



**PICTOU DETACHMENT
OPENING (L-R) Front row:**
Sgt. B.W. Wride, A/Commr.
D. Bishop, Commr. P. Murray,
Sgt. V.K. McKinnon. **Second row:**
Csts J.E. MacGillivray,
J.G. Aucoin, W.F. Rudolph and
B.C. Lennon, Cpl. J.A. Ryan,
Csts H.C. Stiles and M.A.
Garrett. *Missing from photo:*
Csts K.M. Turner and A.P. Dolan.

After a few short speeches by a number of the distinguished guests, Commr. Murray presented Long Service Medals to the following: the Long Service Medal to Csts H. Stiles and J. MacGillivray; the Bronze Clasp and Star to Cst. M. Garrett, and a plaque for 20 years of voluntary service to A/Cst. J. Sears. After the raising of the Canadian flag, the Detachment was officially opened with the unveiling of a brass plaque by Commr. Murray and Mayor Leblanc. An open house and reception were held for guests and the general public.

*By Sgt. Brian Wride
From "North East Nova District News"*

A COMMENDABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT

In a selfless act of charity, a woman from Lower Sackville graciously donated half of her prized doll collection on Christmas Eve, 1997, to benefit needy families in the area. Darlene McIntyre is a 39-year-old woman living with cerebral palsy, who is able to communicate through the use of a computer.

Acting on his daughter's wishes, Mr. Cecil McIntyre contacted the RCMP's telecommunications centre in Halifax to ask what could be done with the dolls. The telephone call happened to coincide with a motor vehicle accident that had occurred the day before in the Windsor Rural Detachment area, in which a father of two girls had been seriously injured. When the telephone call was referred to the Windsor Detachment, Cst. Jean Chasse went to the McIntyre's home to pick up about 80 dolls — which amounted to about half of Darlene McIntyre's lifelong collection. Some of the dolls were given to the two kids

affected by the accident, while the rest were delivered to the Lower Sackville Detachment, who in turn distributed them to needy families in its coverage area.

Csts Mac MacIver and Jean Chasse were so touched by this special act of kindness that they brought it to the attention of the Division's Commanding Officer. In a public ceremony at the Windsor Detachment, S/Sgt. Kevin Cleary presented Darlene McIntyre with a Commanding Officer's Certificate of Appreciation for her act of generosity. Ms. McIntyre says she is interested in donating the rest of her doll collection, and hopes that others will feel the same generosity towards those in need at Christmas time.

*From an article by Ian Fairclough
"Mail-Star/Chronicle-Herald"*



S/Sgt. Kevin Cleary, NCO i/c Windsor Rural Detachment, presents Darlene McIntyre with her Certificate of Appreciation, with her father Cecil and Cst. Jean Chasse looking on.