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your organization—an organization that of course needs no praise from me, but does nevertheless almost automatically elicit an expression of admiration.

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Sincerely,

(sgd) Dwight D. Eisenhower

To which the Commissioner replied—

Dear Mr. President:

I am very pleased indeed to have your letter of November 16 and I can assure you that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police considers it an honour to have been of some service during the recent visit of yourself and Mrs. Eisenhower to Ottawa.

All personnel concerned will most certainly be informed of your kind remarks.

I am, dear Mr. President,

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) L. H. Nicholson  
Commissioner.

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### Our Cover

We have chosen as a cover picture for this issue, a photograph taken, during President Eisenhower's journey to Ottawa, by a photographer from "HQ" Identification Branch. In conjunction with it we also introduce our new cover plate. Changes in the cover were necessitated by the new badge adopted by the Force recently as reported in the October *Quarterly*.

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### New Managing Editor

Since publication of the last issue of *The Quarterly*, a new Managing Editor has been appointed to the magazine—Insp. R. P. Hanson. An officer of varied experience in the Force, Inspector Hanson's multifarious duties as head of the Identification Branch include supervision of other sections such as Fingerprint Bureau, Photographic, Gazette, Crime Index, Firearms Registration and Ticket-of-Leave. His plans for *The Quarterly* are with a thought toward maintaining the standards set in the past, with improvements being added where necessary.

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### Greetings

The spirit of beneficence, the *joie de vivre* that characterizes most of us during the Christmas and New Year Season, would make the world a happier place if it pervaded all our activities throughout the year. So for 1954, may we wish to all our readers, contributors, advertisers, a special measure of that happiness which is the essence of all celebrations during the Holiday Season.