

Police and one each from the CPR and CNR Police Forces. In the play-offs for the section "A" Championships the RCMP rink comprised of Csts. J. R. Nicholson, (skip) G. M. Johnston, W. Frank and Insp. V. M. Seppala won the title on the last night of the competition. The section "B" championship was won by the CNR rink which was skipped by Cst. W. Constable. All participants proved to be ardent and keen curlers and everyone is looking forward to next season when we expect an enthusiastic turnout for this sport.

**Presentations** Long and exemplary service was recognized on February 24, at "O" Division Headquarters when a group investiture was held at which Long Service Medals, Clasps and Stars were presented.

The Officer Commanding "O" Division welcomed Asst. Commr. K. Duncan (Rtd.) to the ceremony and presented to him the Silver Clasp and Star. Assistant Commissioner Duncan made the following presentations, which included the Bronze Medal and Star to his son Sgt. J. S. Duncan of "O" Division Headquarters. Silver Clasp and Star—Reg. No. 8329 ex-Cpl. H. F. Hammond; Bronze Clasp and Star—Reg. No.

12099 S/Sgt. C. E. Gray, Reg. No. 12006 Sgt. J. S. Duncan; Long Service Medal and Certificate—Reg. No. 12600 S/Sgt. R. J. Cherry, Reg. No. 12008 S/Sgt. G. M. Beaton, Reg. No. 12943 S/Sgt. W. R. Condie, Reg. No. 12921 ex-S/Sgt. H. J. F. Ade, Reg. No. 12607 Sgt. J. H. Payzant, Reg. No. 13070 Cpl. L. J. Schick; Long Service Certificate—Reg. No. 12891 Sgt. W. S. Ramsay.

Sgt. E. Hodgson, in charge of Niagara Falls detachment received a briefcase and a certificate of Award from Assistant Commissioner Duncan, for his constructive suggestion for improving the efficiency of the service. This award was approved by the "Suggestion Award Board of the Public Service of Canada".

Cst. J. M. Seneshen, "O" Division Headquarters received two spoons for winning divisional shooting classifications.

The Officer Commanding welcomed James P. Mackey, Chief of police, Metropolitan Toronto City Police Department and the latter presented a .22 Calibre Webley Revolver to Cst. J. G. Wilson of Sarnia Detachment, who was the winner of the Tyro Class, at the 12th Annual Ontario Police Revolver Competition held in Toronto, on Nov. 3, 1958.

## Book Reviews

A JOURNEY TO THE NORTHERN OCEAN, by Samuel Hearne, edited by Richard Glover. The Macmillan Company of Canada Limited, Toronto. Illustrated. Indexed. Pp. 301. \$6.50.

At the tender age of 12, Samuel Hearne joined the Royal Navy—his widowed mother regretfully consenting due to his failure in school—and went to war. This was in 1757, the second year of the Seven Years War. Eighteen when this affair ended, it is not surprising then that the youth gained immunity to hardships which befell him in later years during his explorations of the North.

His *Journey*, which has been described as a classic of the literature of exploration, has been unavailable for some years and much sought-after. The work has not been adequately assessed since 1911 when J. B. Tyrrell edited it for publication of an edition limited to the Champlain Society of Toronto. The present edition, a Pioneer Book, is edited and contains a brilliantly written introduction by Richard Glover, Professor of History at the University of Manitoba, and shows Hearne in the light of the most recent researches.

This is the complete text as written by Hearne, and consists not only of the Journey, but his Dedication, Preface and Introduction and his own manuscript map as an endpaper. The final chapter is a remarkable account of the animals, sea life, water-fowl, birds and vegetation, and the work throughout records the various aspects of Indian manners and customs.

Hearne joined the Hudson's Bay Company in 1766, serving on the fleet that sailed from Churchill in the Summers for the purposes of whaling or trading on the western coast of the Hudson Bay. In 1769, at the orders of Moses Norton, Governor of Prince of Wales' Fort, and Hearne's immediate superior, he began the first of his famous journeys to the Coppermine River.

There have been criticisms of Hearne's Journals, but as he himself says, "my ideas and ambition extended no farther than to give my employers such an account of my proceedings as might be satisfactory to them, and answer the purpose which they had in view, . . . But as the case has turned out otherwise, (the Journals were made