roch and a copy of retired D/Commr. Kelly's new book, *The Mounties as They Saw Themselves*. Both are of particular significance to me. As a junior constable, I had the pleasure and privilege of

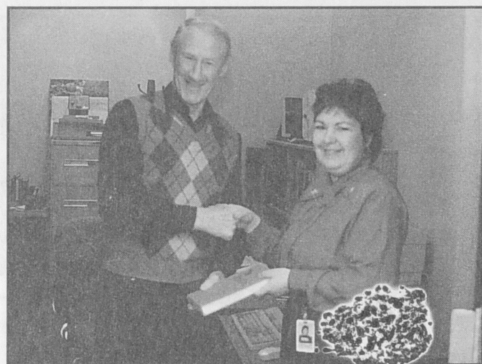
working with Pat Hunt at the Hudson Bay two-man Detachment in Saskatchewan, in 1949/50. Pat was the corporal in charge and he had served on the St. Roch during its historic voyages.

I first met Insp. Kelly — as he was at the time — in 1954, in London, England, when he was the RCMP's Liaison officer, Europe, with the added responsibility for Visa Control. I had been on my way from "F" Division to Germany as a new Visa Control officer. I look forward to the pleasure of reading *The Mounties as They Saw Themselves*. Again, thanks for letting me help out.

Sincerely,

Bill Poole

**Editor's Note:** For more than a year now, almost every week, RCMP veteran Bill Poole had dutifully been coming to RCMP Headquarters to research and write, with the strictest of attention to detail, the "Obituaries" featured in the *Quarterly*. Bill and his wife have recently moved to Calgary and we will surely miss his great personality and interesting stories. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Poole all the best in their new endeavours!



Bill Poole and *Quarterly* Editor, Christiane Evans. C/Supt. Dawson Hovey, Director, Public Affairs and Information as well as *Quarterly* Managing Editor (missing from photo), made the presentations to Mr. Poole.