

hoped that the happy impression made upon police and boys alike will not be lost, but will help to maintain the invaluable contact that has been made.

Ottawa Citizen

### **The Police Appeal to Youth**

The educational campaign being carried on by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police against juvenile delinquency is one of the most interesting steps yet taken by a law-enforcement body to bring about closer relationship between the youth of the country and the representatives of organized authority.

The work consists of a series of lectures on the various aspects of police work, with special emphasis being laid upon the detection of crime and the theme that ultimately crime does not pay off. An organization such as the Mounted Police has numerous interesting anecdotes and experiences which are bound to appeal to the normal-minded boy with a love of adventure, and extensive use is made of these in the campaign. One of the prized possessions of the Mounted Police is in the picture, "The North-west Passage", the story of the trip of the small R.C.M.P. patrol boat around the top of the North American continent, which completed in the present century the adventure which explorers had undertaken repeatedly over a period of centuries. This picture forms an important feature of the course.

The psychological background of the campaign is formed by the idea that for too long the policeman has been pictured as a form of bogey man, small boys being frightened by the idea that the police officer will promptly march him off to jail for the slightest misdemeanor. The Mounted Police are seeking to instill the belief that the policeman is the friend of the boy and is willing to cooperate at all times with youth in the expression of their normal desires in a lawful way.

Sherbrooke Daily Record

### **The Policeman, Youths' Friend**

There have been numerous instances of late in which people have treated the police as being on "the other side of the fence". Such an attitude bodes ill for the community as a whole, as the policeman is the representative of the citizens in the enforcement of the law and the keeping of the peace.

Too often parents teach their children to fear the police, as, for example, the mother who warns the child that if he does not stop his mischief she will call the big policeman. Such fear instilled in the mind of the child leads to dislike and suspicion of the police. With that comes a break-down in law and order, for the citizen the child will become must cooperate with the police, not be an antagonist.

Many things have been done to overcome such an attitude. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has a whole program of youth work, teaching young people about the Force, showing them that its officers are friends of the law abiding not enemies. . . .

Toronto Telegram

### **Friend of the Community**

We are always shocked when we hear parents talking of the policeman as if he were a bogey man to scare children, in the "watch out or the policeman will get you" sort of thing. That is an utterly wrong conception of the functions of the police who should be regarded as our friends, our protectors. Strange as it may seem to some people the police are far more anxious to prevent crime than to wait until a crime has been committed and then to catch those responsible.

Many times the police have given warning to young folks of the evil of their ways and such advice has been heeded with good results all around. The day has gone when the police snoop around hoping to catch boys committing offences. Modern policemen as often as not get around before an offence has been committed and prevent harum-scarum youngsters from turning into criminals. Many a youngster, getting into the habit of keeping too late hours has been kindly warned of the possible consequences of his way of life. And that is good police work. We should work with and support the police in their task of protecting the citizens and in giving information which may lead to the arrest of criminals. The greater is that cooperation, the better will be the police force, any police force.

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