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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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HISTORY OF RCMP CREST, MOTTO, BUTTONS,
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For subsequent correspondence relevant to the subject matter of this "Dead" File

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Dominion Press Clipping
AND
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156 YONGE ST
TORONTO 2
CANADA

Thursday, August 14, 1941
199. Montreal, Que., Herald

"Maintiens Le Droit—"

THAT is the simply worded motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Those who know the Mounties in other than their screen version are well aware that it is more than a high-sounding phrase to the men of the force.

It's a simply worded motto, but not always so simple in the upholding, as material included in the current issue of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly will quickly convince the reader.

The contents of the Quarterly range from fictionalized fact stories to reports, but a group of case reports covering several convictions will doubtless provide the most absorbing reading for many "crime story" fans.

AND it is here that the complexity of modern police work is most strikingly revealed. Bringing the accused persons to book in the cases recorded was not a matter of trailing "badmen" through the Arctic night, but of scientific detection and painstaking legal preparation.

These modern Mounties often "get their man" through knowledge of the law.

One of the most intriguing items in the Quarterly is the story of an oldtime Indian killer written by Mike Mountain Horse. Long-since hanged, the killer concerned has found an able apologist in this skilled Indian author who, wounded during the last war, is today lecturing on behalf of the Red Cross.

RETURNING to the motto of the force, Acting Corporal R. F. Karrow has this to say in an article:

"The possession, alone, of a motto is not enough. We must so perform the duties of our office that we create in the minds of all people, no matter what station in society they occupy, a complete confidence that right will be upheld."

"The mere adoption of a high-sounding slogan does not accomplish this, but the proper attitude toward our work and those with whom we come in contact will go far to convince the public that such a motto has a meaning for us."

"We must show ability to perform our duties in an efficient and impartial manner; we must display sympathetic understanding; to all we must exhibit courtesy and tact, and a firm determination to ascertain and report facts. Ours is not an easy task . . ."

No, it is not an easy task, but we think the Mounties have lived up to their splendid tradition.

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Extract para. one p. 26, "Trooper and Redskin" by ex-Cpl. John C. Donkin.

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"The men looked very smart in scarlet tunics with pipe-clayed haversacks and white helmets, the spikes and chin-scales gleaming. A new button had just been issued, bearing a buffalo head surmounted by a crown, and a label with the letters N.W.M.P. Canada. The old buttons only bore a crown.

1884

Please place this on my
Article about better. Hodge

[Signature]

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May 19th, 1949.

Dear Colonel Steele:

1. As promised you on the telephone yesterday, I set forth below the name of the Chief of Police of Toronto:-

Chief Constable J. Chisholm.

2. With regard to the crest and motto of the Force, the July 1939 Quarterly contains the article I wrote on this. I regret I have no spare copy to send you.

Yours faithfully,

G. T. Hann,
Departmental Secretary.

Colonel Harwood Steele, M.C.,
456 Pine Avenue West,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

GH:EAG

QUOTE No. HQ 54-27-60-3 (DHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
~~ARMY~~

OTTAWA, CANADA, 7 December, 1949

Dear Superintendent Thrasher,

I am afraid that it has taken rather a long time to provide the information you requested in connection with badges of rank common to the Army and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

As you know, from the inception of the North-West Mounted Police in 1873, officers of the Force have worn military insignia of rank similar to that worn by officers of the British Army. However, various changes have taken place in these insignia.

These changes, and various particulars concerning the Crowns and Stars ("pips"), are recorded in an article entitled "The Evolution of the Badges of Commissioned Rank of the British Army", by Lieut. N. P. Dawnay, in the Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research, Vol. XVI (Winter 1937), Pages 218-234. A photostatic reproduction of this article is enclosed for your retention.

I hope that this information may prove useful for your purposes. Please do not hesitate however to let me know of any further requirements you may have regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,


(C. P. Stacey) Colonel, 6475
Director Historical Section.

Superintendent J.F. Thrasher,
Adjutant,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Justice Building, Ottawa.

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Your Ref: HQ 54-27-60-3 (DHS)

December 16, 1949

Colonel C.P. Stacey,
Director, Historical Section,
Department of National Defence,
O t t a w a.

Dear Colonel Stacey:

I have been asked to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, forwarding photostatic copies of the article "The Evolution of the Badges of Commissioned Rank of the British Army".

2. The Commissioner has read this article with interest and has asked me to convey to you his appreciation of your efforts.

Yours very truly,

(J.F. Thrasher),
Superintendent,
Adjutant.



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December 18, 1950

Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Attn. Insp. R.W. Wonnacott,
Justice Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The following pertains to what little we know about your crest.
We hope that it might be of assistance to you.

It would seem that "Honi Soit Qui Mal-Y-Pense" is the only word-
ing used along with the Royal Garter therefore you should have on your
crest a plain Annulus bearing the words "Maintiens Le Droit."

Some years ago, in speaking to Asst. Commissioner Gagnon, he re-
marked that the crest should really have four and a half maple leaves on
each side totalling nine for the provinces. If this origin is correct
then the indication is that any future crests should have five maple
leaves on each side.

Since the time of George V which we believe is when you received
your Prefix Royal, the Kings of England have had what is known as the
Imperial Crown so you will be relieved to know that you are quite in order
in this department.

The writer hopes that the above remarks may prove to be of assist-
ance to you. If there are any others that you think we may be of assistance
to you, please let us hear from you.

Thanking you for the interview and with best seasons greetings, we
remain,

Yours truly,

VGS:BL

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- THE BADGE OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE -

ERRORS

Crown: Should not be curved at the base. It should not rest on part of the oval, and the ribbon at the base of the crown is incorrect. No ribbon is required.

Animal: The late J. P. Turner was of the opinion that the animal should be shown as a North American bison, and not a buffalo. There is a basic structural difference between the two types of animal.

Garter with Buckle Around the Motto. The presence of a buckle on a garter has been held by some heraldic authorities to be part of the insignia of the most noble of the Order of the Garter, and exclusive to that Order.

Maple Leaves: The twelve leaves are not correctly placed, because they should be brought in more towards the words "Canadian", and "Mounted", which would imply that they were tied together at the base.


The Scroll: The scroll bearing the words "Royal Canadian Mounted Police" is not continuous. The central design separating the title below is meaningless. All the lettering is too heavy and should be of antique style.

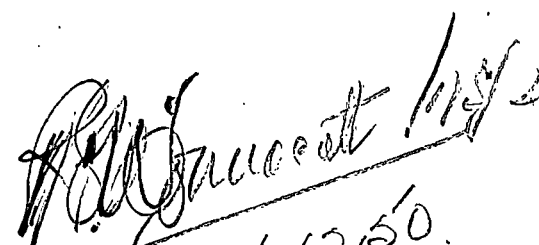
DESCRIPTION OF THE INSIGNIA -

This design is definitely a badge, and not a crest. A badge is defined by heraldic authorities as being a figure or heraldic device without a shield. A crest is a heraldic device, resting upon a wreath (consisting of six pieces of twisted silk) or a cap of maintenance, which is a velvet-lined cap with peaks on each side, upon which the crest stands.

Description: The heraldic description of the present badge reads as follows:-
A bison's head, affrontee, surrounded by a garter bearing the motto, MAINTIENS LE DROIT, all within a wreath of twelve Canadian maple leaves. In a scroll below, the words, ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE. The whole surmounted by an Imperial crown, proper, with the name, CANADA, in a scroll below.

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21-12-50


J. G. Dickson.


21.12.50.

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December 22, 1950.

Dear Sir Algar:

I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you two enlarged copies of the badge or crest of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police which, as far as I know, has never been submitted to an expert for scrutiny to see if it is properly formed.

In this connection I should like to ask the following questions:

Crown:

Is it not improper to curve the base of the crown, as shown in the attached sketch, and to have a ribbon on it at the base. Should the word Canada appear as it does or at all?

The Animal:

It has been considered by some that there is a distinct difference between a North American bison and a buffalo, but what the difference is I am not sure. The original animal was supposed to be a bison, as you will see later from the definition of the badge or crest.

Garter with Buckle containing the Motto:

Is this garter and buckle permitted, or is it confined to the Noble Order of the Garter?

Maple Leaves:

It is considered that the twelve maple leaves shown are not correctly placed and that they should be brought in more towards the word Canadian and the word Mounted, which would imply that they were tied together at the base.

The Scroll:

The present scroll does not appear to be continuous and, on account of this, would seem to be improper.

Sir Algar Henry Stafford Howard,
K.C.V.O., C. B., M. C.,
Garter King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
LONDON, E.C.4, England.

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The present description of the present badge is as follows:

A bison's head, affrontee, surrounded by a garter bearing the motto, MAINTIENS LE DROIT, all within a wreath of twelve Canadian maple leaves. In a scroll below, the words, ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE. The whole surmounted by an Imperial crown, proper, with the name, CANADA, in a scroll below.

This definition is not correct - see R & R 1928 Para 300 (a)

I believe the description is that of a badge and not necessarily of a crest and while we know so little of what is proper in this matter, it has occurred to me that you may be willing to give us the benefit of your advice in any of these matters. At the moment we have no idea as to whether the wording as now shown as "Royal Canadian Mounted Police" follows the proper style or whether the word "Mounted" should be where the word "Police" now is, or how many maple leaves should surround the badge or crest, or if there is any restriction in this regard at all.

If you will be so good as to give us the benefit of your advice in this matter, it will be sincerely appreciated and we shall be able to correct any errors which are now obvious to you.

One more question. Should the crown be changed every time there is a change in sovereign?

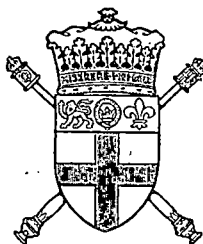
Yours faithfully,

S. T. Wood,
Commissioner.

FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

12th January, 1951

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of December 22, 1950 addressed to Sir Algar Howard. Sir Algar has now retired from office and, as his successor, I write to say that I am going into the points you raise and will write to you upon them shortly.

Yours truly,

Garter

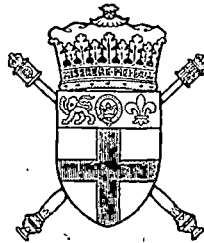
The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA.

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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

18th January, 1951

Dear Sir,

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With further reference to your letter G.219-3 of December 22nd, 1950, I have considered the points you raise.

Crown: The crown shown is sufficiently correct. The curved base is permissible. The scroll in front of it, bearing the word "Canada", does not belong to the crown (is not part of it) and seems only to be a designer's fancy. I see nothing against it except it not being very well designed and is as a result rather confusing.

Animal: This may not be a very good representation of a bison's head and it is only a question of re-drawing it, if desired. There is no registered or official version of the R.C.M.P. badge here.

Garter: Strictly speaking it is not considered right or proper to use the Garter form in such things and this I think ought to be re-drawn, in the form of a riband or scroll.

Maple Leaves: I think this is purely a matter of taste.

Scroll: I agree this could be better drawn to show more continuity.

The description is that of a device or badge: it is not a Crest.

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I assume that this badge, more or less in the form depicted on the sketch you sent, has been in use a long time. I think it would be a pity to change it, except in detail such as I suggest above, which is no more than rectification of detail and improvements in design.


But I do think it would be a good idea to have it re-drawn here carefully, and I also think a copy of it should be enrolled here so that it is always available for reference both by Canadians and by any others concerned or interested.

Unfortunately, the cost of doing this (a really well drawn design in black and white would cost £16.16.0, and enrollment in the archives of the College of Arms would cost £7.7.0) would have to be met by you since there are no public funds available here to cover such things.

If you want a coloured and illuminated copy, the cost would be considerably higher.

I beg to return one of the designs.

Yours/truly,


Garter

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA,
Canada.

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DC.I.
To see me
SW

G.219-3.

February 20th, 1951.

Dear Sir George:

1. Please accept my thanks for your letter of the 18th January regarding the R.C.M. Police badge.
2. One of our senior officers with whom I wish to discuss this matter is absent, and will not be back for a few weeks, but in the meantime, I wish to thank you sincerely for your kind help, and shall write you again later with regard to your offer to draw a black and white design of the badge and have it enrolled in the archives of the College of Arms for about 23 guineas.
3. It was most kind of you to go to the trouble you have taken.

Yours faithfully,

S. T. Wood,
Commissioner.

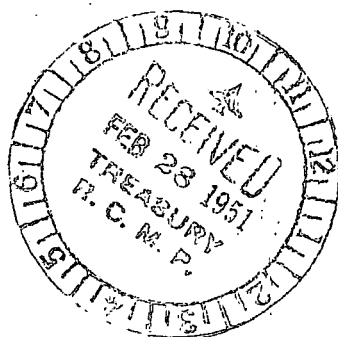
The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C.4,
England.

GH:RM.

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Done
28.2.51
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February 27th, 1951.

Dear Sir George:

1. Referring to my letter of February 20th, regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police badge.
2. We should now very much like to take advantage of your kind offer to secure from you a design in black and white on this badge, which will cost approximately sixteen guineas.
3. The question of enrolment can be dealt with later.
4. Will you kindly let me know whether it is possible for you to give the instructions with a drawing of a design, or is it customary to be paid in advance.
5. I much appreciate your kindness in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

S.T. Wood,
Commissioner.

The Honourable
Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
LONDON E.C.4,
England.

G 219-3
MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Foisy, Chief Treasury Officer.

1. Do you think there ^{will} be funds available to pay for this drawing of the badge, the account for which will likely come either towards the end of this fiscal year or the beginning of the next.

OTTAWA,
27-2-51.

S.T. Wood,
Commissioner.

*send file. Mr. Hannell
for necessary action
28.2.51*

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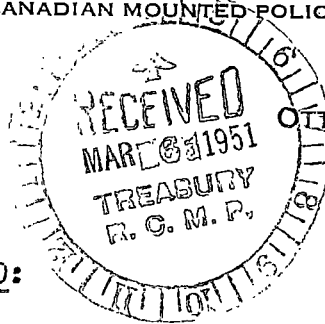
CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER
R. C. M. POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
OTTAWA, ONT.



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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

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TREASURY OFFICE
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

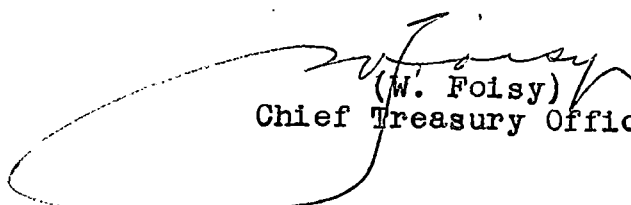


OTTAWA, March 1, 1951.

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Commissioner.

1. In reply to your minute of the 27th ultimo relative to the proposed expenditure of approximately 16 guineas for a design of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police badge, as the amount involved is rather small we do not feel that there would be any difficulty in taking care of it either from current year funds or those for 1951-52. Financial encumbrance in the amount of \$50.00, covering the estimated cost at current rate of exchange, is attached for your signature, please.


(W. Foisy)
Chief Treasury Officer.

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DEPARTMENT R.C.M. POLICE BRANCH TREASURY

MAR 2 1951

DEPT. No.-----

TREAS. No. 7452

DATE March 2, 1951

AMOUNT \$50.00

ADDITIONAL-----

Certified as required by section 29 (1) of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act.

Ledgerkeeper

Head of Branch

~~For Comptroller of the Treasury~~

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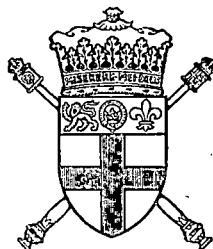
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

AIR MAIL.
Your ref.
G 219 -3.

9th April, 1951.

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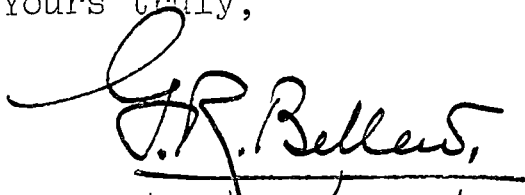
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of February 27th. I am very sorry for the delay in answering but I have been exceptionally busy just lately.

It is the custom at the College of Arms for fees to be paid in advance. I have given instructions to have the drawing made and so perhaps you would favour me with a cheque for the fee in the meanwhile.

I expect the drawing will be ready in about three weeks.

Yours truly,

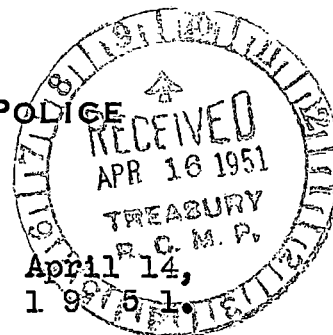

Garter.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA,
Canada.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:-
THE COMMISSIONER
R. C. M. POLICE
OTTAWA



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OTTAWA



REF. No. G 219-3

MEMORANDUM FOR :

The Chief Treasury Officer

Drawing of R.C.M. Police Badge

1. Referring to my minute to you of the 27th February last and your reply of the 1st March, 1951, on this subject.
2. I now enclose copy of a letter received from Sir George Bellw, dated April 9th, 1951, together with an account for Sixteen Guineas.
3. Will you kindly let me have a draft on London, England in favour of the Garter Principal King of Arms or the College of Arms for that amount.

S. T. Wood
S. T. Wood,
Commissioner.

*Mr. Hammond
16.4.51*

*Send file
Mr. Gurnie
would you please
requisition cheque
as to*

Dr.

The above expenditure incurred entirely on Government Service. Prices fair and just.

Approved,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT R.C.M. POLICE

BRANCH____TREASURY____

APR 18 1954

DEPT. No.-----

TREAS. No. 503

1951-52

DATE Apr 16, 1951

AMOUNT \$50.00

Appropriation Land Vote 429 Allotment 103-05-199

ADDITIONAL-----

Recommended—

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and
Entered

Approved—

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER
R. C. M. POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
OTTAWA, ONT.



CANADA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. A/C.....

TREASURY OFFICE
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

MEMORANDUM TO:

OTTAWA, April 23, 1951

The Commissioner.

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1. We are forwarding, herewith, Treasury Cheque No. 37653 in the amount of £16.16.0, as requested in your memorandum of April 14, 1951.

2. File herewith.

W. Foisy
(W. Foisy)
Chief Treasury Officer.

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REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

April 24th, 1951.

Dear Sir George:

1. Please accept my thanks for your Air Mail letter of April 9th, 1951, with regard to the R.C.M. Police badge and am very glad that you have given instructions to have the drawing made.

2. I now enclose a draft in your favour on the Bank of Montreal, London, for £16.16.0 in payment of the drawing in question.

3. Thanking you once again.

Yours faithfully,

S. T. Wood,
Commissioner.

The Hon. Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.4,
England.

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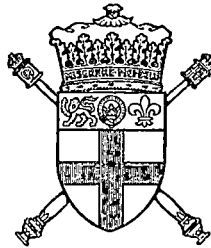
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

30th April, 1951.

AIR MAIL.

Your Ref.
G219-3. ✓

Dear Sir,

Garter has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 24th instant enclosing draft for £16. 16. 0 in payment of the drawing of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Badge which is now being prepared.

Garter hopes to forward you this drawing very shortly.

Yours very truly,

W. Verco

W. Verco.
Secretary to Garter.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA,
Canada.

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G 219-3

May 8th, 1951.

Dear Sir:

1. Your letter of April 28th crossed mine of May 2nd, which I hope by now you have received, with regard to the motto shown on the R.C.M. Police badge.

Yours very truly,

C.K. Gray,
Deputy Commissioner.

Walter H. Kirchner, Esq., M.C., D.C.M.,
Secretary,
Canadian Combat Veterans' Association
in British Columbia,
P.O. Box 133,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

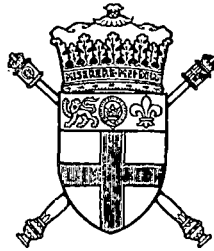
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290536 MAY 18 '51

FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

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AIR MAIL.

15th May, 1951.

Dear Sir,

Badge of Royal Canadian
Mounted Police.

I enclose a pencil design. I felt I had better send you this, for your comments, before having the finished drawing done.

I have had all the amendments made of which I have spoken and I think it looks a good deal better.

Is there any particular reason why there should be twelve maple-leaves? Six looks, I suggest, better.

Do you like the new bison's head? If not, please send a full-faced photograph of one. This one is done from a photograph but you may have a better.

Please return the drawing.

Yours truly,

Garter.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA,
Canada.

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May 23rd, 1951.

Dear Sir George:

1. Please accept my thanks for your letter of May 15th, enclosing a pencil design of the badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

2. We would like to retain the use of twelve maple leaves, chiefly because the R.C.M. Police is a Federal Force which operates in ten provinces and two territories, a total of twelve, - that is to say throughout the whole Dominion.

3. I cannot say that I prefer the buffalo head as shown in the attached pencil sketch which is returned herewith in preference to the one shown in the enclosed photograph of our badge, and if you care to reproduce the one we now have, it will be quite satisfactory, except that I believe the horns have been slightly misplaced to get them more easily into the picture.

4. I am enclosing several photographs of a buffalo, together with one full faced, which I hope will be of use.

5. In the circumstances, I shall appreciate it if you will kindly have a pencil sketch prepared with the twelve maple leaves and a new buffalo head. While on this subject, may I refer to your letter of the 18th January last regarding the word "Canada" to make sure that it is quite correct to have it in the sketch, and insofar as the maple leaves are concerned, as you probably know, these could be either green, which is the colour in the springtime, or variegated and many-hued, as in the autumn, and I shall much appreciate it if you will express an opinion as to which of these two should be chosen.

6. I thank you sincerely for the trouble you have taken in this matter.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C. 4,
England.

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

GN:RW.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REF. No. G. 219-3

MEMORANDUM TO

D.C.I.

RE: R.C.M.P. Badge

1. You will note from recent correspondence on this file that the Force is interested in establishing something definite on the construction of the R.C.M.P. crest, or badge.
2. It is believed that a crest of the Force, approximately three feet square, would be most appropriate for a portion of the background for our display at the forthcoming Ontario Police Association Convention in Toronto.
3. With this in mind, I instructed Cpl. Abbott to cast such a badge. We have taken the liberty of incorporating some of the ideas that were brought to light upon perusal of this file. Generally speaking, there is no great change in the appearance of the badge. However, sculpturing an object such as this is altogether different to making a drawing.
4. Owing to the fact that the Force is interested in establishing authority for certain construction of the badge, I would ask that favourable consideration be given to setting up a Board of Officers to examine Cpl. Abbott's work before it reaches the final stages.
5. It is further suggested that this matter be referred to the Deputy Commissioner and that he be asked to select the Officers, as soon as possible, to examine the work in its present state.

RWW:LP
10-7-51
OTTAWA.

R.W. Wonnacott
R.W. Wonnacott, Insp.,
Officer in Charge,
Identification Branch.

Commissioner

SK:-

For information

case.

Instructions

[Signature]
D.C.I.

Date.../.../...

D.C.I.

*No Board will be held in this matter
until final design is made from "College
Cross" in the meantime the Badge Group W -
being constituted at present may be used for
program proposed. It is understood this
Badge is in general the same as our present
badges,*

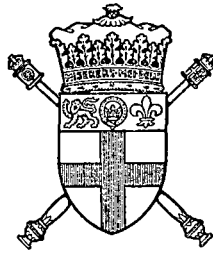
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

23rd July, 1951.

My dear Commissioner,

Thanks for your letter of May 23rd
with enclosures.

I now send you a revised design for
your consideration. If you like it please
initial it and return it to me so that I can
have the finished black and white drawing done.

I can see nothing against having the
word Canada in the design.

Regarding the colour of the Maple Leaves:
I think these should be green, suggestive of
youth and vigour, rather than the fading colours
of autumn.

Do you want a coloured design? If so I
would have to charge you an extra fee as I only
allowed for black and white. A coloured design
would cost £25 (in the best finish on vellum) and
I certainly recommend you to have one if you "can
run to it". But I think you will need the black
and white too. Perhaps you would let me know
when replying.

Yours sincerely,

Garter.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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REF. No. G 219-3.....

MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

The Deputy Commissioner

R.C.M. Police Badge
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1. As you are aware we recently communicated with the College of Arms, London, England, with respect to the R.C.M. Police crest, as it was considered that the crest should be as correct as possible, and I now attach a rough design which has been received from the College of Arms for our consideration.

2. Will you please let me have your opinion as to whether or not you feel that this design is suitable.

3. It might be helpful if you could get Mr. Harkin to drop in L.H. Nicholson, and see Commissioner.

OTTAWA, this final draft.
7-8-51.

[Signature]
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G.219-3.
Personal.

August 13, 1951.

My dear Belcher:

1. Some time ago the question of the R.C.M. Police badge or crest was gone into with a view to establishing something definite along these lines, and it was found that we have never at any time had any expert opinion given on the badge that we presently use. A letter was addressed to Sir Algar Henry Stafford Howard, K.C.V.O., C.B., M.C., Garter King of Arms, London, England, but it was found that Sir Algar had retired from office and his successor was The Honourable Sir George Bellow, C.V.O., who said he would go into this question for us. Further correspondence from Sir George was to the effect that the Crown was sufficiently correct and that the curved base was permissible; the scroll in front of it bearing the word "Canada" did not belong to the Crown, is not a part of it and seems to be the designer's fancy. However, he could see nothing definite against it except it not being very well designed and as a result rather confusing; that the bison's head was not a very good reproduction and it was a question of re-drawing it. Regarding the Garter, it was not considered right or proper to use the Garter form in such things as this, and he thought it should be re-drawn in the form of a riband or scroll, and he thought the maple leaves were purely a matter of taste and that the scroll itself should be better drawn to show more continuity and the description of the badge was that of a device or badge, and not a crest. Further, there is no registered or official version of the R.C.M. Police badge at the College of Arms.

2. Later, Sir George Bellow wrote advising that he could see no particular reason that twelve maple leaves should be on this badge and suggested six, and he sent a sketch of the badge as he proposed it saying that if we did not like the bison's head we could send a full faced photograph of one. This correspondence was replied to and a picture of a buffalo head was taken from the head in the Commissioner's office, copy of which I am forwarding you, which I would ask be returned. Also, Sir George was advised that it was considered that the twelve maple leaves, on the badge, were required and that they should be green in color or variegated and many hued as in the autumn - the twelve leaves representing the ten Provinces and two Territories.

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3. We now have a letter from Sir George Bellow forwarding a revised design for our consideration. I am forwarding you a photostat copy of this design and to be frank I do not like the head of the buffalo. It seems too much like a cow - a jersey cow at that with a whisker on it, the ears and eyes give the effect of being too docile. Further, from some photographs we have here it would appear that the hair on the head of the buffalo is very curly.

4. Now, what I would like to have done, if you can arrange it Belcher, is to have your photographer take photographs of a live buffalo in the Park showing the head in all angles, particularly a photograph of the front view of the buffalo's head, but at the same time I would like shots taken of the side view also, and in forwarding these photographs on you might let me have your opinion of the photostat copy of the sketch forwarded by the Honourable Sir George, and any other comments you wish to make.

5. With kindest regards, and I trust you are not working too hard, but I suppose you have your own trouble, like all of us.

Very sincerely,

Assistant Commissioner A. T. Belcher,
Officer Commanding, "K" Division,
R. C. M. Police,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

CEG/L.

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G.219-3.

September 4, 1951.

Dear Sir George:

1. I thank you very much for your letter of the 23rd of July; together with the black and white drawing of the R. C. M. Police badge, which badge I now return to you, and would like to make the following comments.

2. The design of the badge is quite acceptable, with the exception of the buffalo head which I do not altogether like as it gives the impression of being much too docile for a buffalo.

3. In an endeavour to assist in correcting this impression I enclose two pictures taken of a buffalo head, No.1 showing full face from which you will note the ears do not show, the eyes have rather an angry glare and the hair on the head is quite curly, No.2 shows the profile of the head, and it is hoped these pictures will give you a better idea of the type of head required.

4. I fear the photograph which accompanied my predecessor's letter of May 23rd, did not assist you very much as that particular photograph was taken of a buffalo head in his office; the hair on which, I believe, had been combed out.

5. I hesitate to ask you to have another sketch made correcting the points raised in paragraph 3, but I am most anxious to secure a badge as accurate as is possible, and when this has been accomplished I will let you know definitely our requirements with respect to a coloured design.

6. With regard to the colour of the maple leaves, I agree with you that they should be green.

Yours faithfully,

L. H. Nicholson,
The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O., Commissioner.
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.4,
England.

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Caption to read -

Illustrating "The Crest and Motto of the
Force", by G.T.Hann, Esq., M.B.E.

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E.L.

Maintain the Right Mounted Police Motto

(From the R.C.M.P. Quarterly)

Who was it that coined the phrase "They Always Get Their Man"? Ever since the days of the North West Mounted Police, nearly every member of the force has been looking for him, but he hasn't been found. He's the man we want, though. This thoughtless cliché was probably intended as a compliment, but it has grown into an unshakable slogan. Radio commentators, public speakers and authors repeat the time-tattered catch-phrase with sickening persistence. Press agents jump at it, fiction writers revel in it, movies perpetuate it. For cartoonists, a favorite gag is the picture of a bearded, tottery old man in red serge who has been away for years on a man-hunt and returns at last, with the criminal's skeleton under his arm.

And then there's the one about the two old maids accosting the resplendent young Mounted Policeman and asking him "How do you do it?"

The unfortunate thing about this penny-dreadful slogan is that many unthinking people look upon it as the motto of the force. But as one policeman puts it, "Whenever I heard the remark, 'They Always Get Their Man,' I feel like Tom Sawyer would if he were being kissed in public by his sisters, or having his hair slicked down by his aunt in full view of the spectators at a ball game."

It is to be hoped that "They Always Get Their Man" will die a natural death, and that the real motto, *Maintiens le Droit* will become better known.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"K" Division

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE No. _____

Edmonton, Alberta,

August 22, 1951.

H. Q. FILE No. G. 219-3

PERSONAL

Deputy Commissioner C. K. Gray,
R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

My dear Deputy Commissioner:

With reference to your letter of August 13th regarding the R.C.M.P. Badge, please be advised that Dr. Love, in charge of the National Park at Elk Island, suggested that this was a very poor time of the year to take photographs of a live buffalo as they were shaggy and did not give a true idea of a buffalo. He advised that he had a very good specimen mounted and we photographed his mounted head and copies are attached. There is no doubt that the photographs of Dr. Love's buffalo are much better than the copy forwarded with your letter and I do not think that you will do any better by waiting to photograph a live animal.

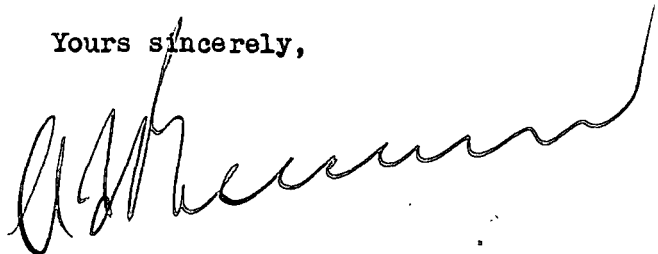
I cannot comment on the photostatic copy of the badge other than to suggest that perhaps the complete head should be contained in the inner circle so that the lower portion of the mount and the whisker would not overlap into the part containing the motto. I would like to see the motto kept distinct without a portion of the buffalo head in between the words.

I am returning herewith photostatic copy of badge and photograph of buffalo head forwarded with your letter.

We are not working too hard but it appears that the visit of Her Royal Highness and the Duke of Edinburgh will create certain extra duties for all concerned.

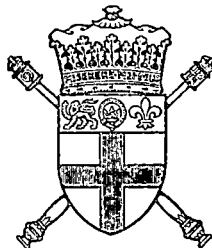
With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.
Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

10th October, 1951

My dear Commissioner,

I now return the sketch, with a new buffalo head and would be glad to have your observations.

If you now approve it, I will have the finished drawing done (if you will please return sketch and head).

Yours sincerely,

Garter

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA.

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G.219-3.

October 25, 1951.

Dear Sir George:

1. Your letter of October 10th last, together with sketch of the R.C.M. Police badge and new sketch of buffalo head attached, is acknowledged.

2. I have carefully examined the sketch of the buffalo head and find it to be very satisfactory. The glare in the eyes and the curly hair help to exemplify the buffalo trait, therefore I approve of your having the drawing done with this head, as sketched.

3. It is felt the sketch you forwarded is an excellent one, and the finished drawing will serve our every purpose, and I shall look forward, with much interest, to receiving it.

4. Thanking you for the trouble we have caused you, in respect to this.

Yours faithfully,

L. H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C.4,
England.

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The Hon. Sir George Bellew, CVC
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.4.

7th November, 1951

Your Ref. G.219-3

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Dear Sir,

Garter has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th October, together with enclosures, and to let you know that he hopes to forward the finished black and white line drawing therein referred to very shortly.

Yours very truly,

W. Verco

W. Verco
Secretary to Garter

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The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS EN-
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WILL BE SENT BY
ORDINARY MAIL.



The Commissioner,

R.C.M. Police;

OTTAWA

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Sender's name and address :-

The Hon. Sir George Bellet,
C.V.C.,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria St.,
LONDON, E.C.4.

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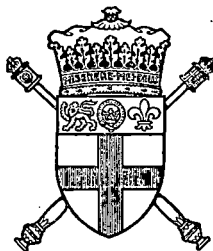
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

13th November, 1951

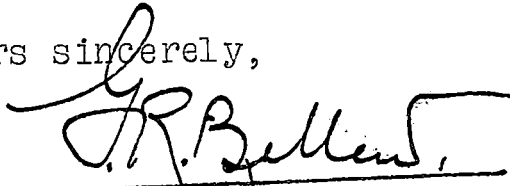
Your Ref. G.219-3.

My dear Commissioner,

I now have pleasure in forwarding you herewith the finished black and white line drawing of the R.C.M. Police Badge. This drawing, I think, incorporates all the improvements in the design, which have from time to time been suggested, and I trust you will find it executed to your entire satisfaction.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,


Garter

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA.

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December 1,
1951.

Dear Sir George:

1. In acknowledging your letter of November 13th last, forwarding line drawing in black and white of the R.C.M. Police badge which arrived here safely, I wish to thank you for an excellent drawing which meets our every requirement.

2. Now that the black and white drawing of the badge is completed satisfactorily, it has been decided to have a coloured design prepared and enrollment made in the Archives of the College of Arms, and in this would you please advise if it will be necessary to enroll the black and white drawing also.

3. Previous correspondence from you sets out the cost of a coloured design as being £25.0.0, and for enrollment £7.7.0. However, due to the lapse of time since you supplied these figures, it is requested that you let me know if these prices are correct before any action is taken regarding the coloured design.

Yours faithfully,

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
LONDON E.C. 4,
ENGLAND.

CKG:HHS

*Royal Blue
&
Yellow*

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE

ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER,

R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO.

9516-16

OTTAWA,

CANADA

Dec. 3, 1951.

Deputy Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Sr.

Re: R.C.M.P. Badge.

I have examined the newly designed badge of the Force, a copy of which is annexed - figure 1.

2. I called Mr. J.G. Dickson to help me draw up a few comments for your information. It appears to us that the badge is very satisfactory. It departs in only a few details from the existing one, which is a good thing, in that all existing buttons, badges, crests, etc., will not require replacement except by a gradual change brought about over a number of years. I presume that once the new badge is properly registered all new dies and stamps for cutting and printing badges will be made to conform to it, but that such changes will not come about until the old dies are worn out. The change in the badge is so slight that it would hardly be distinguishable from that appearing on the buttons and badges today.

3. The new badge embodies all the essential ingredients of the badge of the Force, while a few non-essentials have been discarded. The essentials are:

(a) The Imperial Crown proper, which signifies that the Force carries the Prefix Royal granted to it by His Majesty King Edward VII in 1904. At the same time, it signifies that the reigning Sovereign is at the head of the Force as its Honorary Commissioner.

(b) The scroll bearing words "Canada" signifies the country to which the Force belongs. This word appears on some of the older *Badges* crests of the Force, but has been dropped a good deal of late years. In our opinion, it is a very good idea to put it into the official badge. While it is true the word "Canadian" appears lower down, yet we feel sure that the name "Canada" should appear where it is now placed.

(c) The North American bison head, or buffalo head as it is commonly called, associates

the Force with the prairies of Western Canada where the first tasks of the Force were performed at a time when large herds of this native animal still roamed the prairies.

- (d) The scroll surrounding the bison head, bearing the motto of the Force, "Maintiens le Droit", with the meaning of ^{uphold} "The Right", written in the French language because that language is so widely spoken and has its origin in the earliest of settlers, ~~The~~ ^{Royal} ~~Civic~~ blue recognized as a police colour throughout the English speaking world. Years ago in England, the blue was adopted to replace the red of the military. Whenever there was a serious breach of the peace in those days, the military were called and opened fire upon the mobs. This eventually created an impossible state of affairs because the soldiers refused to fire, maintaining that in many cases they were shooting down their own brothers. The need was then seen for the formation of a Civil Police Force, which amounted to the general public selecting certain of their members to do the task which every civilian should by rights perform. In order to distinguish these new police from the military, the blue uniforms were used, and have continued ever since.

- (e) The wreath of maple leaves, the National Emblem of Canada, of which there are twelve in the wreath, one for each of the ten provinces and the two territories of which the country is composed.

- (f) The scroll bearing the name of the Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

4. My understanding of badges, crests, and Coats-of-Arms, is that a written description must accompany the design. Any badge which conforms to both the official description and the official design cannot be wrong. Mr. Dickson has drawn up the description in heraldic language, which I think is very suitable. It is as follows:

5. "A bison's head, ^{affrontee} ~~proper~~ ^{proper} surrounded by a scroll ^{azure} ~~edged~~ ^{edged} or; bearing the motto: MAINTIENS LE DROIT, also or; all within a wreath of twelve Canadian Maple leaves ^{vert} ~~edged~~. On a like scroll below, the legend: ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE, or; The whole surmounted by an Imperial crown ^{proper} ~~edged~~ with the name CANADA ^{or} ~~edged~~ on a scroll ^{azure} ~~edged~~ below the crown."

6. Assuming then, that we have the description of the badge, I would go as far as to say that this description is actually more essential than the drawing of the badge, although to make it complete, a

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drawing is necessary. From the description, the actual colours can be obtained, and as far as I can see, in having the description, there is no actual need to register a coloured design. However, I believe this can be done and would, of course, complete the matter entirely. I believe, however, that any badge made according to the description would be correct. For example, if the artist depicts twelve maple leaves and they are green, it does not matter what shade of green they are or what type of maple leaves they are, so long as they are maple leaves and they are green, and there are twelve of them. The same with the scrolls; so long as they are blue and have gold letters and gold edges, they are correct. The same again with the bison head; so long as it truly represents the front face of a bison in natural colours, it must be considered to be correct. The Crown also is fixed by description because there is only one way in heraldry to depict an Imperial Crown proper.

7. Figure 2 is a copy of Figure 1, but done in colour for reference purposes only. On this coloured badge, Mr. Dickson and I have changed Figure 1 in two places.

(a) We have reduced the words, "Maintiens le Droit" in size so that the letters now do not touch the edge of the scroll, as they do in Figure 1. We suggest that this be incorporated into the master design, but at the same time, we realize that it may not be necessary to do so because as I have said these slight changes are permissible by any artist reproducing the badge if he thinks fit to do so. So long as he has the correct letters, I do not think it matters what size the letters are, or what type of letter he uses for that matter. We only suggest this change in the master crest because we think it would match the wording on the scroll bearing "Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

(b) The second change we have made is to put a gold edge on the scroll bearing the word: "Canada". We added this, and suggest it be added to the master crest, to make that small scroll conform to the others. In this way, all scrolls will have gold edges.

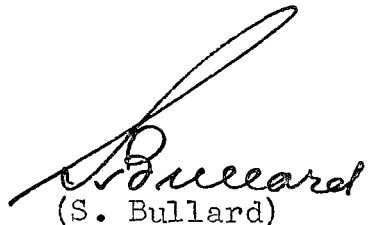
8. The lump showing behind the bison head is questioned by some. It represents the top of the neck, of course. We think it might possibly be removed to make a better design.

9. Mr. Dickson's description definitely refers to a bison's head. This is correct, although strange to say, ninety-nine people out of a hundred would refer to the animal as a buffalo. It is definitely a bison, of which species there are actually only two on the face of the earth. There is the European bison and the American bison, the former

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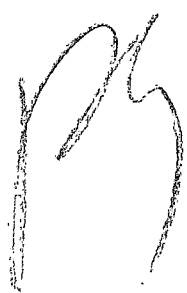
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being known to naturalists as bison bonas^{us},
and the latter bison Americannis. They are both
allied to the ox in the family of bovidia, so I
read from the encyclopedia. On the other hand,
a buffalo is strictly an old world animal. Europe
has buffaloes, but they are not true natives.
They are the descendants of stock imported from
Asia centuries ago. Then, there are the wild
Cape buffaloes, and the Indian buffaloes, which
have been tamed for domestic use, and in India
are the commonest of domestic animals today.
But the bison is distinctive from all these, and
particularly the bison Americannis, which is found
nowhere else in the world except on the American
continent.



(S. Bullard)
Assistant Commissioner,
Emergency Planning Branch.

Att.



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Memorandum to:

The Deputy Commissioner.


Re: R.C.M.P. Badge

We have had some further discussions on the proposed new Badge. Inspector Wonnacott and Mr. Dickson have urged me to draw to your attention the fact that they consider that the letter "L" in Royal and the letter "P" in Police on the bottom scroll certainly should not be hidden as they are.

2. Mr. Dickson points out that he has studied a great number of different Badges and he has never, on any occasion, found one with partially hidden letters on it.

3. Another reason why these letters should not be partially hidden is that this Crest will have to be considerably reduced for most of the purposes for which it will be used and it is then that there is liable to be some bad misunderstanding because it will not be possible on such a small scale to imagine what the letters really are.

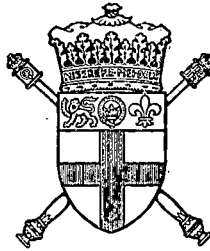
4. I attach a sketch to demonstrate the two letters in question. Personally I think that this point should be drawn to the attention of the Draftsman who should be asked to arrange the scroll so that all the letters on it are ^{all} clearly visible. This, for them, would be a very small operation and it might save us a lot of misunderstanding in future years.


(S. Bullard),
Assistant Commissioner,
Emergency Planning Branch.

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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.
Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS

QUEEN VICTORIA STREET

LONDON E4 7 5 2 JAN - 8 5 2

TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

17th December, 1951

Your Ref. 219-3

My dear Commissioner,

Thank you for your letter of the 1st instant advising me of the safe receipt of the black and white drawing of the R.C.M. Police Badge. I am glad to learn the drawing met with approval.

The cost of a coloured picture of the Badge and enrolment of the design will be twenty-five pounds and seven guineas respectively, as previously mentioned.

If you wish me to proceed in the matter, would you kindly let me have a cheque for £32.7.0 and at the same time send me a photograph or photostat of the black and white drawing, as no exact copy of the design has been retained in my file.

Also perhaps you would let me have your advice as to the proposed colours. It has been agreed that the maple leaves should be depicted green and I presume you would like the Royal Crown shown in proper colours. There remains for consideration, therefore, the buffalo head and background, the encircling ribbon with motto, the small scroll and word Canada, and the large scroll and inscription.

Yours sincerely,

Garter

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
Ottawa.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

The Chief Treasury Officer -

Drawing and Enrolment in the
College of Arms of the R.C.M.
Police Badge.

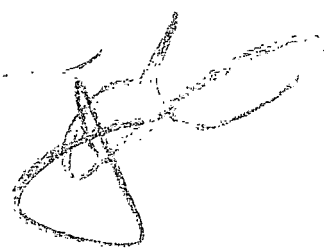
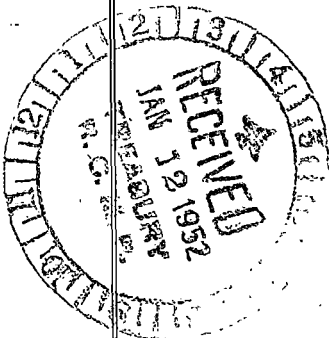
1. I attach a copy of a letter,
dated December 17th, 1951, received
from Sir George Bellew, advising that
the cost of a design of the coloured
badge of the Force and for the enrol-
ment of the design in the College
of Arms will be £32.7.0.

2. Will you please let me have
a draft on London, England, in
favour of the Garter Principal King
of Arms, Queen Victoria Street,
London, England, for the amount in
question. Attached is an account
on Form 6, duly approved.



Ottawa,
11-1-52.

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.



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Dr.

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Approved,

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER
R. C. M. POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
OTTAWA, ONT.



IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. G 219-3

TREASURY OFFICE
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

OTTAWA, January 21st, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Commissioner

In reference to your memorandum of the 11th instant,
we attached hereto, Treasury Cheque No. 39931 for £32.7.x. in favour
of Garter Principal King of Arms.

W. Foisy
for (W. Foisy)
Chief Treasury Officer.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

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FILE NO. _____

OTTAWA, Jan. 22, 1952.

CANADA

MEMORANDUM TO:


The Deputy Commissioner,
R. C. M. P.
Justice Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Colors Of The Force

Further to my memo of Dec. 1, 1951, I regret to report that I have been unable to uncover anything pointing to the official establishment of RCMP colors.

Attached please find the result of a written request to Mr. Hill of the Privy Council. A personal visit to the Parliamentary Library was also fruitless.

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(E. J. Donovan)
Civilian.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE

ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER.

R. C. M. POLICE.

OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

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FILE NO. _____

OTTAWA, Jan. 16, 1952.

CANADA

Mr. A.M. Hill,
Privy Council,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa.

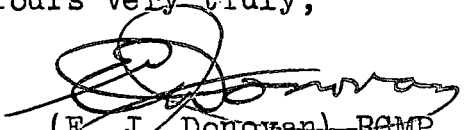
Dear Sir:

It is commonly accepted that the colors of the Force are blue and gold. We would like to ascertain if they were adopted by the RCMP through administrative channels, also when.

Following up our recent telephone conversation, I am writing to request your assistance, as directed. The most probable date of such an edict, if any, would be between the years 1927 and 1936, with emphasis on 1933.

In the event that you feel inclined to render us your aid, we are sending along our thanks and gratitude beforehand.

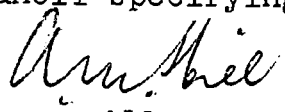
Yours very truly,


(E. J. Donovan), RCMP.,
Historical Research,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Donovan:

In reply to your request I wish to advise that, although an exhaustive search of our records has been made, not only for the years 1929 to 1936, but also for many years previous to this period, no Order in Council specifying colours for the R.C.M.P. has been turned up.

January 18, 1952.


A.M. Hill,
Assistant Clerk of the Privy Council.

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January 22nd, 1952.

Dear Sir George:

1. Your letter of December 17th, 1951, setting out the information requested, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. To complete the colour design of the R.C.M. Police badge and have same enrolled in the archives of the College of Arms, I enclose a draft in your favour on the Bank of Montreal, London, England, in the amount of £32.7.0.

3. As requested by you, I am forwarding a photograph of a black and white drawing, also a photograph of the same drawing in colour which I had prepared here, as a guide only, insofar as the proposed colours are concerned, but wish to stress that this is not a finished article. As you will note, the Royal Blue and yellow predominate in this colour design as these are the R.C.M. Police colours.

4. Regarding the Royal Crown, I would, of course, want this to be in proper colours; the maple leaves, green; the buffalo head, in its natural colours of dark brown; the encircling ribbon with motto, the small scroll and word "Canada", and the large scroll and inscription, it is felt, should be depicted in Royal Blue and yellow. However, your views may be contrary to my suggestion, and if so, please do not hesitate in bringing to my attention any changes you feel should be made. In fact, I would request that you kindly let me have your opinion of the coloured sample before completing same, which I will look forward to receiving with pleasure.

Yours faithfully,

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.4,
England.

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER.
R. C. M. POLICE.
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. G.219-3

OTTAWA, January 25, 1952.

CANADA

Memorandum to:
The Officer in Charge
Identification Branch.

Re: R.C.M. Police Badge

1. In perusing the correspondence on the above subject as a partial basis of an article I have been requested to write for the R.C.M.P. Quarterly, it is respectfully suggested that three aspects of the matter be drawn to your attention: (1) The heraldic description of the Badge, (2) The selection of a colour as a background for the Bison, and (3) The manner of lettering the words "Royal Canadian Mounted Police" on the scroll below the design.

2. With regard to (1) above, (description of the design,) it is recommended that the College of Arms give it's official blazon (description of colours, subject matter etc.) of the Badge underneath their coloured painting of it, as a matter of record, and in order to avoid any mistakes in the future, by artists and others. This procedure is followed in the issuing of Grants of Arms by the English College of Arms and the Scottish Court of the Lord Lyon, and I believe we should make such a request, in case it be overlooked.

3. Regarding (2) above, (the colour of the background surrounding the Bison,) it is respectfully pointed out that in his letter dated Dec. 17th, 1951, to the Commissioner, Garter Principal King of Arms mentions that "there remains for consideration, the background" etc. Unfortunately, there is no mention of this matter in the letter dated Jan. 22, 1952 from the Commissioner to Garter. It is evident from Garter's letter that there should be a background surrounding the animal, otherwise it would be left blank, and therefore incomplete and incorrect. It is suggested that consideration be given to the background being azure, or blue, to match the ribbon and scrolls. This would appear to be logical, as blue could also represent the sky, which is part of the surroundings of the roving Bison. It is considered that the use of any other colour would appear to be too garish, and would also tend to make the design very spotty.

This is of course value for granted

We have further communication is made - this matter will be dealt with

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4. With reference to (3) above, (the lettering on the large scroll), it is noted that no comments regarding any action taken appear on the Memorandum dated Dec. 12th, 1951 from Assistant Commissioner Bullard, to the Deputy Commissioner. It is most respectfully requested that this matter be considered in view of the recommendations made in that Memorandum. It is therefore strongly urged that in further communication with the Garter Principal King of Arms on the subject of the background for the Bison, that a request be made that the left and right hand parts of the large scroll be slightly expanded to avoid any partial obstruction of the lettering in the words "Royal" and "Police". This would indeed be a simple matter for the artist to correct when he is making the final coloured drawing for us. Then we shall have a Badge as nearly perfect as anyone could desire, and following the precepts and examples of other badges throughout the world.

5. It is certain that the College of Arms Officials aim to satisfy us in the designing of our Badge, and that they would be pleased to have our further comments regarding it.

J. G. Dickson
J. G. Dickson, Spec. Cst.
i/c Photographic Section.

Deputy Commissioner.

1. Forwarded for whatever action you consider necessary.

2. I have asked Spl/Cst. Dickson to give some thought to preparing a suitable article for the R.C.M.P. Quarterly in connection with the proposed changes in the R.C.M.P. Badge. Most of the important material is contained in this file; thus his reason for perusing it.

R. W. Wonnacott
R. W. Wonnacott, Insp.,
Officer in Charge,
Identification Branch.

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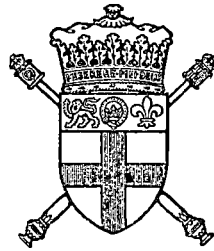
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

21st March, 1952

AIR MAIL.

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My dear Commissioner,

I am sorry for not answering your letter of January 22nd before. It arrived in the middle of rather sad events, which have kept me very busy since.

I have received safely the photographs, and also the cheque for the fees, £32.7.0.

One point does arise regarding the colouring. In heraldry yellow represents gold; and for decoration or rather special pictures we usually use real gold. Would you like your painting to have gold where it is shown yellow? It looks very well.

The green of the maple leaves in your painting is a little harsh: I would propose to vary this a little.

When I hear from you regarding the above two points, I will get the painting and enrollment done at once.

Yours very sincerely,

G. R. Bellw
Garter

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa.

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March 28th 1952.

Dear Sir George:

1. Knowing the extra duties you have recently been called upon to perform due to the regrettable death of His Late Majesty, it is a great wonder to me how you found the time to reply to my letter so quickly, and I do appreciate your doing so.

2. In regard to the point you raise as to using gold instead of yellow for the painting, I am sure the use of gold would enhance the colouring in the badge; but I feel that to use gold colouring might give the impression that our colours are royal blue and gold, instead of royal blue and yellow. In view of this it is felt that we should retain yellow rather than change.

3. I agree that the green of the maple leaves in the painting forwarded you is rather harsh and concur with your proposal, as it is felt this colouring could be altered to advantage.

4. It is assumed that when the badge is enrolled in the Archives of the College of Arms that a complete description of the badge and colours will have been prepared as this would be necessary to prevent any future controversy that might arise over the design and colours.

5. In your letter of December 17th, 1951, you made mention of the background of the badge which in my reply dated January 22nd, 1952, I purposely did not mention, as I felt you would know more about this than I do. However, as you have not mentioned it in your recent letter, I bring the matter to your attention and would suggest an overall background of a suitable blue, the shade to be left to you for decision.

6. There is one other point I would like to bring to your attention which had been the subject of some discussion here, and that is the partial obstruction of the letters "L" in ROYAL and the "P" in POLICE. No

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The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C.4,
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doubt this is quite correct and is at the artist's discretion; however, I would appreciate if you would confirm this to be correct.

7. If anything further is desired, I would be very happy to comply. In the meantime, I will be looking forward with anticipation to receiving the finished drawing.

Yours faithfully,

(L.H.Nicholson)
Commissioner.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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FILE No. L6-42

CANADA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
LONDON, S. W. 1,
ENGLAND.

CONFIDENTIAL.

6th May, 1952

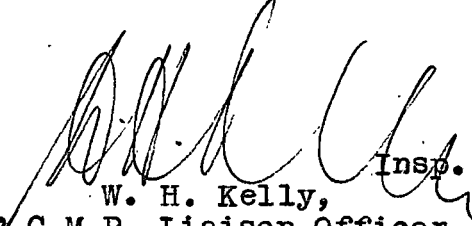
The Commissioner,
H.Q. R.C.M.P.
Ottawa, Ont.

Attention D.C.I.

Re: Metropolitan Police Training School,
Hendon, Middlesex.

The writer on the invitation of the Commandant, Chief Supt. W. Bailey, recently paid a visit to the above school and spent a very interesting time, analysing syllabi and watching recruits in various stages of training, including 2 classes of police recruits for Colonial police forces.

2. Chief Supt. Bailey showed me around the buildings and in the main hall he has a large collection of plaques in the form of shields etc., presented from Colonial and Commonwealth Forces. It occurred to me that in view of our growing relationship with this organization, it would be a nice gesture if a plaque, similar to the several I have seen at Headquarters, Ottawa, could be presented to them on behalf of the Force. The plaques already there are approximately 10 inches square, some are slightly larger. The plaques I refer to are an enlargement of the badge of the Force. I have not mentioned to Chief Supt. Bailey that I am making this request, so if it cannot be complied with no harm will have been done. I do know, however, that such a gesture on our part would be very much appreciated.


W. H. Kelly, Insp.
R.C.M.P. Liaison Officer.

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Your No. L6-42

May 14, 1952

Confidential

Inspector W. H. Kelly,
RCMP Liaison Officer,
Canada House,
LONDON, S.W. 1, England.

Re: Metropolitan Police Training School,
Hendon, Middlesex

I think the suggestion as contained in your memorandum of May 6, under the above heading, is most excellent. However, I should advise that it has been discovered that our Crest had never been registered. In making application to the Garter Principal King of Arms, College of Arms, London, for registration it was found that certain changes in design were necessary. For example, one comment of the Garter was:

"Garter: Strictly speaking it is not considered right or proper to use the Garter form in such things and this I think ought to be re-drawn in the form of a riband or scroll."

In addition, the badge is to be redesigned to show twelve maple leaves, one for each of the Provinces and two for the Territories.

2. With the alterations mentioned the matter of registration is now under way and we anticipate obtaining official notification of acceptance within the immediate future.

3. Under the circumstances as above outlined I think you will agree that it would not be good policy to

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donate one of our present crests for the purpose that you mentioned. It would no doubt be the object of critical examination and the so-called defects might be the subject of adverse comment.

(M. F. E. Anthony),
Assistant Commissioner,
Director, Criminal Investigation.

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, August 19,
1952.

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Dear Sir George:

1. As I have not heard from you since my letter of March 28th last was forwarded, referring to the R.C.M. Police Badge, I wondered if you had received same, and in case you did not, I attach hereto a copy of the letter and would request a reply at your convenience, please.

2. Thanking you again for your kind assistance in this matter,

Yours faithfully,

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

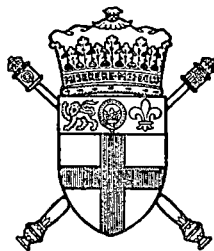
The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E.C. 4,
ENGLAND.

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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE : CITY 4300

AIR MAIL.


5th September 1952.

My dear Commissioner,

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant and to let you know of the safe arrival of your letter of the 28th March.

Pressure of official duties has, I regret to say, caused delay in the work I have in hand for you, but the design of the Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (amended as proposed in your letter of the 28th March) has now been enrolled in colour in the appropriate register here. The painting of the Badge which is being prepared for you will not, however, be ready for despatch before the end of this month. I sincerely hope this will not cause you undue inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,


Garter

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The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:-
THE COMMISSIONER
R. C. M. POLICE
OTTAWA



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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OTTAWA

REF. No. G516-16

December 10, 1952.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 17th ultimo has been transmitted to this Headquarters for attention.

We will be very glad indeed to send you a coloured illustration of the crest of the Force, but I regret very much that this will not be ready for about another two months.

The design has been changed slightly, and is now in the process of being redrawn and registered.

If you will write to me sometime in February we will be very glad to comply with your request.

Yours very truly,

R.A.S. MacNeil

R.A.S. MacNeil,
Inspector.

Very, Please

Mrs. G. Dorcy,
4459 Avacado Street,
LOS ANGELES, California,
U. S. A.

widow Col. Ben H. Dorcy - Cavalry

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Dear Inspector M^{re} Neil -

Thank you for this gracious letter.
When the new design is ready may
I have a copy please? If it can be
had in color suitable for a 2x2 slide
in Kodacrome, I will be deeply grateful -
and will you include a description
of meaning -

Is there a colored picture of one
of you mounted to accompany the
Crest slide? May I ask - could it
be of you (or unmounted)?

I have the Los Angeles Horse Show
magazine cover of 1952 - The N.W.
Paper Co. of Cloquet, Minnesota sent
me a large one but do not wish it
used!

In September I am lecturing to the
First Cavalry Division Association
Reunion (5000 members) in El Paso, Texas.
I shall enjoy talking about you
most gratefully
Mrs Gladys A. 000710

*Recd from
Sec of State*

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

MEMORANDUM ON THE DESIGN OF THE CROWN

Prior to the reign of King Edward VII there was no rule or custom regulating the design of representations of the Crown when used with the Royal Cypher or separately for various official purposes. His late Majesty King Edward VII caused the arrangements to be regularised so that customarily the design known as the Tudor Crown would be shown with or without the Royal Cypher. This design has varied to some extent in detail, but since that time has been generally used with or without the Cypher in Insignia of Orders and in Decorations and Medals, in Coins, Postage stamps, various Badges of the Services, Rank Badges, Buttons, Government publications, Postal vans, Government equipment, Stores, etc.

This Crown does not, however, represent any existing Crown, and The Queen prefers the representation of the Crown in designs to resemble the St. Edward's Crown with which Her Majesty will be crowned in the Coronation Service. This representation has already been adopted in the Royal Cypher. Her Majesty's wishes in regard to the representation of the Crown are as follows:

- (i) The St. Edward's Crown should take the place of the Tudor Crown in all future designs embodying a representation of the Crown.
- (ii) Existing designs on Decorations, Medals, Coins, Stamps, Stationery, etc. should not be changed unless or until it is necessary to do so. Whenever, however, a design embodying the Crown has for any reason to be changed, the St. Edward's Crown should be substituted for the Tudor Crown.
- (iii) No unnecessary expense should be incurred in making these changes, and where alteration in an existing design would involve such expense it should be deferred.
- (iv) There is no objection to the use of two different designs for the Crown in the transition period before all Crowns on Royal Emblems are changed to the design of the St. Edward's Crown.

11th December, 1952.

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Dear Sir George:

1. I hesitate in writing you in regard to the R.C.M. Police Badge, as no doubt your time is fully occupied by arranging for the forthcoming Coronation, and the other multifarious duties you are called upon to oversee.
2. The position I am now in is that badges and buttons are required for the Force and I wish to have the completed drawing of the new coloured R.C.M. Police Badge before placing this order, as it is desired that the dies be cut in line with the newly designed badge.
3. It is assumed from previous correspondence that the Badge is registered in the Archives of the College of Arms, and if it is convenient to you, I would like very much to have the completed coloured drawing of this Badge in order that the dies may be cut and the new order be placed in sufficient time to allow the filling of same before the Coronation.
4. In making this request, it is not desired to inconvenience you in any way, as I am fully aware of the many other commitments you have to attend to.

Yours faithfully,

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Carter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
LONDON E.C.4,
ENGLAND.

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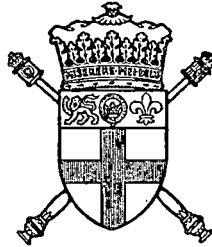
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE : CITY 4300

5/6.16
Air Mail.

25 February 53.

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My dear Commissioner,

I have delayed, for a few days, my acknowledgment of the receipt of your kind letter of the 2nd instant so that I could let you know the date when I anticipated being able to despatch to you the painting of the Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The painting will be ready early next week and I will arrange for its immediate despatch by Air Mail.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Bellw
Garter.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa.

Pay
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when painting
arrives.
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE No. _____


Edmonton, Alberta,
March 17th, 1953.

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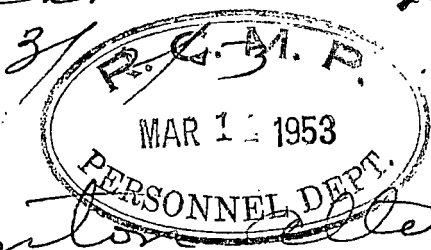
The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Forwarded for any action you deem necessary.
No reply has been made to this letter and no record
retained at this office.


(A.T. Belcher) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "K" Division.

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RAMP

Edmonton letter

Dear Sir :

Please

give me the official
motto of the R.C.M.P. =
and in French also. =
also when did it become
official, by whom. =
Want the translation
& information for school
& for friends. (everyone knows
the saying) quote.
Thank you.

Mrs. M. Donvito

Write soon please

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March 19th, 1953.

Dear Sir George:

1. Receipt of painting of the R.C.M. Police Badge, which has just reached me, is acknowledged, and your effort in attending to this matter is indeed much appreciated.

2. The complete painting leaves nothing to be desired, and I wish to thank you sincerely for the personal interest you have taken to ensure the design and colouring of the Badge met our every requirement.

Yours faithfully,

The Honourable Sir George Bellew,
C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C. 4,
England.

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

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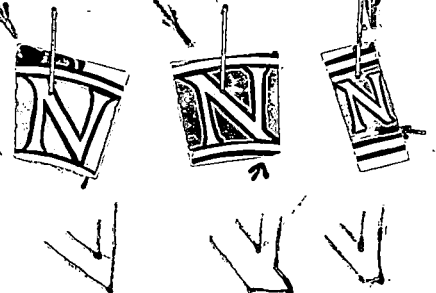
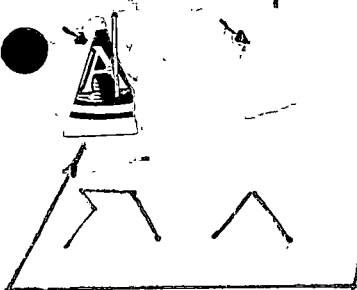
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Badge of the
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE



College of Arms
MCMLII

Sent to this office by Mrs Womart.
setting out difference in lettering.

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Badge of the
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

College of Arms
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

THE PURCHASING AGENT
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1. Attached hereto are four photographs of the R.C.M. Police Badge. This will henceforth be the official badge of the Force as approved by the College of Arms in England. It is to be used on all future badges ordered for our use.

2. Coloured designs of the badge will be supplied at a future date.

RECEIVED

MAR 23 1953

PUR. BRANCH (O. LaRiviere)
Superintendent
Supply Officer

March 21, 1953

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*The Off. Learning
Hd. Qs. R.C.M.P.
attaches out.*



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

G.516-16

OTTAWA, Ontario,
March 21, 1953.

To: All Officers Commanding Divisions.

R.C.M. Police Badge

1. Herewith is a photograph of the above noted Badge, which has been accepted as the Badge of the Force. The Badge was prepared by the "Garter Principal King of Arms" and has been registered with the "College of Arms", England.

Copies sent to:-

- "A" Division
- "B" Division
- "C" Division
- "D" Division
- "E" Division
- "F" Division
- "G" Division
- "H" Division
- "J" Division
- "K" Division
- "L" Division
- "N" Division
- "O" Division
- "Depot" Division

W. Gray
C. R. Gray,
Deputy Commissioner.

"Marine" Division
"Air" Division.

1st Lt.

OTTAWA
21-3-53.

CKG:bc

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March 27, 1953.

Dear Madam:

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1. Further to our earlier correspondence, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a photograph of the revised badge of the Force which has just been received from the College of Arms. There is also enclosed a photograph of one of our mounted Constables.

2. While these are not exactly what you asked for, I am afraid that they are the best we can do and I hope that you will find them of some use and interest.

Yours very truly,

R.A.S. MacNeil,
Inspector.

Mrs. G. Dorcy,
4459 Avacado Street,
LOS ANGELES, California,
U. S. A.

RASMacN:bc

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G.516-16

April 2nd, 1953.

Dear Madam:

1. Your inquiry relating to the motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been forwarded to this office for attention.
2. I am enclosing a copy of the July, 1939 issue of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly. At page 41 you will find an informative article on the subject you are interested in.
3. As this copy of the magazine has been loaned to you from our library, I would appreciate its return at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

R. A. S. MacNeil,
Inspector.

Mrs. M. Donvito,
Luscar, Alberta.

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April 8, 1953.

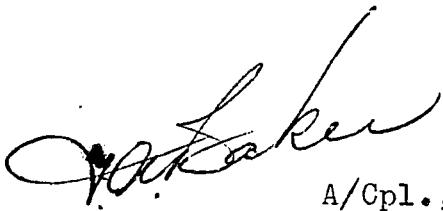
MEMORANDUM to:

The Deputy Commissioner.

Re: The Design of the Crown.

The attached copy of a memorandum on the design of the crown issued from Buckingham Palace was obtained for me by the Librarian from the department of Secretary of State.

They informed her that this document had been sent from Buckingham Palace to the Governor General and that a copy, in turn, had been forwarded to the Secretary of State by Mr. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General, together with copies of the attached Royal Cypher.



A/Cpl.,
Adjutant's Branch,
Instruction Office.

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, April 8, 1953.

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Dear Sir George:

1. I have this date received the attached copy of memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of State here. From this memorandum you will note a change is being made in that the St. Edward's Crown will replace the Tudor Crown.

2. As, no doubt, there will be questions arising that will have to be answered when the dies are cut portraying the Tudor Crown as per your drawing, I would request your comments on this matter please.

Yours faithfully,

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C. 4,
England.

CKG:HMS

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Los Angeles ²⁷ Cal. 253
April 17-1953.

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Dear Inspector MacNeil-

Please forgive the delay in
answering your gracious letter
and photographs of your fine
revised badge and your mounted
Constable, you sent me March
27-1953-

Each is superb - the badge
I greatly prize and honor -
it will fit my lecture

excellently - I am glad to see
it bears - "College of Arms"

The photograph of your
Constable is perfect - each
detail is 100% -

Thank you deeply -

Mrs. S. Morcy.

Wm. A. R. R. R.
P.A. R. R. R.
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Luscar atte
April 16, 53.

Mr. R. MacNeil,
Inspector, R.C.M.P.,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

This is to thank you
for the loan of enclosed book.
I like the motto "Maintain the Right."
Surprising not many people
know it around here. It would
be good in a quiz program or contest.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs M Donvito.

PA.
P. MacNeil
m/4/53

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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OTTAWA, Ontario.
April 28, 1953.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

The Supply Officer,
R.C.M.P., Ottawa.

1. With reference to your memorandum of March 21st, 1953, on the subject of the new design for badges for this Force, I have heard unofficially that it may now be necessary to contemplate further changes in view of the expressed wish of Her Majesty that the St. Edward Crown be used instead of the Tudor.
2. I take it, therefore, that I should not take any action on getting new dies cut for any badges until this matter is cleared up. This, of course, will affect the supply of gold belts, for which a number of requisitions are at hand.
3. Would you please advise me if this is correct.

(J.A. Lynch)
Purchasing Agent.

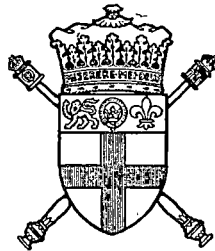
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC4
TELEPHONE : CITY 4300

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AIR MAIL.

5th May 1953.

Your reference:
G 516-16.✓

My dear Commissioner,

Replying to your letter of the 8th April, the design of the Badge for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was agreed and enrolled in the College of Arms before Her Majesty The Queen approved the revised design of the Royal Crown.

As indicated in the Memorandum, a copy of which you sent me, it is Her Majesty's wish that the representation of St. Edward's Crown (as depicted in the enclosed copy of the Royal Cypher) replace in all future designs, embodying the Royal Crown, the Crown hitherto used. However, such revision of the Crown in the Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police need not be made unless or until new Badges are required, for, as you will have noted, it is expressly stated that there is no objection to the use of two different designs of the Royal Crown in the transition period.

Yours sincerely,

G.R. Bellus
Garter

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa,
Canada.

Enclosure.

*Reynold's copy
forwarded to
Mr. Macmillan
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LB.*

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G. 516-16

16th May, 1953

Air Mail

Dear Sir George:

1. I have your letter of May 5th and the question now arises as to whether we must have our badge redrawn, substituting the St. Edward's Crown for the Tudor Crown and thereafter have the new design re-registered in the Archives of the College of Arms. We are now ordering buttons and badges for new uniforms and, in view of the contents of your letter, these will have the St. Edward's Crown instead of the Tudor Crown.

2. Original painting of the R.C.M. Police Badge is returned herewith in case you require it.

Yours faithfully,

(L.H. Nicholson)
Commissioner.

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C. 4,
England.

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Mail 19/5/53

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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REF. No.....G....516-16.....

MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

The Assistant Commissioner "S" Directorate
The Officer i/c Identification Branch

Re: Design of the Crown

1. In view of the contents of the attached letter to Sir George Bellew, dated May 16th, the Commissioner requests that no equipment or designs depicting the St. Edward's Crown be ordered until a reply has been received from Sir George.

L. Bingham
Ottawa (L. Bingham) Supt.
19-5-53 Adjutant.

*Noted
on 21/5/53
by [Signature]
20/5/53*

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:-

THE OFFICER COMMANDING,
R. C. M. POLICE.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE NO. M.227-6

Winnipeg, Manitoba,

H. Q. FILE NO. G.516-16 ✓

May 19th, 1953.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

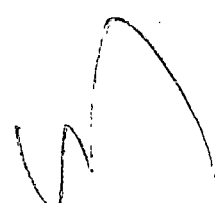
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Re: R.C.M. Police Badge

The attached Press clipping entitled "Canada Gets New Crown" may prove of interest in connection with the new badge of the Force, in that the heraldic representation of the Tudor crown may, in keeping with other badges and ~~our~~ armorial bearings, be replaced by the St. Edward crown.

2. Possibly the final decision with regard to this alteration will need to be awaited before the badge, a picture of which accompanied the Deputy Commissioner's letter of March 21st, 1953, is reproduced on an enlarged scale.

S. Bullard.
(S. Bullard) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "D" Division.



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Canada Gets New Crown; New Coat Of Arms Next?

By DOUGLAS HOW

Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—A new crown is to come into use in Canada.

It is expected to emerge gradually in many Canadian military badges, buttons and insignia, on stamps, on coins, on the governor-general's standard or personal flag and elsewhere. It might even lead to the first alteration in the Canadian coat of arms in 32 years.

The reason is Queen Elizabeth's decision to change the heraldic representation of St. Edward's crown, the Coronation crown, which has adorned such things in Commonwealth countries for 52 years.

The change is relatively simple but its effects will range far and its significance is symbolic of the fluid political pattern of the countries that owe allegiance to the throne.

OMITS IMPERIAL TOUCH

The representation of the crown that is going out had imperial significance. It stemmed from a decision of Queen Victoria to alter the heraldic representation to make it more in keeping with her status as an empress. Elizabeth, a queen but not an empress, is going back to a design that omits the imperial touch.

The difference briefly is this:

The four pearl-studded arches of gold—symbols of independent sovereignty—form a semi-circle in the design being abandoned. In the new representation, they go back to the downward curve—forming a kind of figure eight cut in two lengthwise—at the point of intersection. They dip at the centre as they do in the real St. Edward's crown.

The Queen also is changing the type of lettering in her royal cypher—E II R—to straight Roman style from the Italic script used since Edward VII. This also will mean changes in Canada.

Actually the crown that for years has graced Canadian badges, coins and the like has not accurately pictured St. Edward's crown. It was an heraldic representation, a licensed exaggeration and was known widely as the Tudor crown. The new design will be much closer to the real thing and will be called by the real name, St. Edward's Crown.

CORONATION CROWN

St. Edward's crown is the one which for brief seconds will touch the head of Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey June 2 and never be worn by her again. It weighs five pounds. The crown she will wear on state occasions in the future is the imperial state crown, which weighs about two pounds.

The Canadian armed forces plan to make the change gradually in their insignia. Broadly, the orders are expected to be that there is to be no sweeping immediate switch, that the change will take place as new badges, colors or other emblems come in or as old badges wear out and the dies or patterns would normally have to be replaced.

maple leaves which signify Canada are in a subordinate position hardly in keeping with Canada's present status.

But there is no sign yet that cabinet or its top officials are considering any change.

Thus two reserve force infantry regiments getting new colors—the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the New Brunswick Scottish—are both to have the new-type representation of the crown in them. The Queen herself approved the colors but signified that they should bear St. Edward's crown.

Two army corps, the engineer and service corps, use both the crown and cypher in their badges and will get both changed. The crown that signifies the rank of army majors will be changed, too, and the same sort of alterations will make themselves felt in the navy and air force.

ON STAMPS, COINS

New stamps and coins bearing the likeness of the crowned Elizabeth are expected to bear St. Edward's crown, too, and the governor-general's standard is also expected to abandon the Tudor representation for its successor.

What the cabinet will decide to do about the coat of arms, if anything, remains to be seen but it also is topped by the Tudor crown. The original, royally proclaimed in 1921, now hangs in the office of C. S. Stein, undersecretary of state, an ornate magnificence about four feet high. Reproductions are used widely throughout the country.

Some heraldry experts feel that if a change is to be made in the coat of arms—or, more rightly, the armorial bearings—the opportunity should be seized to make a general overhaul. They feel the present design is hardly compatible with the autonomy and eminence Canada has achieved since 1921.

In particular, they feel that the

Headquarter's Library, 26/

R.C.M.P.

G 516-16 ✓

P.A. Patricia Kavanagh

26/5/53.

Dear Miss Matheson,

In reply to your telephone request of the 25th May, for a coloured picture of the badge of the Force, I am afraid this is all I can do for you at the moment.

1. I enclose this picture of the present badge of the Force that was approved by the College of Arms in 1952, with indications of the colours.
2. The Tudor Crown in the picture may be replaced by the King Edward Crown, this decision rests with Sir George Bellow, Garter Principal King of Arms. The letter dealing with this was sent out to him in London, the 19th May, and as one can well imagine he is pretty busy at the moment.
3. If you care to wait upon this decision, I will let you know as soon as we get word. If, however, the matter is urgent perhaps it would be alright to go ahead and use the one in vogue now. In a letter from Buckingham Palace to the Secretary of State for Canada, the Queen stated that she does not want the present badges, armorial bearings

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changed.

4. The coloured picture of the proposed new crown is in London now and the colored transparency is out on loan from the photographers' section.

It all sound very complicated in reply to your simple request but, the circumstances of the registering of the new badge of the Force, plus the Coronation plus the possibility of the new Royal Cypher being used instead of the old one makes it so.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Patricia Karashowsky.

Miss J.I.Matheson,
The Library,
Geographical Branch,
70-74 Elgin Street,
OTTAWA.

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G. 516-16

28th May, 1953.

MEMORANDUM to:

The O.C. "D" Div.,
R.C.M.P., Winnipeg.

Re: R.C.M. Police Badge

1. Your memorandum of May 19th with newspaper clipping is acknowledged and I have been asked to advise you that this matter has been referred to Sir George Bollow, Garter Principal King of Arms and no further action is being taken to have any reproduction of our badge made until a reply has been received.

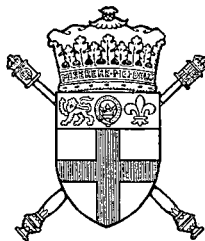
(L. Bingham) Supt.
Adjutant.

LB/D.

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FROM W. VERCO, ESQ., M.V.O.
SECRETARY TO
Garter Principal King of Arms



COLLEGE OF ARMS 264
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC 4
TELEPHONE: CITY 4300

Air Mail.

Your reference:
G.516.16.

16th June 1953.

Dear Commissioner,

Garter has requested me to thank you for your letter of the 16th May and to let you know of the safe receipt of the painting of the Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

It is hoped to return the said painting to you very shortly, with the Crown appropriately amended.

Yours very truly,

W. Verco

W. Verco
Secretary to Garter

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa.

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G.516-16 (Vol.2.)

June 26th, 1953.

Insp.W.H. Kelly,
R.C.M.P. Liaison Officer,
Canada House,
Trafalgar Square,
London S.W.1.
ENGLAND.

Re: Revised R.C.M.P. Badge

1. The Force has been in communication with the College of Arms, London, England, relative to the designing and registering of the R.C.M.P. Crest or Badge. Considerable correspondence has been exchanged since there was some question about what type of crown was to be considered. Thus, our letter of May 16th, which is copied hereunder:

"Dear Sir George:

1. I have your letter of May 5th and the question now arises as to whether we must have our badge redrawn, substituting the St. Edward's Crown for the Tudor Crown and thereafter have the new design re-registered in the Archives of the College of Arms. We are now ordering buttons and badges for new uniforms and, in view of the contents of your letter, these will have the St. Edward's Crown instead of the Tudor Crown.

2. Original painting of the R.C.M. Police Badge is returned herewith in case you require it.

Yours faithfully,

(J.H.Nicholson)
Commissioner.

The Honourable Sir George Bellew, C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C.4.
England.

2. We are now in receipt of a communication from the Secretary to Garter dated June 16th, acknowledging our letter of May 16th and informing us we would be receiving the requested information shortly.

3. As there are many things depending upon the new design, we are most anxious to clear this matter up as soon as possible. The O.C. "HQ" Division has asked me to write to you to ascertain if you would call upon or get in touch with the Hon. Sir George Bellew, C.V.O., or some other authority of his office and enquire as to the date we may expect the reply to our letter of May 16th, also, the

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completed painting of the Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

4. Anything you can do to expedite this matter will be greatly appreciated.

R.W. Wonnacott, Insp.,
Officer in Charge,
Identification Branch.

INCOMING MESSAGE

Ident. Br.

388271 ²⁶⁷ JUL 9 1953

ORIGINAL

FROM: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA, LONDON, ENGLAND.

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File No.

TO: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

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No. 1250

Date July 8, 1953.
(Received July 9, 1953.)

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Reference: Your file G.516-16 letter June 26th.

Subject:

Following for Commissioner RCMP from Kelly, Begins:
Attention Officer I/C Identification Branch.
Painting in diplomatic mail today. Ends.

Done

Date

References

*Could I have
the drawing
upon arrival
for photo to be
made - re art work
in connection with latest
move -*

*He
che/Bn.
10-7-53*

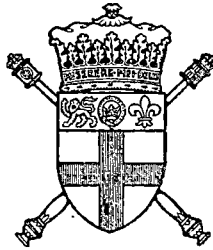
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, K.C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS 262
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC 4
TELEPHONE : CITY 4300

Your reference:
G. 516.16.

8th July 1953.

Dear Commissioner,

Referring to my Secretary's letter of the 16th June, I have pleasure in returning you herewith the painting of the Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with the Crown appropriately amended. The painting thereof in the College archives has also been amended accordingly and I enclose a note of the fees payable in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Bellw.
Garter

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa,
Canada.

Enclosure.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REF. No. G.516-16 (Vol. 2)

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MEMORANDUM TO

The D. O. C. I.

Re: Revised R.C.M.P. Badge

With reference to the letter from Sir George Bellew, dated July 8th, the Commissioner requests that the painting of the amended Badge of the Force be forwarded to the Officer in charge Identification Branch who should deal with it without delay and then forward it to the Supply Officer. The account referred to by Sir George Bellew will be left attached to his letter until the file reaches the Supply Officer.

Ottawa,
13-7-53.

L. Bingham
(L. Bingham), Supt.,
Adjutant.

ANSWER TO

*Badge
turned over to
SO. this date.
Rw
14-7-53.*

Ident

BRANCH

For comment

D. O. I.

Date...

14 7/53

Photo's taken

Color & B+W.

Negatives in Photo's Sect.

*Rw. 000744
14-7-53.*

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July 29, 1953

The Officer in charge,
R.C.M.P. Crime Detection Laboratory,
ROCKCLIFFE, ONTARIO

Re: Case for R.C.M. Police Crest

1. Following our recent telephone conversation regarding a protective case to house the crest of the Force, would you please endeavour to have a suitable case made by your staff, which would afford sufficient protection for this crest in order that it may be preserved permanently.

2. The crest referred to is forwarded herewith.

(O. LaRiviere)
Assistant Commissioner
Supply Officer

Encl.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REF. No. G. 516-16 (Vol. 2).....

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MEMORANDUM TO	ANSWER TO
<p><u>THE CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER:</u></p> <p>Re: Revised R.C.M.P. Badge. -----</p> <p>1. Will you please issue a cheque to cover the attached account of The Honourable Sir George Bellew, K.C.V.O., in the amount of £5.5.0d., for alterations to painting of Badge of Royal Canadian Mounted Police.</p> <p>OTTAWA: (O. LaRiviere,) 27-8-53 Asst. Comm'r., Supply Officer.</p>	

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER
R. C. M. POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
OTTAWA, ONT.



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TREASURY OFFICE
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

OTTAWA, August 28, 1953.

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONER:-

Attention: The Supply Officer

Re: Account
Revised R.C.M.P. Badge

With reference to your memorandum dated August 27, forwarded herewith for transmission is Treasury cheque #5775 in favour of Sir George Bellew College of Arms for the sum of £5.50D.

Encl.

B. E. Foisy
(W. Foisy)
Chief Treasury Officer.

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, September 10, 1953.

G.516-16 (Vol. 2)

Dear Sir George:

1. Your letter of July 8th and the painted badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with the Crown appropriately amended is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Enclosed herewith is a Government of Canada Treasury Cheque #005775 in the amount of £5.5.X for the painting and the necessary alterations to the badge.

Yours faithfully,

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

The Honourable Sir George Bellem, C.V.O.,
Carter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
LONDON E.C. 4,
ENGLAND.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

File No. G.516-16

OTTAWA, Ontario
September 29, 1953

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,

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K-L-N-O-MARINE-AIR-
SUPPLY STORES-STATIONERY BR
AND PURCHASING BRANCH
AND "HEADQUARTERS" DIVISION

Re: R.C.M. Police Badge

1. This has reference to the Deputy Commissioner's memorandum of March 21st, last.
2. " Please find attached a photograph of our badge which, it will be noted, bears the Tudor Crown.
St. Edward
3. This badge was prepared by the "Garter Principal King of Arms" and has been registered with the "College of Arms", England.
4. It replaces the badge bearing the Crown of ~~St. Edward~~ *Tudor*, photograph of which was forwarded with the memorandum referred to above.
5. Please note that a photograph in true colour appears in the current issue of the Quarterly.

Encl.

E. H. Perlson
(E. H. Perlson)
Superintendent
Supply Officer

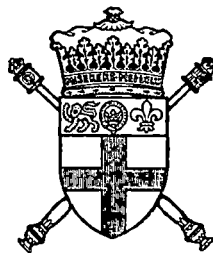
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FROM

THE HON SIR GEORGE BELLEW, K.C.V.O.

Garter Principal King of Arms



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COLLEGE OF ARMS
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON EC 4
TELEPHONE : CITY 4300

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1st October, 1953.

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Dear Sir,

Garter has requested me to thank you for your letter of the 10th instant (reference number G.516-16 (Vol.2)) advising him of the safe receipt of the amended painting of the badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and enclosing cheque for five guineas in settlement of the account.

Yours very truly,

W. Verco

W. Verco,
Secretary to Garter.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa,
Canada.

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Badge of the
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

MONTREAL GAZETTE

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October 3, 1953.

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RCMP Finally Gets Its Badge After 470 Years

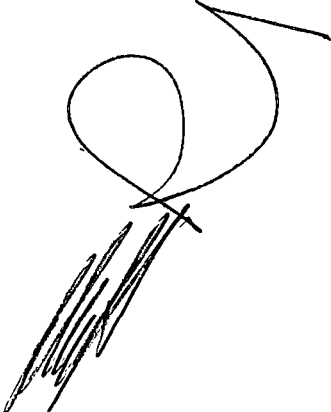
Ottawa, Oct. 2.—(P)—The RCMP has ironed out some heraldic difficulties and now has a new and proper badge.

The badge gradually will be placed in use throughout the force, on buttons as collar badges, on stationery, on automobiles and other property.

The October issue of the RCMP Quarterly says the badge has been granted by the Garter Principal King of Arms, College of Arms, London. It has been registered in the records of the college, founded March 2, 1483.

Previous badges of the force, all variations of one design, were "not of sound heraldic design." For instance, the buckled garter surrounding the buffalo, formerly part of the badge, belongs solely to the most noble Order of the Garter.

The badge is about six inches high and four inches wide. It is on a blue background, with a bison's head facing front surrounded by a blue band with gold border inscribed with the RCMP motto "Maintiens le droit"—"Uphold the right." The band is surrounded by 12 maple leaves.



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October 5, 1953.

Commissionair,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

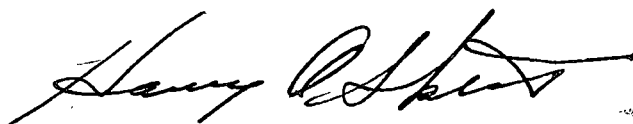
As you can see by our letterhead we are Canteen Suppliers, and we have done some business with your canteen, so our name might be known to you.

We do a considerable amount of business with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police all over Canada, and noticed in the Toronto Daily Star your new Crest has now been officially announced. As you can understand a picture or a copy of this new crest would be much appreciated.

Trusting this will not cause you any inconvenience. We remain,

Yours very truly,

HARVEY A. SKITCH & SON



Harvey A. Skitch

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New badge ^{-CP.} for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is on a blue background, with a bison's head facing front surrounded by a blue band with a gold border inscribed with the RCMP motto "Maintiens Le Droit" — "Uphold the Right". Band is surrounded by 12 maple leaves.

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G 516-16.

October 9, 1953.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter
of the 5th instant, enclosed herewith
is a glossy print of the newly approved
R.C.M.P. Badge.

Yours very truly,

R.A.S. MacNeil,
Inspector.

Mr. Harvey A. Skitch,
337 King St., West,
Toronto, Ontario.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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Winnipeg, Manitoba,

October 15th, 1953.

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The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: R.C.M.P. Badge

1. In the Supply Officer's memorandum of September 29th it is stated that the new badge bears the Tudor Crown in place of the Crown of St. Edward. May I please point out that the reverse is actually the case and the new badge bears the Crown of St. Edward.

Bullard A/Comm'r.,
(S. Bullard)
Commanding "D" Division.

*See CM Dated
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OTTAWA, Ontario
October 16, 1953

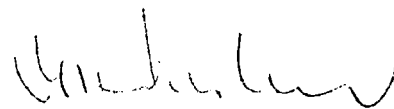
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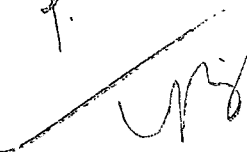
The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,

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G-H-J-K-L-N-O-MARINE
AIR & HEADQUARTERS
DIVISIONS

Re: R.C.M. Police Badge

1. With reference to the Deputy Commissioner's memorandum of March 21st, last, and relative circular memorandum of the 29th ultimo.
2. It is noted that the information contained in the latter circular memorandum of September 29th was apparently reversed in error. Paragraphs 2 and 4 should therefore read as follows:-
 - "2. Please find attached a photograph of our Badge, which, it will be noted, bears the St. Edward Crown."
 - "4. It replaces the badge bearing the Tudor Crown, photograph of which was forwarded with the memorandum referred to above."


(E. H. Perlson)
Superintendent
Supply Officer

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE NO. G 516-16.

R.C.M. Police Badge.

1. The undersigned received a telephone call today from Miss Byers - 3-3100 - Secretary to the Mayor of Ottawa, asking for information as to the cost of having the R.C.M. Police Badge re-designed and enrolled in the College of Arms.
2. Miss Byers was informed that to have our Badge re-designed, painted in colour on vellum, and registered in the College of Arms cost approximately \$250.00.
3. The above information was required by the Mayor of Ottawa, as a debate will take place tonight on a new coat-of-arms for the City of Ottawa.

P.R. Usborne, Inspector,
Departmental Secretary.

OTTAWA,
7-12-53,
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE QUARTERLY

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OTTAWA

CANADA

Dec. 11, 1953

The Supply Officer,
"HQ" Division, R.C.M.P.,
Ottawa.

Re: R.C.M.P. Quarterly

1. At the last meeting of the Editorial Committee of the RCMP Quarterly the point was raised that on instructions from the Supply Branch the Quarterly was to make available to the Canada Decalcomania Company Limited the six color plates used to reproduce the Force's new badge in the October 1953 issue of the magazine. It was understood that the Decalcomania Company would utilize the plates in making the colored transfers for future use on police cars, etc. It was the opinion of the Decalcomania representative that use of these plates would result in a substantial saving in time and money to the Force.

2. The Committee desire me to point out, however, that these plates are the property of the Quarterly and were paid for by the magazine and not from public funds. The plates are valued at approximately \$500. As there is always the possibility that these cuts may be scratched or spoiled while on loan to the Decalcomania Company, I have been asked to request your assurance that they will be returned undamaged to the Quarterly, thus guaranteeing our financial interest in them.

3. It was also suggested at the Committee meeting that the Supply Branch be asked to purchase a quantity of the colored reproductions of the badge from the Quarterly for

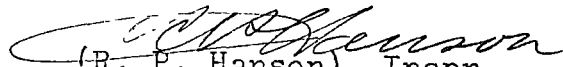
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official use. These are in demand for distribution through the Liaison Officer and some have also been given to the Stationery Stores for transmission to various manufacturers. These reproductions are available at the nominal price of five cents each, a rate that partly offsets the cost of printing, which has already been borne by the Quarterly.


(R. P. Hanson), Insp.,
Managing Editor,
RCMP Quarterly.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE QUARTERLY

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OTTAWA

CANADA

Dec. 15, 1953

MEMO TO:

The Supply Officer,
"HQ" Division, R.C.M.P.,
Ottawa.

Re: R.C.M.P. Quarterly--
Colored Plates of the
RCMP Badge

1. The attention of the Officer in Charge, Identification Branch first became focused on the badge of the RCMP when Cpl. J.R. Abbott commenced sculpture of the badge in clay. Various inaccuracies showing up in the old badge resulted in the College of Arms, London, being asked to prepare a proper design for official adoption by the Force.

2. In the meantime pending arrival of their drawing it had been decided by my predecessor (Inspector Wonnacott) in discussion with the Editor of the Quarterly to reproduce the badge in the magazine to afford personnel of the Force an opportunity of seeing the new official badge in color. When the painting of the new badge was received at Headquarters it was turned over to Inspector Wonnacott by the Deputy Commissioner for use by the Quarterly. Color work in printing is expensive, but as the idea to include the badge in the magazine as a frontispiece originated with the Quarterly management it was assumed that the costs would necessarily be borne from funds of the magazine. It was felt at the time, however, that in view of the possibility of the original painting becoming faded by exposure to light a certain service was being rendered the Force by preserving through the six color plates the original shades included in the painting from the College of Arms. Incidentally, in this regard several thousand reproductions were run off separately on coated stock suitable for framing, a large percentage of which have been disposed of

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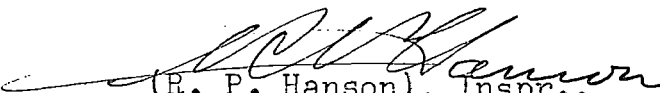
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through canteens throughout the Force.

4. In any event, the reproductions of the badge by the Quarterly represented a total overall outlay of \$931 as shown on the attached invoice. Of this, the six plates alone cost \$468. This price to the Quarterly was extremely reasonable and made possible simply because of the trade discount allowed the magazine through its long connection with Runge Press. The plates were made by Bomac Electrototype Limited and the original painting was taken to Montreal for the engravers to make their color separation negatives of it there.

5. Some time ago the former Supply Officer issued instructions that the plates of the badge and proofs of it be made available to the Decalcomania Company, as outlined in my previous memorandum. As it is apparent now that these cuts are of definite future value to the Force, whereas their value to the Quarterly ceased with their use, I would recommend for your consideration that they be purchased from the magazine by the Force. I would suggest in acquiring these cuts the Force might consider reimbursing the Quarterly to the extent of their cost--as outlined in paragraph four--\$468, and add the provision that the magazine be allowed the use of the cuts at any time in the future should the need arise.


(R. P. Hanson), Insp.,
Managing Editor,
RCMP Quarterly.

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October 23, 1953.

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Justice Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Terms: 30 Days Net. Interest at 5 per cent. charged
on overdue accounts

Your Order No.

Our Order No. 3545

Oct.	1	8,800 copies R.C.M.P. Quarterly - Oct. -- 108 pages and cover Extra for printing Badge in 6 colours in 8800 copies plus 3200 copies of Badge on sheet 14 x 10 Lustrecoat stock <u>1 set 6 colour process plates</u> Halftones and Linecuts used in Quarterly 400 Mailing Tubes	2980. 00 463. 00 468. 00 558. 00 10. 00		4479. 00
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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

P.R. Urban for
(F.S. Spalding), Insp.,
Treasurer

APPROVED:

J.D. Bird for
(J.D. Bird), D/Commr.
Chairman.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REF. NO.

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MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

BRIEF RE COLOUR PLATES - R.C.M.POLICE BADGE

- a) (R.C.M.P. Badge) A set of six colour plates purchased by R.C.M. Police Quarterly Magazine at cost of \$468.00
- b) In view of their value to the Force the Editor of R.C.M. Police Quarterly suggests that the Force purchase the plates from the Quarterly at Cost (\$468.00) and that the Quarterly be permitted to use the plates as and when required.
- c) It is pointed out that arrangements have already been made for the Decalcomania Company to use the plates in making transfer crests for R.C.M. Police Cars.
- d) These plates can be used by the Force in making patterns for crests, Officers' Cap badges, collar badges, etc.

*Discussed
with Genl. on
the 29-12-53 -
approved by
W 29/12/53*

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

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OTTAWA, December 29, 1953

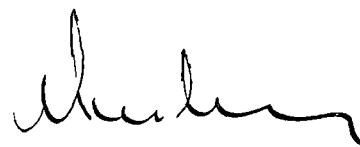
CANADA

The Managing Editor,
R.C.M. Police Quarterly,
OTTAWA, Ontario

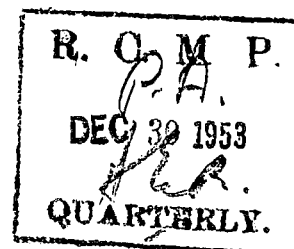
Re: Set of Six Colour Plates - R.C.M.P. Badge

In accordance with your memorandum of
December 15th, 1953, this will advise that the
Commissioner has agreed to the purchase of the
colour plates referred to at a cost of \$468.00.

An approved Form S.222A covering the
purchase is being submitted to the Purchasing
Agent for attention.



(E. H. Perlson)
Superintendent
Supply Officer



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HDQRS. NO. 8201-2

DIV. NO. _____

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 291 REQUISITION ON SUPPLY STORES, OTTAWA

"H.Q." (DIVISION)

OTTAWA, Ontario (PLACE)

December 29, 1953 (DATE)

PLEASE SUPPLY THE UNDERMENTIONED ARTICLES:—

QUANTITY REQ'D	UNIT OF AUDIT	ARTICLES REQUIRED	SIZE OR DES- CRPTION	ON HAND DATE OF REQ'N	REMARKS
One	Only	<p>May arrangements be made, please, to purchase the following from the R.C.M. Police Quarterly:—</p> <p>Set of six colour Plates of the R.C.M. Police Badge originally supplied by the College of Arms, London, England.</p> <p>Purchase Price \$468.00</p> <p>The question of purchasing these Plates for the use of the Force was verbally approved by the Commissioner on the 29th instant.</p> <div>RECEIVED DEC 30 1953 PUR. BRANCH</div>			<p>Order 5 31708</p>

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(Should requirements be unusual, explanatory correspondence must be attached)

EXAMINED AND RECOMMENDED

APPROVED:

COMMANDING " "DIVISION

SUPPLY OFFICER

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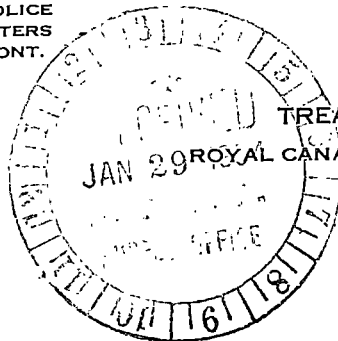
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R. C. M. POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
OTTAWA, ONT.



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TREASURY OFFICE
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

OTTAWA, January 26, 1954.

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONER:-

Attention: The Supply Officer

Re: Purchase Order #531708
Colour Plates for R.C.M.
Police Badge

We are returning the above noted Purchase Order as we have no information at hand as to whether the Minister has authorized the introduction of the new R.C.M. Police Badge.

Paragraph 273 of Rules, Regulations and Orders directs as follows:

"Uniform for all members of the Force shall conform to sealed patterns as may be authorized by the Minister. No addition to or deviation from, any sealed pattern of dress, clothing, badges or equipment may be introduced unless duly authorized."

In view of the fact that any "addition or deviation" from authorized pattern must be approved by the Minister, may we be advised please if Ministerial approval has been secured for the new R.C.M. Police Badge.

Encl.

(W. Foisy)

Chief Treasury Officer.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
IN COUNCIL

Ottawa, Ontario,
February 8, 1954.

The undersigned has the honour to submit to Your Excellency the enclosed memorandum of this date from the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in which he concurs and recommends that Paragraph 270 of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Rules and Regulations as authorized by Order-in-Council P.C. 174/1981 dated March 24th, 1945, as amended, be amended as follows:-

"The badge of the Force shall be a bison's head facing frontwise, in natural colours, on a blue background, surrounded by a blue band, with a gold border, inscribed with the motto "Maintiens Le Droit", in gold, surrounded by twelve green maple leaves. Under the device, a gold-edged blue scroll bearing the legend: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in gold. Above the device, the St. Edward's Crown in the proper colours and metals. Under the crown, on a blue scroll, the name Canada."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Minister of Justice.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

G 516-16.

Ottawa, Ontario,
February 8, 1954.

Amendments to the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police Rules and Regulations.

The undersigned desires to report that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Rules and Regulations were authorized by Order-in-Council P.C. 174/1981 dated March 24, 1945, as amended.

Regulation 270 describes the badge of the Force. For some years, however, it has been known that the details of the badge did not strictly comply with heraldic form, and in 1950 steps were first taken to have it properly redesigned by the College of Arms, London, England. More recently, in compliance with Her Majesty's wishes, the Tudor crown was replaced by a representation of the St. Edward's crown.

This work has now been completed and the new design enrolled in the archives of the College of Arms. A colour reproduction of the painting is attached.

As certain details of the present design do not conform with the description as found in Paragraph 270, the undersigned therefore recommends that Paragraph 270 of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Rules and Regulations be amended to read as follows:-

"The badge of the Force shall be a bison's head facing frontwise, in natural colours, on a blue background, surrounded by a blue band, with a gold border, inscribed with the motto "Maintiens Le Droit", in gold, surrounded by twelve green maple leaves. Under the device, a gold-edged blue scroll bearing the legend: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in gold. Above the device, the St. Edward's Crown in the proper colours and metals. Under the crown, on a blue scroll, the name Canada."

Respectfully submitted,

HJMacD/CMcN

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

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February 9, 1954.

MEMORANDUM TO:-

The Chief Treasury Officer,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

RE: - Headquarters Purchase Order # 531708 -
Colour Plates of R.C.M. Police Badge.

1. With reference to your memorandum of January 26 in the above connection, it is now advised that a Submission has been made to the Governor-General-in-Council recommending the amendment of Paragraph 270, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Rules and Regulations in such a manner as to conform with the description of the new badge.
2. As soon as the Order-in-Council has been passed, a certified copy will be forwarded to you.
3. The Purchase Order is returned herewith to be held until the receipt of the Order-in-Council.

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(E.H. Perlson)
Superintendent,
Supply Officer.

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February 12, 1954

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R.C.M.P. Quarterly,
R.C.M.P.
Ottawa, Ontario

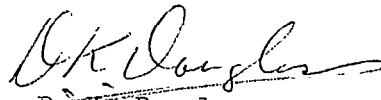
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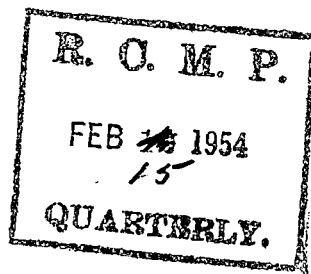
Please send us a mat showing the new R.C.M.P. design as supplied to Mr. F.P. Baxter. We make the lapel insignia for the Veterans Association and the Active Force and require the new design to alter our dies.

Thanking you in advance, we remain

Yours very truly,

Henry Birks & Sons (Western) Ltd.


Per: ~~D. K. Douglas~~,
Insignia Department



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Feb. 16, 1954.

Mr. D.K. Douglas,
Insignia Dept.,
Henry Birks & Sons (Western) Ltd.,
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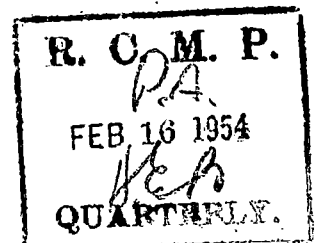
Dear Sir:

I regret that we cannot send you a mat of the new RCMP badge. When Mr. Baxter was here I supplied him with photos of our artist's drawing of the new badge so that he could have a new design drawn up for his own dye from which I understood he was having mats made. However, I enclose herewith a copy of the new badge in color which may be of some assistance to you.

Yours very truly,

(H.E. Brownhill), Cpl.,
Editor.

Encl.



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Extract from House of Commons Debates dated February 23, 300
1954, Page 2350.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Inquiry as to Change in Official Badge.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Rodney Adamson (York West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has the official badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police been changed recently? If so, what are the changes?

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The badge of the Force is a bison's head facing frontwise, in natural colours, on a blue background, surrounded by a blue band, with a gold border, inscribed with the motto "Maintiens Le Droit", in gold, surrounded by twelve green maple leaves. Under the device, a gold-edged blue scroll bearing the legend: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in gold. Above the device, the St. Edward's Crown in the proper colours and metals. Under the crown, on a blue scroll, the name Canada.

The main changes from the old badge were:

The Crown: The representation of the St. Edward's Crown replaced the Tudor Crown by request of Her Majesty Elizabeth II.

The Bison: The bison was redrawn to provide a better looking head.

Scrollwork: The scroll surrounding "Maintiens Le Droit" replaced the buckled Garter, because it is not right or proper to use the Garter in such things.

Maple Leaves: The maple leaves were redesigned and brought closer together.

The badge was examined, and all the changes, except that concerning the style of the Crown, were recommended by The Garter/King of Arms. (/Principal)
The change in the style of the Crown is a general one.

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

OTTAWA,
23-2-54.
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*Ans to
Memorandum for
sign to
in 12. 22/2/54*

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PRIVY COUNCIL

P.C. 1954-27/256



*Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the
Treasury Board, approved by His Excellency the Governor
General in Council, on the 25th February 1954.*

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

The Board recommend that Paragraph 270 of the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police Rules and Regulations, which
describes the badge of the Force, as authorized by Order in
Council P.C. 174/1981 of March 24, 1945, as amended, be
further amended as follows:

"The badge of the Force shall be a bison's head facing frontwise, in natural colours, on a blue background, surrounded by a blue band, with a gold border, inscribed with the motto 'Maintiens Le Droit', in gold, surrounded by twelve green maple leaves. Under the device, a gold-edged blue scroll bearing the legend: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in gold. Above the device, the St. Edward's Crown in the proper colours and metals. Under the crown, on a blue scroll, the name Canada."

Clerk of the Privy Council

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G.541-1.
G.516-16.

February 26th, 1954.

SPECIAL MESSENGER

Dear Miss Vogel:

1. I attach a copy of a question by Mr. Adamson, M.P., which is contained on Page (ii) of Votes and Proceedings No.57 of February 24th, 1954, asking for certain information as set forth regarding the R.C.M. Police badge.

2. Enclosed is the answer to Mr. Adamson's question for the Minister's consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ruth Vogel,
Private Secretary to the Honourable
the Minister of Justice,
Room 385, Centre Block,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

L.H. Nicholson,
Commissioner.

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g-516-16 — Copies for "Badge of the R.C.M.P." file. 204
Extract from House of Commons Debates, Vol.96, No.60,
dated Monday, March 1, 1954 - Page 2523.

R.C.M.P. BADGE AND ARMORIAL BEARINGS

Mr. Adamson:

1. Have the official badge and armorial bearings of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police been altered recently?
2. If so, for what reason was the change made?
3. Who authorized the change?
4. Was it approved by the competent heraldic authority?
5. If so, by whom was it approved?
6. What is the nature and description of the alterations made?
7. When did the new design become official?

Mr. Garson:

1. The official badge has been altered.
 2. To correct errors in the design.
 3. Redesign of badge arranged by the commissioner, R.C.M. Police, approval granted by order in council P.C.1954-27/250
 4. Yes.
 5. The Honourable Sir George Bellew, K.C.V.O., Garter Principal King of Arms.
 6. The representation of the St. Edward's crown replaced the Tudor crown. The bison was redrawn to provide a more lifelike looking head. The scroll surrounding "Maintiens le Droit" replaced the buckled garter. The maple leaves were redesigned and brought closer together.
 7. February 25, 1954.
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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REF. No. G.516-16-1

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MEMORANDUM TO

ANSWER TO

THE N.C.O. IN CHARGE STATIONERY BRANCH

Re: Badge of the R.C.M. Police
College of Arms - MCML11

1. Herewith is Official Picture of the R.C.M. Police Badge, which is to be retained in your custody for safekeeping.
2. It is desired that this picture be stored in a dark place or securely wrapped in order to prevent the colours from fading.
3. Will you please acknowledge receipt hereon and P.A. for record purposes.

*Received the picture in question.
22/4/54*

P.A. M.

E. H. Perlson
(E. H. Perlson) Supt.,
Supply Officer. April 29-54

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DRAFT FOR GENERAL ORDERS, PART ONE

By authority of Order in Council, P.C. 1954-27/256 dated February 25, 1954, Rules and Regulations, 1945, are amended by cancelling Regulation 270 and substituting the following therefor.

270. The badge of the Force shall be a bison's head facing frontwise, in natural colours, on a blue background, surrounded by a blue band, with a gold border, inscribed with the motto "Maintiens Le Droit", in gold, surrounded by twelve green maple leaves. Under the device, a gold-edged blue scroll bearing the legend: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in gold. Above the device, the St. Edward's Crown in the proper colours and metals. Under the crown, on a blue scroll, the name Canada.

General Order No. 130
for week ending:

MAR 27 1954

APPROVED

Commissioner

PURCHASE ORDER

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

R.C.M. Police, Quarterly,
Headquarters Building,
Overbrook (Ottawa), Ont.,

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON INVOICE, B/L, CAGES,
BUNDLES, PACKING LISTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

ORDER No. 531708

FILE No. 2516-16-1

OTTAWA, ONT. Dec. 30th, 1953.

Please ship the following merchandise subject to Conditions specified below. Date to be shipped. Immediately.

Ship to The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police, "Headquarters" Division,
Headquarters Building,
Overbrook (Ottawa), Ont.,

F.O.B. Ottawa.

Terms

Receipt of this order to be acknowledged and prompt notification given of date of shipment; order to be returned promptly if it cannot be filled in accordance with terms herein specified.

All goods on this order are purchased subject to inspection; if rejected they will be returned at risk and expense of shipper.

No charges allowed for boxing, crating, packing or cartage.

A copy of Railway or Express Company's Shipping Bill must accompany each shipment to destination.

Freight and express charges must be prepaid on all shipments unless otherwise instructed, and in cases where vendors are entitled to reimbursement amount should be entered on invoice AND RECEIPTED BILL ATTACHED.

Each shipment to contain a packing slip showing contents and sizes.

QUANTITY

ARTICLES

1 set.

(6) Colour Plates of the R.C.M. Police Badge -originally supplied by the College of Arms, London, England.

.....\$468.00

COPY FOR THE SUPPLY OFFICER:

Requisitioned by the O.C. "Headquarters" Division, Ottawa, Ont., on December 29th, 1953. The question of purchasing these Plates for the use of the Force was verbally approved by the Commissioner on the 29th instant. Requisition approved by the Supply Officer.

COPY FOR THE C.T.O.

For encumbrance, please.

APPROVED:

(J.A. Lynch),
PURCHASING AGENT.

Insp.
Asst. Supply Officer.
ASST. SUPPLY OFFICER:

JAN 4 1954

COPY FOR THE INFORMATION OF S/SGT. KEECH.

JHF:EC.

Mail Invoice in Triplicate and Original B/L,
on day shipment is made, to:

I certify that there is an unencumbered
balance available in the appropriation
allotment concerned.

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police, "Headquarters" Div.,
Headquarters Building,
Overbrook (Ottawa), Ont.,

Encumbrance No.

103-15-999

FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY

Date

MAR 17 1954

Mail one additional copy of Invoice to;

(J.A. Lynch),
PURCHASING AGENT.

Purchasing Agent

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Provided in Estimates \$
Charge to Item No. Photo Supplies
Balance Remaining \$ 9831.99

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January 13, 1954.

Gentlemen;-

I have your letter of December 30 last addressed to Supt. Perlson in response to his letter of the 22nd.

As we understand it here you are proceeding at the present time to make up a sample of the shoulder cords but in somewhat smaller diameter than the 5/16" shown on the blueprint.

It is presumed that you have in mind 1/4" cord and I would like to be informed definitely on this point and also whether you are, in actual fact, proceeding to make up a sample in this size.

With regard to the print of the crest forwarded to you I am afraid that we did not receive any heraldic description from the College of Arms. We were supplied, however, with a sealed painting in authentic colours as registered with the College of Arms.

I have checked our reproduction against the colours shown in the standard and I feel that the print as forwarded to you is as close to the original as it would be humanly possible to achieve in a reproduction. So that there will be no mistake, I am forwarding, under separate cover, another print which I have initialed as the one I checked against the standard.

Yours very truly,

(J.A. Lynch)
Purchasing Agent.

J.R. Gaunt & Son (Canada) Co.Ltd.,
616 Lagachetiere St. West,
MONTREAL, 3, Quebec.

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Alter Badge Of RCMP

"To correct errors in design," the official badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been altered as from Feb. 25 last, Justice Minister Stuart Garson informed Rodney A. Adamson (PC, York West) in the Commons on Monday afternoon.

The change was made on the recommendation of RCMP Commissioner L. H. Nicholson, approved by the cabinet by PC 1954 27/256, after the alterations were checked and approved by Sir George Bellew, KCVO, garter principal King at Arms.

As to the changes made, the representation of the St. Edward's Crown was replaced by the Tudor Crown; the bison was redrawn to provide a more life-like looking head; the scroll surrounding "Maintiens le Droit" was replaced by the buckled garter; the leaves were redesigned and brought closer together.

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RCMP Badge Design Errors Corrected After 81 Years

By GEORGE BAIN

Ottawa, March 1 (Staff). — It now turns out that for a large part of the 81 years it had been maintaining the right in Canada, the RCMP was also maintaining something not quite right in its badge.

Justice Minister Garson, in a written reply today to a question by Rodney Adamson (PC, York West), said, yes, the RCMP badge had been altered. For what reason? To correct errors in the design.

The RCMP, which was founded in May, 1873, had been using the now-altered badge since its earliest days. However, it was never official. About two years ago the badge was sent to the College of Heralds in the United Kingdom for examination and proper drawing if found necessary.

The original badge incorporated a buckled garter surrounding the motto, *Maintiens le Droit*. The authorities on heraldry reported there were a limited number of places where the garter properly could be used, and the RCMP

badge wasn't one of them. The buckled garter became a scroll or ribbon.

The bison's head, which is the central figure on the badge, was redrawn to look more like a bison's head. The maple leaves surrounding the badge were redesigned and brought closer together.

Also changed was the Crown at the top of the badge. This was done as a consequence of "Queen Elizabeth's having picked the St. Edward's Crown, over the Tudor Crown which formerly was used, for official use.