Special defensive stick adopted by Halton Police

defensive tool that star-

ted out as a rice grinder. force this week, said Sergeant Gary Bogue.

training about a year ago the officer. Hamilton-Wentw-

who have been using the tool for about four years, longer than any other Canadian force. The 24-inch-long, two-

piece heavy plastic can be used to ward off blows of an assailant using anyfrom shovel to knife, said the sergeant position with a minimum

It would be possible for an officer, proficient in

of pain inflected, added

Blow blocked. Sergeant Gary Bogue demonstrates the use of the

manodnok stick in blocking an attack where an assailant is using

a large club. The would-be assailant here is police constable Paul

Cormier, who along with Bogue and one other officer, will be in-

structors in the use of the stick for Halton Regional Police. When

fending off the blow of a large weapon, the officer moves close

where the force is less. With a small weapon, such as knife, de-

blows, no matter

what direction they come

from," explains instruc-

Called a Monadnock

the batons offer police an

firearm. "The main pur-

alternative to use when

he is faced by a situation

that calls for using less

force than is needed by

using a firearm," says

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tor Sgt. Garry Bogue.

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of time. The it gives an officer an

fense is from a greater distance.

gauge the practicality of

The 24-inch batons are

batons are defensive in

nature and that each of

received an extensive 16-

hour training program in

individual who is armed

with a weapon, whether

their use.

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the use of the tool, to protect himself from attack by three people wielding five-foot long, two-by-

Trainecs will get to use pieces of wood like this in their instruction, he said. The stick can be used to deflect blows, knock the assailant into an arrestable position.

Called the PR 24, "a protector", the stick has handle running per

vre properly and quickly

and that he can execute

moves such as the wrist-

lock and the running arm

The baton is held by the

handle with the shaft

forearm and is not held

like a club. They will re-

billy-clubs which are of

little use due to the short

reach they provide, he

batons is favorable, each

officer will be issued with

one. The batons are al-

ready being used by the

Peel Regional and Ham-

ilton-Wentworth

onal Police forces.

If the report on the

the traditional

eight inches from one

The police version is designed to withstand 7,000 pounds of pressure per square inch at its weakest point, said the

It is not a riot stick, stressed Sgt. Bogue. However, it could easily ward off an attacker with a riot stick, he ad-

The manodnok stick gives the policeman against attack, which has more effectiveness than the hand but less finality than a gun. He contrasted the manodnok stick as defensive with the lead-filled 'billie" which is of-

As a defensive tool, the stick is to be used on attackers by police from the elbows down, he said. It can also be used to effectively release the steering wheel grip of a

motorist unwilling to get

out his car, he added.

The stick can be employed by an officer as a tool in climbing chain link fences while pursuing fleeing suspects, he

The forerunner of the

stick evolved in Thailand where it was a tool for grinding rice. Social unrest and wars is the area led to its being used as a weapon by the peasants,

Secured. The manodnok stick assists police in holding a suspect for arrest. Here Sgt. Gary Bogue uses it to apply a hammer-lock so that one of his hands is free to use the handcuffs. Photo by Alex Matheson

Now, hundreds of years American an policeman has developed into a tool employing martial arts techniques, to facilitate defense and arrests, he said.

The item costs about \$28 and fits on the regular police belt. It can be carried incon-

spiciously in the officer's be handcuffed with less hand extending up the back of his arm. deterrence

against resist-arrest or attack is needed, it could only after passing a 16hour training session, he be shown more prom-

person resisting, knowing the policeman will not use his gun, could

effort using the stick than barehanded, he added. Officers will be certified to carry the stick

Every officer is capable of learning how to use it, he said.

It will be more than an equalizer for a 120-pound policewoman attacked by a big man, he added.

As a deterrent the tool should reduce the number of assaults on the police. They are currently running at over 100 an-

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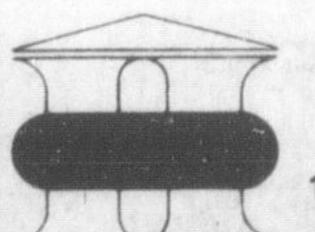
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