ROYAL NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

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Copyright 1919 by Publishers' Press. | the laugh goes round, and the senti-Such as no more their aged eye shall ... inaudibly !

In settled districts where conditions are fully developed, where the magisterial machinery of the law supplies ights are never assailed, the North-West Mounted Police might be looked upon as an ornamental adjunct to



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

restern life. But in truth there is hardly a department in the Cana-dian government service to-day which or of the force, must be accorded the is not dependent upon the mounted po-lice for assistance and support. The march across the lonely plains. In the Jacket' has never been fully estimated, for the riders of the plains have in Manitoba, towards the western sun-

No truer Sir Galahad ever rode forth than Red-Jacket of the western plains. He is no public servant on poor pay, content to wait on "m'lud;" his livery the badge of pride. It is the flag he sees when he sets forth to meet danger or certain death, but that which is niging him on, and on, and on, is; not hope of reward, but it is the call of "DUTY!" to which his pulse quickens and his heart responds with throbs

Western Canada has the reputation of being a peaceful and law-abiding country, and this complimentary tri-bute goes to the North-West Mounted disciplitarian possible to imagine . . . he was arrested, but there was not a sense of smell.

and if you want to read a book full facts worth the gathering, then pick up the annual report of the police company (a thing which occurs missioner. Within its blue covers there everyday in the new world) and he strength of the latter's jaws and teeth

compared with that of the early days, whereabouts. The ground might have ward ahead of the main pack, keeping The first police post was stationed at opened and swallowed the man. Noth on either side to prevent the buck Fort Walsh (named after its commanding officer, Maj. Walsh), built in 1873 and abandoned ten years later. Here it was Sitting Bull came with his armed and blood-thirsty band, threatening the small garrison, greatly outnumbered, indeed, but who put on a brave front and without firing a single shot, bluffed into intimidation the old savage, who came to learn the old savage, who came to learn that British authority meant peace



R.N.W.M. PO LICE SENTRY.

while at Fort Chippewayan, was sent | be McLeod district was supplying three hundred and fifty miles to Hay | iquor to the Indians in full defiance river to bring back to Fort Saskatche of the law. To D. . . . 's shack, (set on wan a dangerous maniae, who was at the map of the plains like a mere fly large. Accompanied by an interpreter, speek.) without warning (as he Field set out with his dog team and, thought) the gallant French with his Field set out with his dog team and, after forty-four days and nights journeving over a truct covering thirteen hundred miles, quite unassisted, he brought safely into the post the poor insane fellow. This only represents one mories again, of seeing Red-Jacket en-training for South Africa during the Boer troubles, and we have proud records of the gallantry and daring of ur boys" in khaki, out on the

To the bold and restless spirit of the first experience . . . but not his last, oldier this is the kind of work that in rounding up a 'bind pig'-out appeals; escort duty he does when demantied, but as a "duty" for when tal tail takes the notion to tour any part of the unhedged prairie land, or to visit some of the isolated spots in the far north, four or five luckless fellows are told off as a military escort of crime. The story goes: In the authors and look two men kins and Harguards of honor," and for weeks they umn of 1964, two men hing and Hay ward, aforesaid, "pals," appeared in

chack, closed in with a great jingle of spurs and sword-sca bards, and French himself dismounting, entered the dwel-ting to find the proprietor asleep and cated in his shirt sleeves wearing mite the air of innocence aggrieved ! There wasn't a whit of evidence of the fellow's well-known calling, and Colouel French (although knowing the "fire-water" was safely cache'd somewhere) was obliged to ride away; his

partmental nabobs see nothing of the grim smile with which the escort receives his orders, but the after-hours in tent, between whiffs of cigars (politicly offered and politicly accepted), nothing was heard of them after-



R.N.W.M. POLICE PATROL RECE IVING REPORT FROM A FARMER, own quarry without help. Once afoot incomitate setting the lose hair.

wards, until some Indians travelling with his game a kill becomes almost south gave the information that "a an absolute certainty.

white man going north had a doz He stands twenty-five to twentysavage this significant fact spoke volumes. At once the police went on the scent, and followed the track of ears are very large and erect, beauti-

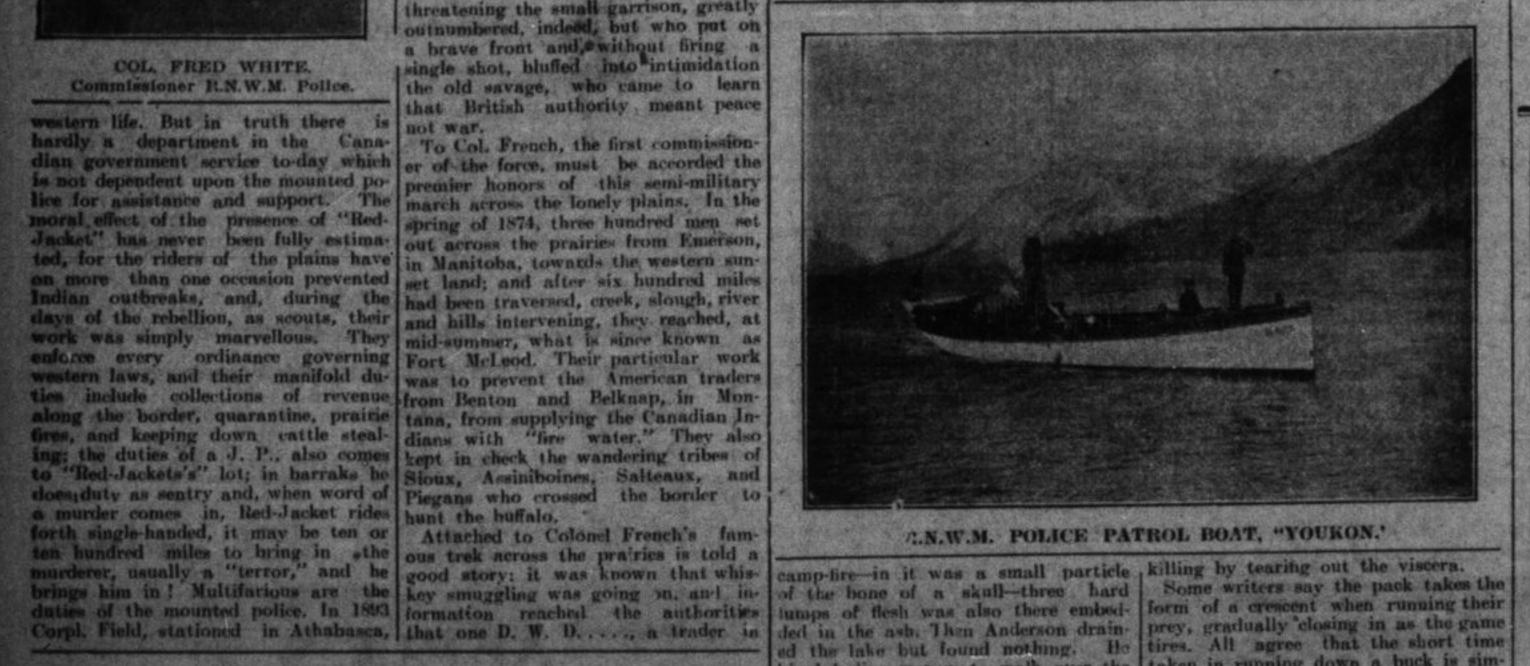


R.N.W.M. POLICE PATROL ESCORTING A HOMESTEADER.

is material for the novelist, for the betrayed little anxiety when placed strength of the latter's jaws and teeth novel, and, too, sermons for the pulpit under arrest. The ease of securing evidence was placed in the hands of Their mode of hunting is very clever.

Police, whose splendid services have the two men, coming upon King tra- fully formed to catch the faintest won recognition both at home and velling alone. Asked where his com- sound when working in thick coverts, abroad. As a school, it is the best panion was, King gave evasive replies: Added to this he has a very keen

Nowadays the life of the mounted young Anderson of the Police Force Having found and started a buck, olice is in a comparative luxury as who set out to discover Hasward's some of the fleetest dogs gallop for-



ed the lake but found nothing. He tires. All agree that the short time hired Indian women to walk over the taken in running down a buck is simhed of the lake, and inch by inch they ply marvelous, a quarter of an hour feltwith their toes for any substance being the estimated time in hunting, which might be hidden in the muddy killing and consuming a buck under lepths. A shoe with a broken needle ordinary circumstances. in it was the first find; then the can :- The wild dog is not at all fastidi fire ashes; sieved and placed under ous as to what food he shall take, microscopic examination, provided the but he levies toll on any sort of buck rest of the broken needle. The brought the lakelet and the campefire, into unmistakable union. Further a gold stick-pin was found in the lake bed, and the maker over in England was cabled for full information. The gold merchant provided another link in giving the name of the purchaser a leave of the some of the dogs meet with a sudden death, and these are consumed by the layer and in England when pressed to some of the dogs meet with a sudden death, and these are consumed by the Hayward in England, who proved to surviving members. They always seen be the murdered man's brother. The ravenous for food and their appetites Canadian government brought this nearly insatiable. There does not seem rentlemen to Canada; it also brought to be any record of their having atforty Indians from the north and sev- tacked a white man. eral Half-Breeds, men who had met, The Cape hunting dog is sometime seen or known anything about the called the hyena dog on account of his travellers. It took a full year for likeness to the hyena. The likeness, Anderson to place his facts before the however, is only superficial, and the court, and then, on a technicality, the fact that he runs down and kills his case was thrown out to court. But prey in a sporting manner entitles him British justice was not to be balked; to a small share of our respect, which again were the witnesses summoned a scavenger like the hyena could never and again was the case opened up, comman and this time every link in the chain | Packs range from fifteen to forty in of circumstantial evidence fitted in number. The note is bell-like and



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

with exactness and King paid the ruther musical. One writer, Sir Antenth penalty. The case cost the Cadrew Smith, likens it to a "Ho-ho-ho-adian government some \$30,000, but ho" sound, tending to run one into e so far removed from civilization as | way. o warrant a criminal escape from The Cape hunting dog seems incapa-ustice; and another, that the North- ble of thorough domestication. They Vest Mounted Police, whether it be have been crossed with other dogs, in the protection of the least human but the result has never been satisfacstom living under the British fing or tory; the young retain the treacherous

AFRICAN WILD DOGS.

the Cape hunting dog or wild honden the scalp carefully, dividing the hair of the Boers becomes a terror to the into strands. This loosens all dandouls

t made plain two facts; one, that no the other. It is a most point as to part of his majesty's dominion, may whether they ever bark in the ordinary

in pursuit of a murderer, they are, nature of the wild purent. The hunting the discharge of duty, as invincible ing dog is numerous in East Africa, and most sporting parties account for

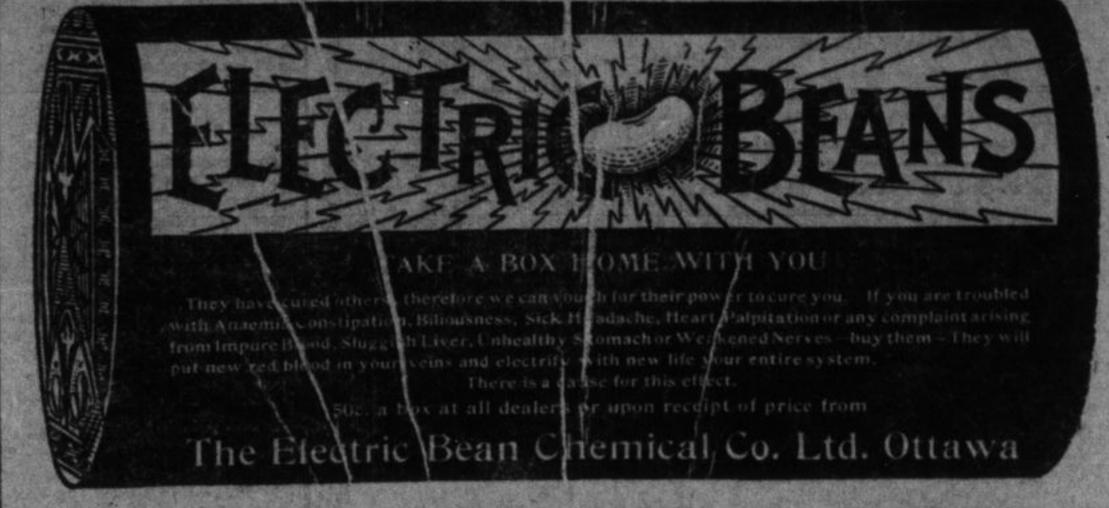
Some women whose hair is thick and who are sensitive to cold dread having ing where and in whatever coun- keep the sculp clean under such conry he likes, without leave or license, ditions great care is necessary. Brust nly on account of the bucks he de- by loosening it and holding it at trove, but because he keeps all the arm's length. Rubbing the soulp with ame in the district in a state of un- a sponge dippyd in witch inzel is a He is admirably endowed by nature pool. There are also certain proprie eable him to find, hunt and kill his and dandruff removing which do a

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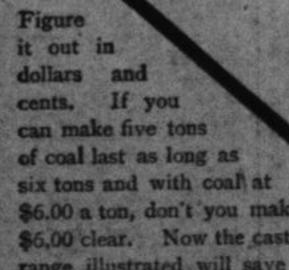
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