

ROYAL NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

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COL. FRED WHITE, Commissioner R.N.W.M. Police.

western life. But in truth there is hardly a department in the Canadian government service today which is not dependent upon the mounted police for assistance and support.



R.N.W.M. POLICE SENTRY.

while at Fort Chipewyan, was sent three hundred and fifty miles to Hay river to bring back to Fort Saskatchewan a dangerous maniac, who was at large.



R.N.W.M. POLICE PATROL RECEIVING REVENUE FROM A FARMER.

the laugh goes round, and the sentiments of the troopers are exchanged... No truer Sir Galahad ever rode forth than Red-Jacket of the western plains.

Western Canada has the reputation of being a peaceful and law-abiding country, and this complimentary tribute goes to the North-West Mounted Police, whose splendid services have been recognized both at home and abroad.

Nowadays the life of the mounted police is in a comparative luxury as compared with that of the early days. The first police post was stationed at Fort Walsh, named after its commanding officer, Maj. Walsh, built in 1873 and abandoned ten years later.

Attached to Colonel French's famous trail across the prairies is told a good story: it was known that whiskey smuggling was going on, and information reached the authorities that one D. W. D., a leader in

the McLeod district was supplying liquor to the Indians in full defiance of the law.

In the discharge of duty these mounted men are sleuths incarnate, and perhaps the case of King Hayward (King hailing from Utah) is still quoted as one of the greatest cases of "sleuth" work known in the history of crime.

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He is admirably endowed by nature with all the necessary qualifications to enable him to find, hunt and kill his own quarry without help. Once about

wards, until some Indians travelling south gave the information that "a white man going north had a dog that would not follow him." To the savage this significant fact spoke volumes. At once the police went on the scent, and followed the track of



R.N.W.M. POLICE PATROL ESCORTING A HOMESTEADER.

his two men, coming upon King travelling alone. Asked where his companion was, King gave evasive replies; he was arrested, but there was not a scintilla of evidence against the man.



R.N.W.M. POLICE PATROL BOAT, "YUKON."

camp-fire in it was a small portion of the bone of a skull-three hard bumps of flesh was also there embedded in the ash. Then Anderson drained the lake but found nothing. He hired Indian women to walk over the bed of the lake, and inch-by-inch they felt with their toes for any substance which might be hidden in the muddy depths.



R.N.W.M. POLICE POST, "NORWAY HOUSE."

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AFRICAN WILD DOGS. Know No Master and Travel in Packs.

They are found in whatever country he likes, without leave or license, the Cape hunting dog or wild hound of the boers becomes a terror to the game in the country he hunts, not only on account of the tracks he drops, but because he keeps all the game in the district in a state of unrest.

with his game a kill becomes almost an absolute certainty. He stands twenty-five to twenty-seven inches high, with good galloping quarters, rather long but very muscular legs, with strong feet and toes; the ears are very large and erect, beauti-

fully formed to catch the faintest sound when working in thick covert. Added to this he has a very keen sense of smell. The jaws are wonderfully strong, with beautiful white teeth; they can break bones, which few animals except the hyena could crack, and the strength of the latter's jaws and teeth is proverbial.

They mode of hunting is very clever. Having found and started a buck, some of the fleetest dogs gallop forward ahead of the main pack, keeping on either side to prevent the buck turning and doubling back. As these dogs tire they fall back and others take up the running in their place. When the quarry tires the pack closes in and all their energy is devoted to

Killing by tearing out the viscera. Some writers say the pack takes the form of a crescent when running their prey, gradually closing in as the game tires. All agree that the short time taken in running down a buck is simply marvelous, a quarter of an hour being the estimated time in hunting, killing and consuming a buck under ordinary circumstances.

The wild dog is not at all fastidious as to what food he shall take, but he never toll on any sort of buck or antelope he finds handy. Gun, snail and waterbuck are said to be his favorite food, but he has been known to pull down a buffalo when pressed for food. Needless to say, when attacking a powerful animal like this, the Cape hunting dog on account of his likeness to the hyena, the likeness, however, is only superficial, and the fact that he runs down and kills his prey in a sporting manner entitles him to a small share of our respect, which a scavenger like the hyena could never command.

Packs range from fifteen to forty in number. The note is bell-like and

rather musical. One writer, Sir Andrew Smith, likens it to a "Ho-ho-ho" sound, tending to run one into the other. It is a moot point as to whether they ever bark in the ordinary way.

Some women whose hair is thick and who are sensitive to cold dread having their hair shampooed frequently. To keep the scalp clean under such conditions great care is necessary. Brush the scalp carefully, dividing the hair into strands. This loosens all dandruff which should be shaken from the hair by loosening it, and holding it at arm's length. Rubbing the scalp with a sponge dipped in which has been a good substitute for a regular shampoo. There are also certain proprietary preparations for scalp cleaning and dandruff removing which do not necessitate wetting the long hair.

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