

APPENDIX A.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT SÈVÈRE GAGNON,
COMMANDING DEPOT DIVISION, 1893.

REGINA, 20th December, 1893.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward my annual report for the year ended 30th November last.

As in former years no police duties have been performed under the supervision of the officer commanding Depot division. When required for fire patrols, execution of warrants, special patrols, &c., &c., officers, constables and horses were detailed from this division and performed such duties under the supervision of the officer commanding "B" division, who is in charge of the Regina District. Quite a number of constables and horses of Depot division were occupied during the whole year in performing these duties.

Recruits drill under the acting adjutant, Inspector Belcher, and a staff of instructors have been kept up daily during the year. Lectures on police duties and management of horses have been given once a week.

The discipline in the post has been kept rigidly and the conduct of the men has been generally very good.

The health of the men has been fairly good, no casualty has occurred during the year.

As in former years a rifle club was formed with good results; the exercises of the club were concluded by a general match when valuable prizes were competed for.

In October last a party of three officers and 62 non-com. officers and constables with 65 horses went for 15 days into camp at Fort Qu'Appelle, for drill and practice of duties in the field. This outing was not as successful as former ones on account of stormy weather and close proximity to a town. I would respectfully beg leave to recommend that in future the camp be held earlier in the season and located some distance from large villages.

The saddlery and harness in use are in good repair and the transport in fair order. The remounts purchased during the year have been found well adapted for the service.

The strength of the division on the 30th November last was as follows:—

Officers	11
Non-commissioned officers and constables.....	181
Special constables.....	9
Interpreter and guide.....	1
Horses.....	95

The alterations in the division during the year have been as follows:—

Gain.

	Officers.	N.C.O. and Constables.	Specials.
Engaged or joined.....	1	133	11
Re-engaged.....	..	13	..
By transfer.....	4	35	..
From desertion.....	..	3	..

Thirteen non-commissioned officers and constables re-engaged without actually leaving the force.