

yesterdays
by mary dawson

The discontent of the Indians and Metis in the North-west led to open warfare for the second time with the Mounties, augmented by a few cowboys, bearing the responsibility of putting down the uprising. Under Big Bear the Plain Crees and Chipewas fell upon the small settlement at Duck Lake, Alberta, and massacred the entire population. Then it was on to Frog Lake, where the population consisted of two Roman Catholic priests, Mr. and Mrs. J. Delaney, T. Quinn, C. Gilchrist, J. Williscraft, J. Dill and C. Gouin. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gowanlock hurried to the Delaneys when warned of the massacre at Duck Lake. These 11 people were warned to set out for Fort Pitt right away. However, by the time the Gowanlocks arrived

with the warning, Big Bear was already at Frog Lake, assuring the residents they had nothing to fear. But the next morning they discovered all their horses had been stolen and so all hope of escape had been effectively killed. Before that day had ended Big Bear and his followers had killed the nine men and made the two women prisoners, compelling them to wade streams in the bitterly cold April weather and

spend the night shivering in the corner of a tent. Flushed with their two easy victories, the Indians then laid siege to Fort Pitt, a stockade on the Saskatchewan River commanded by Captain Charles Dickens, a nephew of the famous author. He had a garrison of 20 policemen. During the firing between Indians and police, one of the latter (Cowan) was killed. Dickens decided he would be unable to hold the fort, so after destroying arms

and ammunition which could not be taken with them the police took to the river and Big Bear took over the fort which he looted and burned. Troops from the east arrived soon thereafter at Edmonton and immediately started after Big Bear. For two months the Indians moved from place to place dragging their nine captives with them, keeping them always in the forefront of the march so they could not escape. It was June 3 when Big

Bear and his band were overtaken at Loon Lake. In the resulting exchange of gunfire the Indians lost 17 braves and one squaw, and the Mounties had six men wounded including Sergeant-major Fury. Fury, whose left lung had been penetrated by the bullet, received excellent care, and returned to active duty, retiring in 1888. After a visit to his native Inniskillen, he returned to Toronto where he was married in 1889, coming to Richmond Hill in 1894.

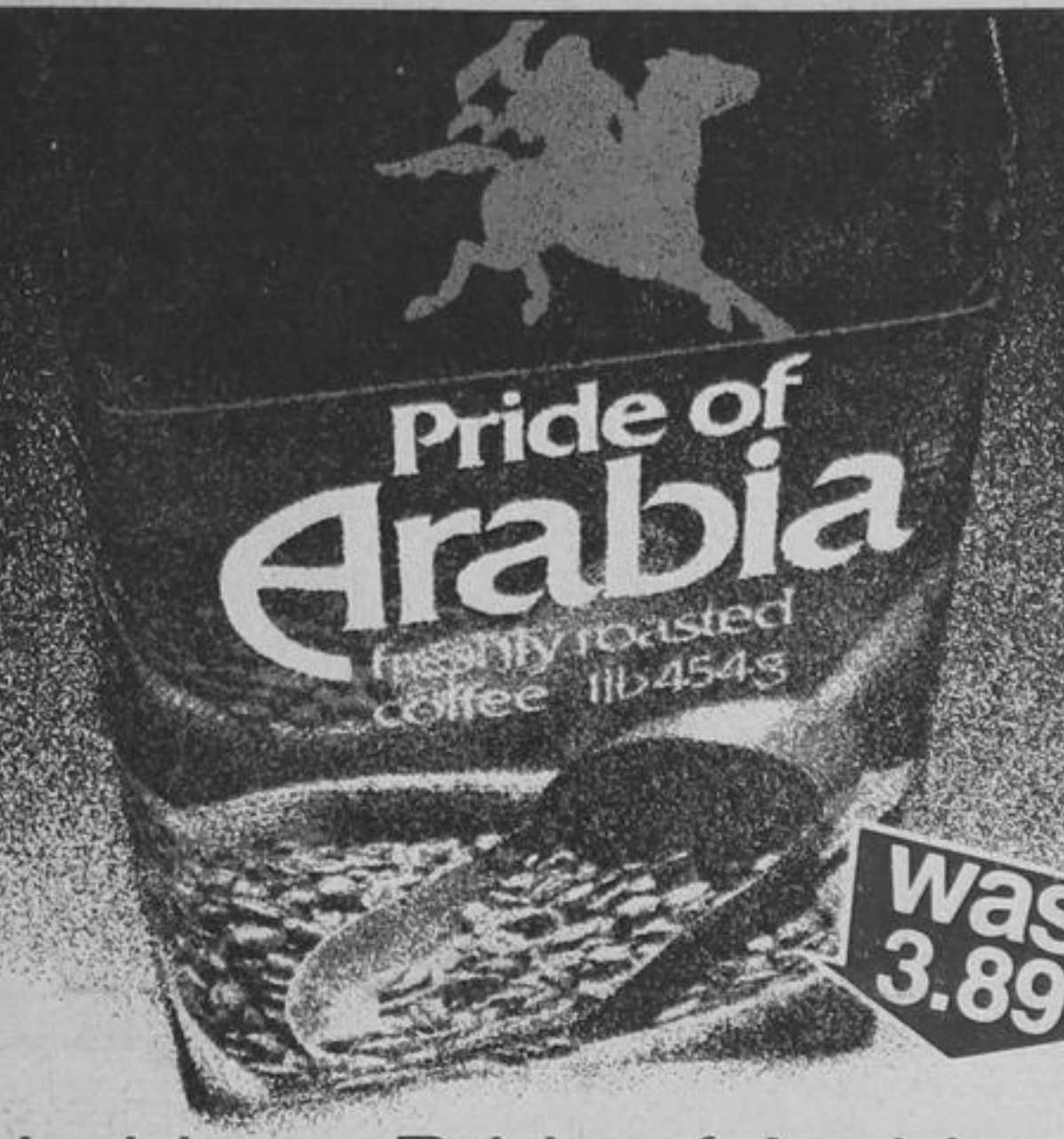
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