

appeared in the Winter 1997 issue of the *Quarterly*. He obviously spent time learning Mrs. Côté's thoughts and feelings and exercised care in communicating them to us. We are all the better for it.

Thanks to the *Quarterly* for going away from the usual practice to give us this.

Dr. Bill Beahen  
RCMP Historian

✉ **AUSTRALIAN SWAP**

Dear Editor,

My wife and I went on a nine-week overseas holiday commencing July 18, 1996, which included Eastern and Western Canada. While away, I swapped South Australian Police uniform items with police officers of places we visited. I was able to swap shoulder patches easily and I was also very interested in obtaining a Stetson from the RCMP; but because we were in most places only one, sometimes only two nights, there wasn't much time to arrange a swap. Although I was told that I would probably not be able to obtain a Stetson because it was a ceremonial hat and that it was only issued every 12 years (and that therefore the police officers concerned would not have spares to swap), I am still very interested in obtaining a Stetson and if there is any chance of obtaining one through your sources.

I am willing to swap uniform items of South Australia Police, which includes shoulder patches, tie bar/pin, standard issue hat or akubra hat for a Stetson. I also collect baseball hats, if there are any available.

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to offer.

Yours truly,

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✉ **KIDS GIVE BIG**

Dear Editor,

In the Summer 1996 issue of the *RCMP Quarterly*, there was an appeal for help in restocking the school library of the Fort McPherson school, which had been lost to a fire. I copied the notice and passed it on to the advisors of our Middle School Student Association (student government). The Student Association voted to respond to this appeal and to do what they could to assist the Fort McPherson school in rebuilding its book collection.

The students and their advisors decided to take money they had earned from earlier fundraisers to purchase a number of books to send to the students in Fort McPherson. The students made a list of 40 of their favourite books and contacted the Barnes and Noble Book Company to purchase the titles they had selected. The company assisted the students by giving them a discount on their purchases and paying for part of shipping. The Williamson students then wrote letters to the students in Fort McPherson recommending each of the books. Then the letters, the purchased books, and a number of books contributed



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