

## APPENDIX CC.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF VETERINARY SERGEANT J. J. MOUNTFORD, 1896.

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE,  
MAPLE CREEK, 30th November, 1896.

SIR,—I have the honour to inclose the annual report of the veterinary department of this division for the year ending 30th November, 1896.

On my arrival here from Regina, I took over the duties of veterinary sergeant for this division on the 20th of October, 1896, and found everything in good order.

The general health and condition of the horses of this division is good, with the exception of the team horses, which are quite thin, accounted for by the work they have been doing this summer.

I am pleased to report that no infectious or contagious disease exists among the police horses in this division.

Some few aged horses of this division, which are suffering from incurable diseases it will, in my opinion, be advisable to cast, I would therefore most respectfully suggest that the above animals be brought before the Commissioner of the North-west Mounted Police for the purpose.

The hay and oats delivered this fall, are on the whole of good quality.

I have visited the herd twice since October 20th, and found the horses all in good health and condition.

Two deaths have occurred amongs the horses of this division during the past year.

Horse Reg. No. 1744 with compound fracture of the metacarpal bone was shot.

Horse Reg. No. 2193 died from gastro enteritis.

Inclosed you will find report of cases treated the past year.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

J. J. MOUNTFORD,  
*Veterinary Sergeant.*

Officer Commanding,  
North-west Mounted Police,  
Maple Creek.