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room in the old Rossin House. Jim MacBrien was to become Sir James MacBrien and Commissioner of the Force. Tom Shoebottom had an exceptionally fine record and died a superintendent. Jimmy Moore had been a bellboy in the Palmer House; he had a fine record and left to join the South African Constabulary, as did several of the others. Bill Hughes was all his name implies. In my time we were all buck privates (constables) together in the rear rank.

Valiant days surely! And now they're enlisting 1,000 recruits at a time and this old-timer, to whom the Rossin House and the Mounted Police will forever be associated, takes time out to wish them all the best of luck.

GEORGE E. WILLS
(Reg. No. 3602)

Coconut Grove, Florida,
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Veterans Elect Officers

At its annual meeting held on Nov. 28, 1946, in Vancouver, B.C., "A" Division of the R.N.W.M.P. Veterans' Association elected ex-Supt. James Fripps president by acclamation. The new president retired from the Force on May 1, 1946.

Ex-Supt. W. W. Watson, who retired to pension from the Force on Aug. 31, 1943, was named vice-president, and ex-Supt. F. E. Spriggs, pensioned on Apr. 30, 1945, was elected a member of the executive. Others on the executive include: Reg. No. 6151, ex-Cst. E. A. Simmons; Reg. No. 3095, ex-Cpl. C. R. Filtress; Reg. No. 6461, ex-Sgt. (Flight Lieutenant) H. A. Stewart; W. E. G. Macdonald, Esq., Editor and Publisher of *Scarlet and Gold*, the association's official publication; Reg. No. 3582, ex-Cst. J. Hazzard, and Very Rev. Dean Cecil Swanson was appointed honorary chaplain.

Of special interest was the election for the tenth consecutive term of Reg. No. 4219, ex-Cpl. Frank Corby as secretary treasurer. He, too, went in by acclamation.