



Keeping the Crowd Back, Doukhobor Lands Rush, Yorkton.



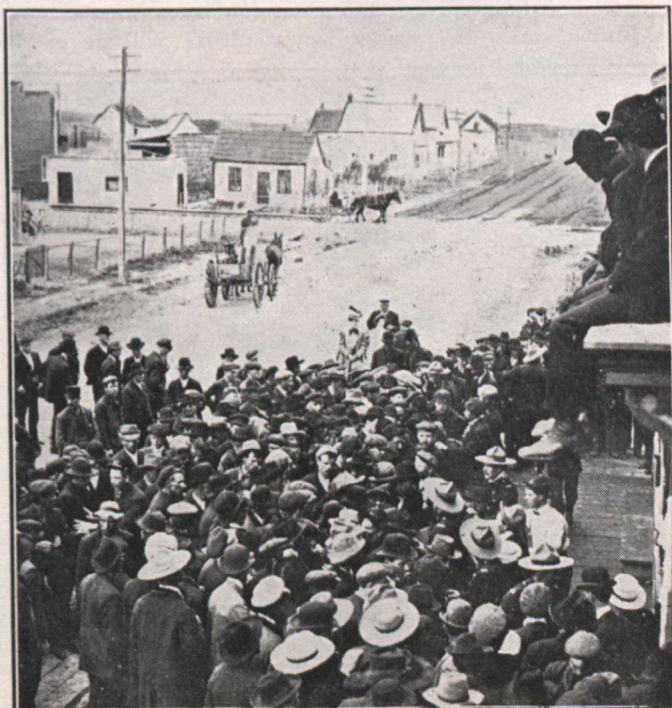
The Mayor's Speech during the Doukhobor Land Rush, Yorkton.

The Rush For The Doukhobor Lands.

ONLY in the West could such scenes be witnessed as attended the rush for homesteads on a section of the Doukhobor reserve thrown open for settlement at Yorkton, Sask., a few weeks ago. On June 1st the lands were offered to the public, and for two or three weeks the government land office was the scene of a seething, tumultuous crowd of people, each anxious to secure a place as high up as possible in the line which would ensure for them the earliest selection of the choice lots.

The line was the centre of interest daily. Sometimes there were as many as two hundred men struggling for positions when but ten homesteads were offered. As was natural, physical encounters were of frequent occurrence, and a detachment of the Mounted Police had their hands full to preserve order.

All night long for several nights, the line stood on duty, the units obtaining such sleep and refreshment as they could while standing. There were a few women in the line too, at times, and the men generally gave them good positions and sometimes saw that their places were kept while they absented themselves for rest.



Police Handling the Crowd.