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The Police College

On other pages in this issue, we report the graduation ceremonies of Canadian Police College Classes 21 and 22. There is nothing new about these occasions—perhaps the most startling feature about them is that they have been occurring regularly and over a period approaching 20 years with a minimum of publicity.

Designed to provide advanced studies in police investigative techniques, the Police College fills a definite need in modern law enforcement. Up-to-date equipment, resident lecturers and learned guest speakers all combine to keep the courses abreast of the latest developments in police work. Students selected to attend the College have included not only members of the RCMP, but representatives of Canadian provincial and municipal forces, security officers of the Armed Services and members of law-enforcement agencies from the United States, Brazil, Afghanistan and other countries throughout the world.

The Canadian Police College was an innovation in police training—a seat of higher learning where career policemen could study the most effective and advanced methods of dealing with the modern criminal element. It was a venture that has been vindicated by the passing years and the increasing interest which the announcement of each course arouses is proof of it. It may be said then that its scholastic value is now so well established as to be taken for granted. There is however, one additional benefit provided by these courses, which may be overlooked, and that is the excellent public relations fostered by the mingling of personnel from a variety of law-enforcement agencies on a common ground, liaisons which can play important roles in inter-departmental efficiency in years to come.