

ing countryside. The huge pigs seemed content to wander from side-to-side of the road in search of a mid-night snack. As they were about 350-400 lbs. in size, I was not about to *force* them in any direction; but with a friendly persuasion now and then I was able to keep them together.

Eventually my partner returned with the owner, and pail of grain in hand. In no time at all the three pigs were following their owner down the road and into the night; and we, feeling confident that the pigs were in good hands, departed posthaste in the opposite direction.

All-in-all we felt we had done a good job, but it showed me that members of the RCMP can, at any time, be called upon to do a variety of tasks totally unrelated to law enforcement... all of which are carried out with the same professionalism given more serious matters.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Robert I. Thomson
Cobble Hill, B.C.

PAST REMEMBERED

Dear Editor,

The Winter '85 edition of *the Quarterly* was most interesting to me. I noticed in the obituary column that ex-Cpl. Laurie Hall had passed away. I lived in Russell, Manitoba, while he was posted there and got to know quite a number of RCMP personnel. Among them were Sgt. Dave Brimms, Cpl. Laurie Hall, Cst. Harold Hunter, Cpl. Moe McDougall, and Cst. Bob George. These men I knew quite well, and found them to be fine gentlemen. They were all a credit to this great Force.

It wouldn't be fair if I didn't put in a word of praise about the younger

members of the Force. I noticed a photograph in the Winter 1985 *Quarterly* of the 100 years of incorporation of the town of Birtle. A celebration was held there last July 1st and I noticed the names of Inspector Lloyd Hichman, Cpls. Larry Cochrane and Tom Haney. I knew these fine gentlemen as well and I'm glad to hear the Birtle celebration turned out so well.

After over a century of progress, the RCMP still remains second to none, and its proven record speaks for itself.

Yours truly,
J. G. Chipping
Glenboro, Manitoba

DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Dear Editor,

I saw the picture of Inspector Sampson's funeral in the Fall '84 issue of *the Quarterly* — he sure had an awful death! He was a real gentleman. I first knew him as my troop sergeant in Vancouver in 1920 and 1921. S. M. Binning was there as well, and Inspector Pete Irvin. Cpl. Jones was the recruits' riding master and the roughrider was S/M Tim Griffin.

I enjoy reading *the Quarterly*.

Sincerely,

Neil MacNiven,
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Watrous, Sask.

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Dear Editor,

Your readers may be interested in my recollections of the Saskatoon riot of 1933. The very sad part about Inspector Sampson's death was that the main melee was over, and only small pockets of resistance remained when the inspector was fatally injured.