

turned around to find shelter in a cabin at the base of Eagle Summit. After some rest and warmth, the team headed out, crossing the Fairbanks finish line just after noon, on Monday, March 6. Charlie and his team had spent 16 days on the trail, travelling through storms, moonlit nights, tracing a proud tradition of explorers, miners and Mounted Police. Along the way, he suffered a bout with laryngitis, a few dunkings in icy water, troubles with the lead dog, and the final misfortune at Eagle Summit.

After all this, Charlie finished 30th, but more importantly, he was one of the only mushers to finish with his complete team. Although he had hoped to do

better, he learned a lot about long-distance racing.

The Gauthiers were transferred to Whitehorse in June, 1989, and built a home just out of town, where Alain, 4, and Stéphane, 2, play with the dog team. Charlie does not regret using his Eskimo dogs but says he would be more careful about his selection next time. He watched the 1990 Yukon Quest from the sidelines, but is thinking ahead to the Whitehorse starting line in 1991. Charlie realizes he could not have completed this first race without the support of Lucie and all the people of Faro. He plans to take the family and team to Faro over Christmas, to talk about the 1989 Quest with old friends...and to dream about the next one... ■

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## Trailing the Killers of Corporal Ralls of the RCMP

by Harry M. Savage

**They call it "Saskatchewan's three-day reign of terror" as during 82 frenzied hours, the famous RCMP stalked three fleeing gunmen through the Canadian bush.**

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The Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachments in the Yorkton, Saskatchewan Sub-Division were gravely alarmed. Early the morning of July 3, 1932, a hardware store at Theodore had been burglarized, and included in the loot were a number of firearms and a large quantity of ammunition.

Not because one store had been burglarized were the Redcoats alarmed, but because a series of burglaries and robberies had been committed in north-