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routes from the proposed locations to division headquarters and to Ottawa, and the availability of existing RCMP facilities and technology. The proposed locations were considered by each regional committee; proposals were presented by Deputy Commissioners to the Senior Executive Committee (SEC) and recommendations were discussed with the Solicitor General of Canada.

Regionalisation embraces the notion that in a vast and demographically diverse country such as Canada, policing can no longer be delivered in a one-size-fits-all approach. The RCMP must mould its services to fit each and every community's needs and regionalisation is intended to accomplish that purpose. Additionally, regionalisation will improve communication and decision-making between the field and Corporate Headquarters in Ottawa, and as a by-product, will allow for administrative efficiency.

North West Regional Emblem

(See inside back cover — Ed.)

The regional emblem comprises several important elements symbolizing the North West Region's character. An underlying compass provides a stable platform which represents a clear and keen sense of direction as well as a circle of strength spoken of in aboriginal folklore. It is no coincidence that the compass and maple leaf webbing also resemble a native dream catcher, empha-

sizing the realization of the positive dreams and aspirations of all employees in the Region. The compass also embraces the historical aspect of the RCMP's origin: the enormous challenges faced by the members of the North-West Mounted Police as they marched west into unknown territories, determined in their goal to bring law and order to the new frontier.

In a more contemporary context the compass is meant to be dynamic, in the sense that it represents changes in direction and the opportunities that can come from that. It points us to where we want to go without losing sight of our place in time and history. Three unfolding maple leaves, pointing to different quadrants of the North West Region, symbolize the growth and expanding potential of the Region and the North West Command. They are nestled together in a close familial relationship.

The colours depict vivid images within the region: yellow, for the prairie wheat fields; green, for the lush mountain forests and valleys; red, representing the Canadian flag and the "True North strong and free." All this atop a crystal-blue background representing the great and vast open skies of the Northwest Territories. A distinctive "Mountie" is centred and depicted moving forward with stealth and purpose, not galloping or standing in wait. Finally, the bilingual name of the Region, and all the