

simply because it was picturesque, clean and well cared for, but a jewel because as in any place where a policeman's lot is easier, it is the people there who make it that way. The people are the force behind solid policing and if you do not have their support, you are in trouble. Moose Factory citizens gave their support.

As for closing the detachment, he recounted the reasons of how jurisdictional responsibilities were taken over by the two provinces and the Northwest Territories, and that cost and speed being what they are today, the Force's functions could be just as adequately served from Timmins, Ontario. He gave the example of how he and his party had left Ottawa around 8:00 AM that day, stopped in North Bay to pick up ex-Sgt. Trolove and fuel the aircraft, yet they were in Moosonee by 11:00 AM. It had taken the then Cst. Trolove four days to travel from 40 miles north of Cochrane to Moose Factory in 1926. Things had really changed.

He closed by saying that because the RCMP were leaving the settlement, it did not mean Moose Factory and its citizens were leaving the Force's hearts and minds. "If you need us — just call — we'll be here, I assure you that!"

Cpl. Beckwith, the last NCO i/c Moose Factory, slowly lowered the Canadian flag for the last time, folded it, and presented it to ex-Sgt. Ron Trolove. He in turn presented it to Herb McLeod, caretaker of the Hudson's Bay Company Museum. A/Commr. Sauvé also presented Mr. McLeod with a plaque on which was an RCMP crest and the inscription: "Presented to the Community of Moose Factory in memory of their friendship and cooperation. Moose Factory Detachment, RCM Police, opened September 2, 1926, closed September 2, 1976."

Cpl. Beckwith remains in Moose Factory to tidy up loose ends and turn over the detachment buildings to whomever the Federal Government designates. He will leave with his family early in the new year. The people I spoke to were not apprehensive about the RCMP leaving. They have excellent OPP personnel stationed there — they know that. But they were reassured by A/Commr. Sauvé's closing remarks when he said the Force would be back if needed. Those words echoed in my mind as well. Somehow I knew — he meant just that!

"One Sweet Mess"

by Cpl. J. W. COOPER

The following details appeared on a form F93 from Breton Detachment in "K" Division in support of a dry cleaning bill.

Cpl. R. E. Carlson (investigation)

Melvin Cartier vs Stanley Haines
M. V. A. Breton Det. 23-9-74

On the above date I attended a M.V.A. One of the vehicles was a van loaded with

five gallon pails of honey. As a result of the accident some of the honey pails exploded and covered the inside of the van with honey. I assisted in removing the two injured persons from the honey van and in so doing covered my blue trousers with honey. The lady passenger advised that she called her husband Honey, but never again. Receipt #7 for dry cleaning attached..."