

Twelve C.P.R. Police have been living in barracks here for training purposes. Their special course, just concluded, covered foot-drill, P.T., and an extensive series of lectures on various police subjects.

"O" Division

On December 20, the single men's quarters and Town Station Detachment were transferred from Postal Station "F", Yonge and Charles St. E., Toronto, to Postal Station "G", Queen and Saulters Sts. The new barracks provide more commodious sleeping quarters, office accommodations, improved recreational and bathing facilities.

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A Christmas Tree, probably the first of its kind in the Division, was held at Columbus Hall, Toronto, on the 22nd December. The committee in charge arranged a splendid program for young and old alike. The arrival of Santa Claus was the signal for a rousing burst of enthusiasm from the grown-ups, as well as the children. Appropriate gifts were distributed to the children by Santa and a number of the kiddies put on some humorous, though entirely unsolicited, antics, to the enjoyment of all present. Refreshments were served following the distribution of gifts and the happy gathering broke up as Sandman beckoned many tired little tots to slumberland after an exciting and eventful afternoon.

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On January 4, a very delightful and well-attended dance was held at the new single men's quarters. This dance was three-fold in purpose. In the first place, it served as a housewarming for the new barracks; secondly as a send-off to some thirty members of the Division who were being transferred the following day; and thirdly, being the first of its kind in "O" Division, it was the means of bringing together the members of the Force and the Reserve, also their wives and young lady friends. Upwards of 250 were in attendance, including the Commissioner and Mrs. Wood and several retired Officers now residing in Toronto and district. Splendid music was provided by a nine-piece orchestra from the R.C.M. Police Band which was a welcome novelty as it afforded many their first glimpse of our Band.

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Our best wishes are extended to Supt W. Munday who was retired to pension on January 31. Supt Munday, during his term of office in "O" Division, acquired a wide circle of friends and all join in extending every good wish to himself and Mrs. Munday. They now reside at Oakville, Ont.

Congratulations are also in order for Cst. McElhone, W. E. L., who was united in marriage to Miss Eileen O'Brien of Brooks, Alta., at Toronto on the 30th December. Also to Cst. Kupkee, A. D., who was married to Miss Gertrude Aho of Timmins, Ont., at Moose Factory on January 18.

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Insp. W. Mortimer is in charge of training of the R.C.M. Police Reserves, which commenced at Toronto on Jan. 15, 1940. There are two groups, "A" and "B". Group "A" attends on Mondays and Group "B" on Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m.

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On March 15, a Smoker was held at the Winchester Hotel, Toronto, when the Officers and members of "O" Division were hosts to Sgt. Eddy, Csts. Villeneuve, Williams, Latour, MacDonald, Haszard, Stackhouse, Cowan, Stephen, Hole, Pollard and Hayes, selected from the volunteers for duty as reinforcements with the R.C.M. Police Provost Company, as part of the First Canadian Military Division for active service abroad. A short variety programme was well received. Short addresses of a timely nature were given by the Officer Commanding, Insp. Schutz and A/A Surg. Hughes, who on behalf of all members of "O" Division and the Force in general, wished them God speed, good luck and a safe return. Sgt. Eddy suitably replied. The singing of songs by Csts. Williams and Banks were especially appreciated.