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was opened wide and debris along the face of the dam was guided through. The sluice gates were then closed to allow only six inches of water through. Next day it was found that the water level on the face of the dam had dropped two inches. The gates of the ten-foot sluice were opened to allow 16 inches of water through, bringing the Germanoson River up to what was considered a safe flow. Additional similar measures with other sluice gates later on helped reduce the water level to a normal height for the late Fall.

There is no telling how serious the situation might have been had conditions remained as they were. Heavy late Fall rains or the run-off from melting snow in the Spring could have produced a catastrophe in that section of the province. The Provincial Department of Lands and Forests, Water Rights Branch, expressed appreciation "for the prompt and prudent actions" of the Force.

The courageous action of two "E" Division men in the Fall of 1955, was also in the news again recently. On December 6, Cpl. K. M. McHale and Cst. H. D. Bowyer were presented with parchment certificates awarded by the Royal Canadian Humane Association for bravery. The presentation was made at "E" Division Headquarters, Victoria, B.C., by Mr. R. A. Pennington, Deputy Provincial Secretary, who gave the background for the award.

On Nov. 29, 1955, the superintendent of a gypsum quarry at Windermere, B.C., was buried under several feet of frozen gypsum rock in a cave-in. During rescue operations the surrounding icy rock wall threatened to collapse. Corporal McHale and Constable Bowyer threw their bodies against it in spread-eagled fashion and for 90 minutes while the rescue operations were completed, held back the rock. Mr. Pennington expressed the opinion that their heroism and endurance went "even beyond the call of duty expected from a policeman".

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