

Editorial

Upon this my first Christmas as Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I take much pleasure in sending to all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables of the Force, and all members of the Civil Staff, a very hearty wish for a happy Christmas and much prosperity in the New Year.

The Commissioner's Christmas Message

At the same time I thank all ranks for their industry and close attention to duty during the past year which has culminated in most gratifying results, especially in our efforts against what might be termed "organized crime." My best wishes are also sent to the families of those who are married. I hope that all members of the Force, all Civil Servants, and those they hold dear will enjoy good health and success during 1939.

I exhort all ranks and all employees, not only to maintain the Force's present position, but, by honesty, industry and civility to the public, to enhance its usefulness.

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In this issue of the magazine an article is published dealing with the work of the Aviation Section during the past year. It will, therefore, be of interest to know that the Section will, in future, make its Headquarters at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ottawa, where a hangar is now in process of erection. When completed the hangar will provide accommodation for approximately six aeroplanes and their necessary stores and equipment.

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In addition to the new aeroplane hangar at "N" Division, plans have also been completed for the building of a Scientific Laboratory at Rockcliffe which will follow closely along the lines of the R.C.M.P. Laboratory at Regina. It is anticipated that when the new Laboratory is completed—besides the usual routine duty of scientific crime detection—training classes will be conducted at which Officers and Constables of the Force will attend.

Crime Laboratory at Rockcliffe

The Laboratory will undoubtedly fill a long felt want and will provide instruction in the latest methods of scientific crime detection for personnel stationed in Eastern Canada.

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"To go West" is to pass from this existence. In laying down my pen as Editor of the Quarterly Magazine at the end of a three-year period, I cannot feel that my steps lead westward insofar as the Magazine is concerned or that I will pass from the existence of a publication that has been my constant companion during many long hours. I feel, rather, that it is towards the east that I must turn so that I may watch the light growing always stronger round the little volume that carries the Voice of the Mounted Police to the distant parts of the world. For in this term