

Canada's natural wonders, certainly amongst the most beautiful in the world. As if my musings were heard by Reader's Digest, *Scenic Wonders of Canada* was sent to me in the event I saw fit to publish a review in the *Quarterly*.

And what a book it is! Just skimming the contents makes one realize that this project was not attacked lightly. Reader's Digest commissioned 22 writers, many acknowledged experts about a specific part of our country, who took almost 45,000 photographs, which took 35 editors, artists, researchers, illustrators and map makers two years to compile into this book! The result? The most fascinating collection of "things to see" in Canada's nature that I have ever seen gathered into one volume.

There are 42 areas depicted as major wonders, beginning in Atlantic Canada and ending in the Canadian North. Colourful photographs of each area set the mood, the text tells the story and maps tell one where it is and how to get there. The specific area is unmistakably outlined, but more than that attractions such as parks, geological oddities and other beauty spots are pinpointed, both inside the marked-out area as well as in the area surrounding it. Ferry service, scenic roads, hiking trails, scenic railway routes, canoe routes and airline service are all clearly indicated, allowing any naturalist to choose his own method of transportation to commune with nature or just gaze at some of the most awesome beauty on the face of the earth. Should one be unable to travel, to read the book and look at the pictures in the comfort of one's own living room will make one learn about and appreciate Canada all the more.

There is still one more feature which I think is a great addition. At the end of each of the 42 major wonders, there is a feature "closeup", a look at how some natural geological feature was formed, or a look at how some specially adapted animal has survived over the years, or a look at the distinctive flora of some area; nice-to-know facts which most people find interesting.

Admittedly, the price of the book seems high, but it isn't really. I imagine Reader's Digest had to make a choice, they could go with black and white photos and reduce cost, or use colour separations at a much higher cost and thereby depict Canada's beauty as it really is. They chose the latter and the result is worth every penny.

To Reader's Digest and the Canadian Automobile Association — my congratulations.

Ed.

POLICING IN CANADA: a discussion of the police role in Canada's law enforcement structure, by William and Nora Kelly; published December 15, 1975, by The Macmillan Company of Canada Limited, 70 Bond Street, Toronto M5B 1X3, 704 pages, Bibliography, Index, 6 Tables, 13 Charts, Price \$27.50.

William and Nora Kelly are certainly no strangers to the publishing world. Nora Kelly is a well known authority on the history of Force and is the author of *Men of the Mounted* (1949) and co-author, again with her husband, of *The Royal Canadian Mounted Police: A Century of History* (1973). William Kelly, an ex-Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP, is a lecturer in Criminology at the University of Ottawa, and from time to time has acted as a consultant to police forces and various government bodies. Thus their credentials are well established.

Policing in Canada is not a trade book, and I don't believe the authors intended it to be so. Instead, it is a text book, oriented to students or anyone else who are interested in Canadian law and the history surrounding law making in this country. It is written in clear, layman's language, almost like a novel. The authors deliberately avoided legal jargon which, unless a person is knowledgeable in such areas, would tend to bore readers.

What does the book deal with? The authors set out first of all to trace the development of Canadian policing, right from the early days of French colonization, through the organization of the various provincial police forces, railway police, the Dominion Police right through to the present day. Then they look at what is required of present day police forces to combat crime in a modern world; the recruitment of personnel and their training. The book deals with powers of policemen under Canadian law and the abuse of this power. The remaining 400 pages deal with what I believe to be the meat of the book — the people, the police, the law and the courts.