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On February 13, 2017, Marty Klyne will serve as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The RCMP Heritage Centre. The search for a new CEO started in September 2016 after Al Nicholson, current CEO and retired RCMP member, announced his retirement. "We thank Al for his exemplary leadership over the past five years. He has built a strong foundation and ensured that the organization continued to move forward both strategically and operationally," said Tracy Fahlman, Chair for the Board of Directors. After a Canada-wide executive search, the Board concluded that Marty's strong track record of success as a CEO, and demonstrated ability to develop, lead and execute strategic direction that resulted in an impressive value creation, made him the outstanding candidate for this role. Over the past twenty-five years, Marty has developed a broad base of senior management experience steeped in leadership centered on strategic



Marty Klyne

management. Since 2015, he has been serving as the Chief Operating Officer of the Queen City Sports and Entertainment Group (Operating as the Regina Pats Hockey Club). Prior to this, Marty was the Publisher / CEO of The Star Phoenix and Leader-Post, President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation

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(SGC) which operates Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw, and President & CEO of the Regina Regional Economic Development Authority (RREDA). Since 2015, he has been the chief operating officer of the Queen City Sports and Entertainment Group, which operates as the Regina Pats Hockey Club.

Marty is no stranger to the RCMP Heritage Centre. During his tenure as President and CEO of RREDA in the late 1990s, he formed a steering committee along with committee Chair Don Black to oversee the development of the feasibility study for the RCMP Heritage Centre. Through RREDA, funding and vital partnerships were formed to conduct the study and further develop a business plan to put that strategy into action. The Centre opened in 2007 and will celebrate its 10th Anniversary in May 2017.

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THE 1957 MUSICAL RIDE BY ALEX MATCHES
(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE)

The following day the entire troop travelled by train to London’s Waterloo Station and paraded through the streets to the Lord Mayor’s Mansion House for a public showing and reception. We were accompanied by the band of the Life Guards past many cheering spectators along the way. After a short reception we boarded our train at Waterloo for the return to Windsor by 4:00pm.



The Lord Mayor reviewing the Ride at the Mansion House.

Final rehearsals were held the next day and in the evening we took part in the evening Floodlight Full Dress Rehearsal in preparation for the next day's show opening.



On opening day, rain made for a slippery field but all went well. The next two days performance saw the Queen and other royals in attendance and the ride went perfectly and to everyone's satisfaction. The show wrapped up on May 12th and O'Neill and I had dinner dates with Lady Anne Abel-Smith and her sister Elizabeth, (they were granddaughters of ex-Governor-General Lord Athlone and Princess Alice) at a place called Monkey Island, a small island in the Thames outside Windsor. Everyone in attendance seemed to be a relative of *someone* important (House of Lords or House of Commons, etc.) but that aside, the meal was great!

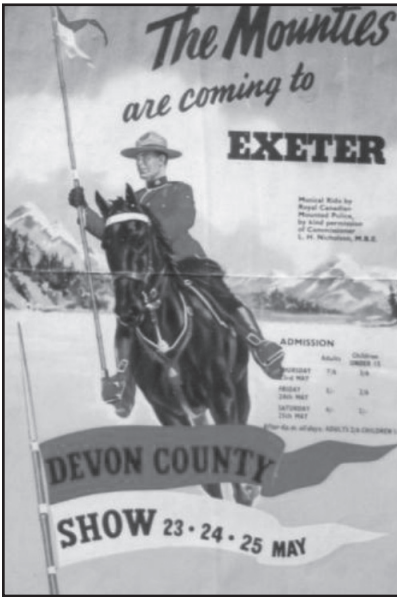
The next morning, we loaded our gear and horses and left for our next stop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. During our tour of Britain we had our own special train consisting of a coach and baggage car and nineteen horse boxes, each able to carry two horses and a handler. We alternated "horse box" duties travelling from place to place. Our performances went well in Shrewsbury, but we had rain off and on during our stay there. We had one free weekend while we were there and used that time to travel to Liverpool and tour around the city.



Preparing to load the horses on the train.

Our next stop was in Exeter, in Devon, on the Southwest coast, a nice old city that was badly bombed during the war. We stayed in "caravans" (travel trailers) which was a little different, but comfortable, two men in each. We were given a tour of a carpet factory in Axminster and had a reception and dinner in a local hotel. Our rides were satisfactory and those who lost their Stetsons during the performance of the ride were fined ten shillings, which was one day's allowance. We were paid 10s expense money per day, (about \$1.25) by each show to defray any small costs we may have. As well as the daily expense money during our stay in Britain, Carling's supplied our beer, Seagram's our liquor and Player's our cigarettes. Three of our group bought bikes which we borrowed giving us an opportunity to ride through the countryside and see a few more sights.

Our next stop was Swindon, where we stayed in tents which didn't thrill us much because of the uncertain spring weather. We ate our meals on the show grounds too, and the meals were terrible. Swindon wasn't a very pleasant stop. They referred to us as "colonials" and "colonists" and we guessed they figured that living in tents would be okay for the Canadians from the "wild west." When we arrived, the grass inside the tents hadn't even been mowed and floor-boards had to be installed along with some clothes racks. Some bedding was loaned to us by a nearby US Air Force base.



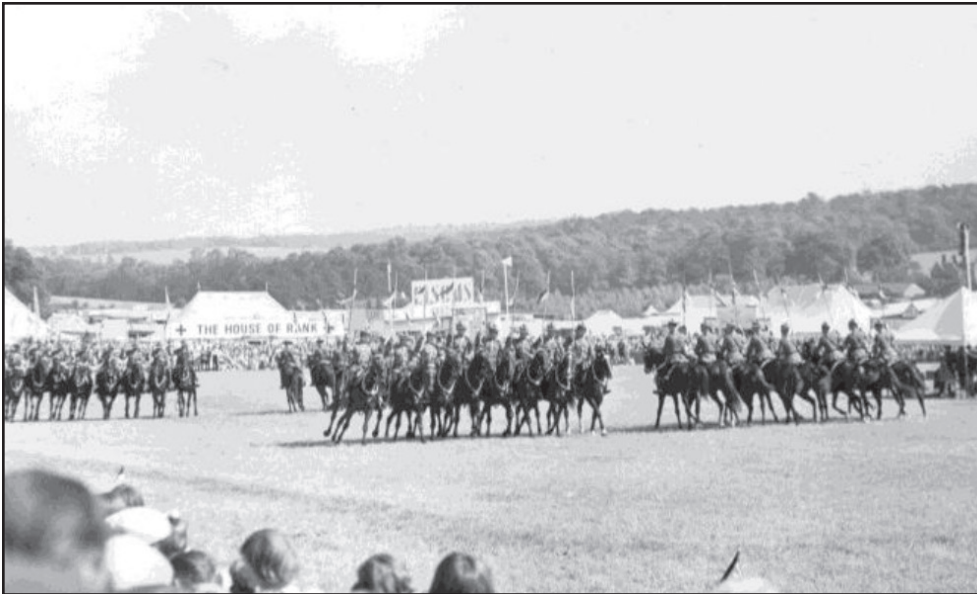
A group picture taken during our visit to Axminster from Exeter.

Our next stop, on June 3rd was Chester, an old Roman walled city. Our accommodation there was in hotels, although very old, ours was quite comfortable and quite an improvement from Swindon. Our hotel, the Belgrave, was owned by two nice old ladies who were fun to be around. The hotel was a couple of hundred years old and we kidded them about being "the original owners." On a free day we were taken on a tour of the Christy Hat works where our original "Stetson" hats were made, although they didn't call them Stetsons; they called them "Canadians." Each member was given a miniature Bobbie helmet as a souvenir of our visit and we were treated to a nice reception. The ride went well in Chester and our next stop was a small place called Saffron Walden. Not much to do there but we were hosted by the local constabulary and had a tour of the famous Newcastle Race Course and visited a stud farm of, at that time, three well-known horses—Ribo, Alycedon and Hyperion.

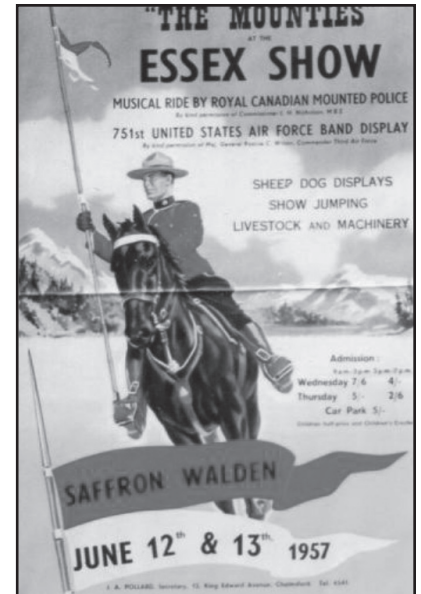


Riding through Chester.





The Ride in Saffron Walden.



Our next stop would be our first trip into Scotland; to Dundee, for the Royal Highland Show. The Royal Highland Show was another of the highlights of the tour. Its president was Lord Airlie, chief of the Ogilvie clan. We arrived on a Saturday, unloaded the horses and got settled. Our accommodation here was at the St. Andrew's College in rooms vacated by students for the summer break. The next day we were taken on a bus tour through the highlands and visited Glamis Castle, the home of Queen Mother Elizabeth, then visited the home of Lord Airlie at Cortachy Castle, his family's home for many generations. A former cavalry man he proudly showed us a picture of his horse, Master Robert, which, years before, had won the Grand National steeplechase. We had tea with the Earl and the Countess and a tour of the estate and we were entertained by the Earl's personal piper. Following the visit to Cortachy we had dinner at the Gleneagles Hotel, an exclusive golf and country club. During one of our shows in Dundee, the Queen Mother, Elizabeth, was in attendance.



Post card of the Ride in Dundee.



Following the Dundee show, half of our number had a week's vacation and I spent that time with relatives in the Orkney Islands, in the North of Scotland. The other half of the group had their leave the last part of July.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2017



Individuals in the photo:

Back Row, left to right: Sergeant Major Ben Guilbault, Bob Cocks, Murray Klatt, Doug Keam, Dave Hoeft and Ron Ostrum, Secretary.

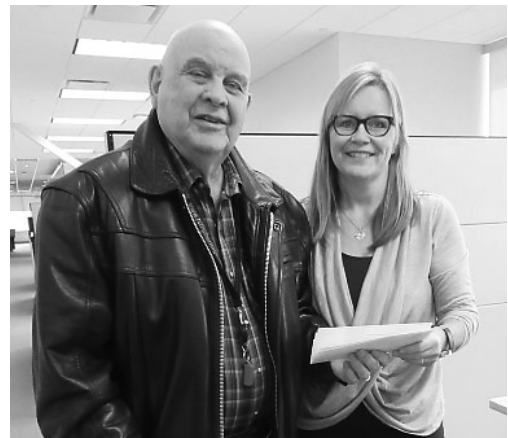
Front Row, left to right: Marty Klyne CEO of the Heritage Centre, A/Comm. Curtis Zablocki, Commanding Officer of "F" Division, President Bob Smart, A/Comm. Brenda Lucki, Commanding Officer of Depot and Al Nicholson.

Missing from the photo are Bill Greenslade, immediate Past President, Glen Berger

CHEQUE PRESENTATION

Ron Ostrum, Secretary, Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Center (Left) presenting cheque for \$70,000.00 to Chari LaLonde, Manager HR and Finance. January 22nd, 2017.

Photo by Marj Ostrum.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A warm welcome to the following persons who have become members of the *Friends*:

Gary Robert Kadin, Regina
Chari LaLonde, Regina
Bill McCallum, Southey, SK

***FRIEND – \$500.00 +**

Judi Erickson, Regina
Jim Riley, Richmond, BC
Robert Nicholson, Sherwood Park, AB
Rhonda Lamb, Regina
Arthur G Buskas, Edmonton, AB
Bob & Becky Warnke, Regina
James Fell, Flin Flon, MB

***LIFE MEMBERS – \$1,200.00 +**

Helen Taylor, Torbay, NL
RCMP Vets, Comox, BC
(Wayne Rushton & Steve McKenna)
Ruth Wood, Lloydminster, AB
Willis & Evelyne Scott, Vegreville, AB

LIFE SPONSOR – \$3000.00 - \$4,999

Lorna Loftus, Regina
The late Kenn and Reta Barker, Regina
Ron & Marj Ostrum, Regina
Herb Muna, Lebret, Sk

IN MEMORIAM

\$1200 – Helen Taylor, Torbay, NL
In memory of Cpl. Clyde Taylor
\$100.00 – Malcolm Wake, Regina
In memory of Kenn Barker
\$100.00 – Wm. J. Smith, Baddeck, NS
In memory of Lois I Smith
\$100.00 – Agnes M. Jamont, Surrey, BC
In memory of 19784 Louis Laurent Jamont,
and 20302 Kenneth Charles Jamont

*These are cumulative amounts over the years

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