

**Confederation and After—
Sixty Years of Progress**

**THE RENAISSANCE OF THE
BUFFALO**

One of the least creditable incidents in the early history of the west, after the coming of the white man, was the near-extinction of the buffalo, one of the more creditable was the effective steps taken at the last moment to save the buffalo from utter extinction and bring him back, not to anything approaching his one-time numbers, but to a population that ensured the survival of this interesting and valuable animal.

At one time the buffalo ranged over the greater part of North America and we know from the narratives of many of the early travellers and fur-traders that a hundred years or more ago they travelled in such incredible numbers over the plains of what is now Western Canada that the country was literally black with them as far as the eye could reach.

Nevertheless at the time of Confederation they were practically extinct in British North America as well as in the Western States, although it is estimated that they once numbered 75,000,000. How they were exterminated is not a tale to remember.

One of the most picturesque links between the present and the past so far as the buffalo is concerned, is the veteran Canadian poet Charles Mair, still living in Victoria and approaching his ninetieth year. Mair knew the west when the buffalo might still be seen in their native state, and was so impressed with the tragedy of their extinction that in 1890 he published, through the Royal Society of Canada, an appeal that aroused the interest of thoughtful men.

Some years later steps were taken to save this vanishing race of native Canadian mammals, with such success as may be seen to-day in the west.

It so happened that, almost accidentally, a few buffalo had been saved when the rest of the race disappeared. A man named Michel Pablo finally built up a herd of over six hundred in Montana.

The Canadian government bought these and had them carefully transported to what is known as Buffalo National Park in Alberta, about midway between Saskatoon and Edmonton. In this area of one hundred thousand acres the buffalo have thriven and multiplied until even that large area became insufficient to support their numbers.

During the summer of 1925 the experiment was tried of transporting sixteen hundred of these buffalo to the wooded country to the westward of Great Slave Lake, where there were already known to be about two thousand wood buffalo in a natural state. The experiment worked so well that last year over two thousand more buffalo were sent north from the Park and this year the same number will be taken up to join their brethren.

In addition about two thousand animals have been slaughtered from time to time, and disposed of in the public market, to keep down the numbers of the herd. Nevertheless there will be about six thousand buffalo in the park.

In other words, the handful of buffalo that Pablo started with, or the six hundred that were first brought to the Park, have increased to fourteen thousand. That is surely a more satisfactory and a more creditable sight than the countless piles of buffalo bones that once marked the prairies of Western Canada.

**THE STORY OF THE MOUNTED
POLICE**

No phase of Canadian governmental activities ever captured and held the public imagination like the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The record of this famous body is renowned throughout the world, and wherever constabulary are established they are modelled largely on the example of the Canadian force.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, formerly the Royal North West Mounted Police, is the organization upon which the Dominion Government relies for the execution of Federal legislation. It is also available for assistance to the provinces in the preservation of law and order.

When the prairies became part of the Dominion the force was established (1873) to maintain British law in the new area, and under the first Commissioner, Colonel (afterwards Major-General Sir George) French, the force, three hundred strong, march-

ed in 1874 from the Red River to the Rocky Mountains. The march has become famous in military history for its 2,000 mile push through unknown territory and among hostile tribes of Indians. From 1876 to 1881 brilliant service was rendered by the Police in controlling the Sioux Indians, who entered the North West Territories after the defeat of General Custer in the United States.

As the buffalo diminished on the prairies the Indian problem increased. The Canadian Pacific Railway was thrust across the plains in the 80's, and the construction brought armies of foreign laborers into the western country. Immigration followed. All the elements of lawlessness and frontier unrest were present. But the police, too, were there, and by strength and efficiency and incorruptible administration order was preserved. It was during these days the men in scarlet really won their spurs.

In the South African war troopers from the Force served with the Canadian contingents, and in the Great War two squadrons were raised for overseas service, one in France and one in Siberia. But the military aspect of the Mounted Police work has largely passed, and today there is a great variety of its duties, such as guarding against prairie fires and visiting lonely settlers during the winter, Arctic patrols, prevention of sale and smuggling of narcotics, the administration of the Naturalization Act, the Canada Temperance Act, the Quarantine Act, and all the diverse Federal laws which require police aid.

In 1905 the prefix "Royal" was given to the Force after conspicuous work in the Yukon Territory during the gold-rush days.

In 1920 the Police lost its strictly Western character and became a Dominion wide body. The headquarters, which for many years had been at Regina, Saskatchewan, moved to Ottawa. For nearly forty years the Mounted Police had been prominent in the rapid development of the prairie city of Regina, but to-day with headquarters in the capital its constables travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the international boundary to Ellesmere Island in the Arctic.

From the original force of 300 men the Mounted Police has grown to a strength of over 4,000. When it was formed the training was that of a British cavalry regiment, while to-day it varies from horsemanship to criminal detection and the study of the law.

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Farmers and Motors

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I do like your idea of gradually purchasing books for your own use. I judge from your request that you would like books to which you will gladly turn for a second reading. Those we have a desire to read again are books that are companions.

Peter McArthur's "Around Home" is brimful of homely incidents, many showing the humorous side, some the arduous, some the gratification of taste, but one and all are incidents that we rarely ever try to put into words. The author developed the habit of seeing beauty in each season of the year, and gives some marvellous descriptions. He also had a keen sense of smell for the innumerable odors of the open air. His essay on "Why I Stick to the Farm" is, in my opinion worth the price of the book. I feel that when you read this chapter the book will silently close in your lap, and you too, will see in the perspective of memory a crowding joyous film of homely pictures that will bring happy tears to your eyes. Many are the pictures of daily happiness in the home life depicted in this book, and home life, wherever it is, is the foundation for good or poor character. I do hope you will have as many pleasant moments with this book as I have had.

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Christmas Cake

How would this recipe suit you?
1 1/2 lbs. seeded raisins
1 1/2 lbs. seedless raisins
1/2 lb. candied cherries
1/2 lb. citron
1/4 lb. candied orange peel
1/2 lb. almonds
1 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 cup grape juice
3 eggs
3 cups pastry flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt.

Blanche the almonds and cut all the fruit in small pieces—then mix thoroughly with half a cup of flour. Mix all the rest of ingredients thoroughly before adding the fruit. Line three medium sized bread pans with greased paper and fill with the batter. Bake in a very moderate oven.

Quince and Cranberry Jelly

6 ripe quinces
2 quarts cranberries
3 quarts water
Sugar.

Put the quinces, unpeeled, through the meat chopper and boil with cranberries and water until soft, mashing and straining. Drain in jelly bag, squeeze, boil juice rapidly twenty minutes, add equal measure of sugar; boil fast five minutes or until is gives a jelly test and pour into hot sterilized glasses. This has a wonderful color and flavor. (If you haven't quinces and enjoy experimenting try six large apples instead of quinces.)

Cranberry Relish

2 cups cranberries
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup diced celery
Pinch of salt
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Cok cranberries, water, salt and nutmeg together until berries are quite soft. Then rub through a sieve, add sugar and cook until thick about ten minutes. Remove from stove and add finely diced celery. Turn into individual molds and allow to set. Serve on lettuce with salad dressing.

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