



Supt. Niedzwiecki, accompanied by Sgt. Dave Rooke and Mayor Charlie Edgar of Fort Macleod, inspects the mounted patrol.



L-R A/Commr. P. Wright, C.O. "K" Division; Mrs. Wright; Hon. Roy Farran, Solicitor General, Province of Alberta; Mrs. Nadon; Commr. M. J. Nadon; Mrs. Currie; Supt. G. D. Currie, President "K" Division Officers' Mess.

Canada Day The Canada Day celebration, 1977, was again held at the Fort Museum at Fort Macleod, Alberta, on July 1st. The Fort Museum, dedicated to the NWMP, the RNWMP and the present day RCMP, is a replica of the old North West Mounted Police fort which was established in 1874. The main theme of the museum is the RCMP participation in the history of southwestern Canada, particularly in southern Alberta. This year, Superintendent A. Niedzwiecki, Officer Commanding, Lethbridge Sub-Division, attended the celebration. He presented a complete set of RCMP Quarterly to the museum on behalf of retired Chief Superintendent I. C. Shank, the collector.

Sgt. Rooke of the Fort Macleod Detachment was presented with a pencilled etching by Judith Nichol from the Fort Museum. He is transferred from Fort Macleod to Athabasca. Sgt. Rooke has been responsible for instructing and training the Mounted Patrol for the last four years. The Fort Macleod Historical Association Mounted Patrol was formed in 1972 in anticipation of celebrating the Centennial of the RCMP in 1973, and the Fort Macleod Centennial in 1974. Eight high school students were employed for July and August by the Association, and in 1973, under the direction of Sgt. Dave Rooke, assisted by Cst. Arnie Brooks and Cst. Eric Wheeler, the young students, dressed in 1878 uniforms, were trained to put on a short demonstration of precision riding at the Fort. Dark bay horses were obtained as this was the colour of horses ridden by the original "D" troop stationed at Fort Macleod. The precision riding is displayed four times daily for the benefit of the many tourists passing through.

Commissioner's Visit As a finale to Commissioner and Mrs. M. J. Nadon's visit to "K" Division

in July, the "K" Division Officers' Mess hosted a farewell evening and dance in their honour. The Commissioner was presented with a suitably-framed share of the Alberta Energy Company. Mrs. Nadon received an Alberta Rose cup and saucer set. Best wishes were extended to the Nadons by the Hon. Roy Farran, Solicitor General of Alberta, Assistant Commissioner P. Wright, C.O. "K" Division, and Superintendent G.D. Currie, President of the "K" Division Mess.

Treaty No. 6 Re-enacted RCMP members from Camrose, Alberta, and surrounding detachments provided a mounted contingent of six men before a crowd of 5,000 people on Heritage Day, August 1, 1977. The occasion was the re-enactment of the signing of Treaty No. 6 in 1876 by the Indian people and the Government of Canada, in the name of Queen Victoria.

On that day one hundred and one years ago, "... the Cree People surrendered their rights to one hundred and twenty thousand square miles of rich farm land, and what is now known as most of central Alberta, passed out of Indian hands. It was done in good faith by men of good will."

The signing of the Treaty was re-enacted as each of the Cree chiefs in turn made his mark. The closing words of script writer Elsie Park Gowan were... "The chiefs have kept their word. Has the white man kept faith with the Indian? Now in 1977, do they live among you in dignity and equality, with equal rights in the Canada that once was theirs? Look into your hearts... Think on these things as you watch the treaty signed..."

Following the signing, the Indians performed a