

Located as you are, in the capital city of this Dominion of Canada, you have a great opportunity to be of service, not only to the association, but to the Government of Canada, and you also have the opportunity to impress those members of the Force who will, from time to time, take their discharge in the Province of Ontario, with the very definite idea that it is a good thing to hold membership in the association.

You have before you a copy of our constitution. Our objects and aims are set forth therein, and you should at all times keep them firmly in mind. You should, in addition to these objects and aims, work for the promotion and continuance of the comradeship and mutual associations which were formed during our service in the parent body.

I sincerely hope that you will seize upon the opportunity, whenever it may present itself, of extending the growth and influence of the association, by fostering and assisting in the formation of new divisions, but always observing a due regard for the requirement that there must be a strong probability that any such new division shall have sound prospects of success.

I do most urgently urge upon you all that you discourage the existence of small cliques which may be at odds with one another; as individuals, to put aside any old grievances or grudges which may have their roots in some incident during your years of service; and as an organized body, to work unitedly and whole-heartedly for the best interests of the association.

You have behind you the good wishes and support of all your comrades. You yourselves are, I am well persuaded, firmly determined to make a success of your venture. With this support and this determination there can be no thought of failure, and I, on behalf of the Royal North West Mounted Police Veterans' Association, of which you now form a part, extend to you all a very hearty welcome.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sgd) JULIEN NASH,
Dominion President.

Erratum

We were somewhat dismayed to learn after distribution of the April *Quarterly* that, despite repeated proof-reading of that number's contents, the final paragraphs had been omitted from the "filler" on page 326. The omission, of course, rendered this short article, "A Dyed-in-the-Wool Son of the Force", pointless; we were recording there the Mounted Police antecedents on both sides of Baby Hutchings' forbears, and the part left out dealt with the paternal side of the family as follows:

On his father's side the infant is the grandson of T. B. Hutchings who engaged in the R.N.W.M.P. on June 10, 1912, and retired to pension June 1, 1946, with the rank of superintendent.

Blood, as they say, is thicker than water, and made of the stuff of pioneers, as he is, no doubt Baby Hutchings, whose forbears have served in the Force throughout the periods when it was known as N.W.M.P., R.N.W.M.P. and R.C.M.P., will grow up to be strong, self-reliant and a friend of the law-abiding.

There are other outstanding cases of relationship in the Force, which are worthy of being classed as close "runner-ups" to the Hutchings' unique record. For instance, Reg. No. 12807, Cst. L. C. Cawsey, who is well known to *Quarterly* readers as a contributor of excellent articles, on Apr. 29, 1947, had an addition to his family in the person of a fine young son. Named John Allen Cawsey, the new-arrival can claim this Force-flavoured background: Reg. No. 1709, the late ex-S/Sgt. J. D. Nicholson is his great-great uncle; Reg. No. 6367, S/Sgt. J. A. Cawsey his great uncle; Reg. No. 13839, ex-Cst. R. A. Cawsey, uncle; Reg. No. 11462, Sgt. J. N. Cawsey, grandfather, and of course Constable Cawsey his father—six stalwart branches of the "red-serge" tree.

Scarlet and Gold

That gorgeous publication known as *Scarlet and Gold* reached this office recently. It is an annual edition, in which advertisements are used lavishly, and the proceeds go to the R.N.W.M.P. Veterans' Association. It is of local interest to note that the editor and publisher is W. E. Gladstone Macdonald, a native of Antigonish, better known to his associates here some years ago