

patronage of Major-General the Hon. Eugene Fiset, CMG, DSO, ED, EM, LL.D, FRCS, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec and Mrs. Fiset.

The scarlet tunics of members of the Force and the full dress uniforms of the three services provided a dashing and colorful effect was augmented by the stirring music of the RCMP dance band. Groups of Viennese waltzes, played before and after supper by the full band, and which have become a feature of the Ball, emphasized the prevailing atmosphere of romance. Supper was served at 11.30 p.m. in the Rose Room and each table was adorned with a vase of roses.

**Christmas Dinner** This annual event which all members look forward to, took place on December 22 in the Division Mess. It was attended by 264 regular, Reserve and ex-members of the Force. The Officer Commanding's table was occupied by several guests of honor. Appropriate Christmas decorations interspersed with the Force's colors, all blended pleasingly with the full dress uniforms of the members.

A full course Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings was enhanced by the excellent service. After the toasts, the Officer Commanding extended his annual greetings and brought out several points of timely interest to members of this division.

The evening concluded with a floor show presented by a group of Montreal artists.

**Staff Dance** The barracks became lively again on January 14 when the Sports and Social Club held a Staff Dance which was attended by nearly 250 guests. The good humor prevailing, the decorations, the tasty food and the excellent music contributed to the success of this event.

**Barn Dance** On February 11, a stranger entering the Division Mess could not have recognized it as such. As a matter of fact it had been turned into a barn for the St. Valentine Barn Dance. Even the perfume (not Chanel No. 5) was floating in the air; the Sergeant Major's cartoons adorning the walls made a hit. But what was really outstanding was the farmers' garb worn by the guests; the loud-colored checked shirts and the gay printed gingham of the ladies together with straw hats and jeans created a unique color scheme. The "Sheriff" was even present—prominent in badge and toy pistol—to maintain order. Under the direction of Billy Bushell an expert in calling square dances, the westerners cut quite a caper during the evening. And there was not a bone left for the farm dog when supper was over. Products of the farm were also drawn as door prizes. We felt miserable for the "city-slickers" who came to our dance; but they were well received and we even had the orchestra play some modern music for them.

### "D" Division

**Births** To Insp. and Mrs. E. Porter, Winnipeg, Man., on Dec. 20, 1949, a daughter, Erica.

To Reg. No. 13154 Cst. and Mrs. A. R. N. Bruce, Portage la Prairie, Man., on Oct. 10, 1949, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray McMurray (Civil Servant), Winnipeg, Man., on Nov. 10, 1949, a daughter, Brenda Christine.

To Reg. No. 13144 Cst. and Mrs. C. E. McArthur, Teulon, Man., a daughter, Bonnie Heather.

To Reg. No. 14250 Cst. and Mrs. A. C. Harvey, Winnipeg, Man., a daughter, Lynne Louella.

To Reg. No. 14468 Cst. and Mrs. H. K. Joudrey, at Dauphin, Man., on May 22, 1949, a daughter, Marilyn.

To Reg. No. 13835 Cst. and Mrs. W. E. P. Bach at Ethelbert, Man., on July 8, 1949, a daughter, Judith Ann.

To Reg. No. 14450 Cst. and Mrs. J. M. Lapointe at Dauphin, Man., on Oct. 3, 1949, a daughter, Diane Frances.

**Marriages** Reg. No. 14563 Cst. R. F. Pollock to Miss Ida Marcotte of Sherridon, Man., on Aug. 3, 1949, at Coderre, Sask.

Reg. No. 14221 Cst. L. J. Klaassen to Miss Lois Hawthorne, R.N., of Ochre River, Man., on Sept. 3, 1949, at Wasagaming, Man.

**Dance** The Annual "D" Division Dinner and Dance was held on Dec. 2, 1949, at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg. The dance was under the patronage of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of