

Minaker, Constable Elmer  
"Pops"



Police Chief Douglas Crosbie presented Constable Minaker with a gold plated number 7 police badge, Jack O'Donnell, the president of the Policemen's Association presented him with a silver plaque and a monetary gift from his fellow police officers. Sam Morgan, the secretary of the Policemen's Association, represented the Police Association of Ontario and presented Constable Minaker with a letter of commendation and a lifetime membership in the Association. Inspector Ralph Blatchford appeared on behalf of the department's very own "ghost writer" and presented the constable with a special retirement poem.

Perhaps the best gift anyone could have received at last night's dinner party was presented to the audience by Constable Minaker himself. Last night the constable announced that he would still be working with the police department as a school crossing guard on Rollins Drive.

He will take up his new post on December 2.

"I guess after 46 years of wearing the Queen's crown, you learn to like being among people" Constable Minaker said. "You can't beat friendship. I've been so pleased with all the wonderful gifts I've received here tonight. But working with the school children will keep me busy and will give me a chance to be of some service to the people of Belleville."

## This Cop Is Tops

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The Odd Fellows Hall glowed with the warmth of friendships that spanned a 28-year period last night, when the city and the city's policemen paid tribute to Constable Elmer (Pops) Minaker and his wife on the evening of the constable's retirement. More than 135 people attended the dinner party in honor of the retiring constable. Here, Police Chief Douglas Crosbie enjoys an informal chat with the Minakers as they wait for the music to start at last night's dance.

## Pops Minaker Says Goodbye, Hello Again

After wearing the Queen's crown for 46 years, Police Constable Elmer (Pop) Minaker has officially retired. Last night more than 135 people, fellow police officers and their wives and a great many of Constable Minaker's civilian friends, attended a testimonial dinner, a dance and a party in honor of the retiring Belleville policeman.

Constable Minaker was the policeman who patrolled Front Street for the past 10 years. A 28-year veteran of the Belleville police force, he is also a veteran of World War Two. Prior to serving in the war, he was a member of the Hastings-Prince Edward Regiment for 12 years.

Last night's party, held at the Odd Fellows Hall, saw Constable Minaker and his wife receive the praise, best wishes and a little ribbing from a great many thankful citizens.

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