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**Asst. Commr. G. B. McClellan presenting
farewell gift to Sgt. D. M. Lindsay.**

with 356 and 759. The ladies' high single, cross and average are held by Miss Joan Taylor with scores of 256, 759 and 146 respectively.

Social The celebration of the anniversary of the Force has become an established tradition in this division. A formal dinner was held in the Officers' Mess on May 25 in commemoration of our 83rd anniversary as a police force.

On April 28 members and honorary members of the Sergeants' Mess with their wives enjoyed a successful steak dinner at Beverley Barracks. The newly decorated mess added color to the event and the dancing music supplied by Red Kelly (honorary member) was up to its usual good standard. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to the 26 members of this division who with dignity so aptly represented this Force on the CBC televised program "Tabloid" on April 10. Our 15-minute contribution in which the members typified a group of recruits leaving a training centre for active police duties has evoked favorable comments in all circles.

Several civic dignitaries and members of this Force were special guests at the annual dinner of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires held at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on May 10. The guests and 300 attending members of the Corps were treated to an inspiring address by Assistant Commissioner McClellan as guest speaker. A sumptuous banquet pleased the palate of even the most fastidious diner. Later they were treated to feats of magic and legerdemain which left the audience spellbound and goggle-eyed as the performer pulled six-foot



flag poles out of his vest pocket and conjured up several members of the animal kingdom. In all it was a most memorable occasion and one to be recalled as a bright page in the lives of those fortunate enough to attend.

Humanitarian A certain incident which exemplifies the unselfishness that prevails in the ranks would appear worthy of mentioning in these commentaries. Some months ago, an unfortunate accident occurred to the son of Mrs. Hendrickson, who is assistant to the Dietitian and Chief Cook at Barracks. The injury required many blood transfusions and within a short time 11 members and one civilian voluntarily supplied 12 pints of blood. It is gratifying to note that the patient is now progressing satisfactorily.

Promotions Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Sub-Insp. R. P. Harrison, S/Sgt. E. I. Touchie, Sgts. R. S. MacDonald, A. M. Appleton, J. N. Craig, Cpls. N. S. Glanfield, S. O'Handley, L. H. Hunro, R. A. Robertson and C. J. R. LaBrash, who were recently promoted to their present rank.

Book Reviews

VIGILANTE JUSTICE, by Alan Valentine. The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto. Illustrated from photographs and sketches. Pp. 173. \$4.

Here is a book interestingly written about an era in the last century, when law and order was in its infancy in San Francisco. The antidote of that day to the unlawful pursuits of gamblers, ex-convicts, prostitutes and murderers had to be grim and severe punishment was meted out by upright citizens, implacable at times. Volunteers were organized in a body to suppress crime,

maintain safety and guard against social debauchery.

Drama races across every page of this book, and apparently the author used giant-sized bull-dozers to dig into research for facts. Here indeed society was threatened by the law of the jungle and to crush the growing outlawry, the Vigilantes were organized.

Swiftly and smoothly the story unfolds, telling of crimes in 1849 and 1850. We have the ironic situation of a murderer planning his crime, committing it and fleeing to the