



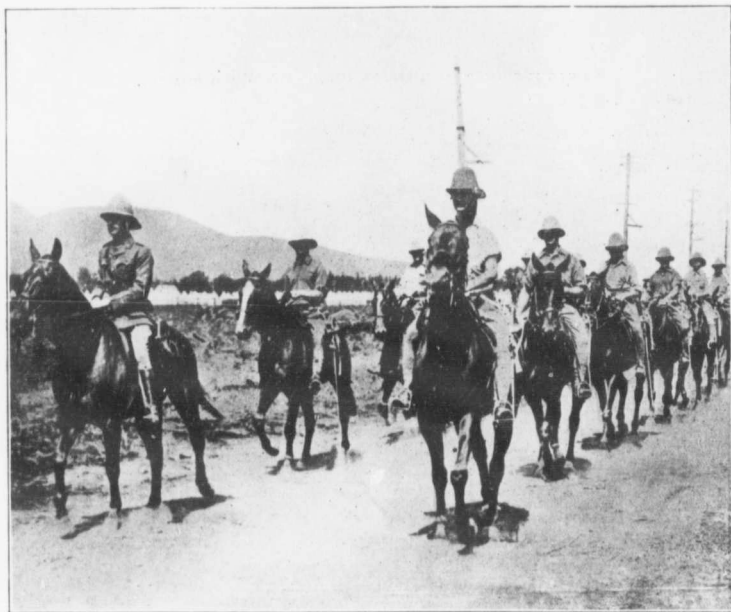
USING THEIR HORSES FOR COVER.—A MOUNTED CADET TROOP ON CHEWAN LIGHT HORSE.

canvas, representing all nations, grew up on the deep snow drifts at the summit.

One day a miners' meeting formed a municipality to run the town, and elected an American as mayor. He appointed a constable, and sent him to arrest the first traveller passing by, who was fined eight pounds on general principles. The

mayor put up the drinks in the tent saloon.

It was then resolved that, the ground being American, the Mounted Police had no right to fly the Union Jack, so a messenger was sent bidding the Corporal haul down his blessed rag. "Tell the mayor," said the Corporal, "to come and haul down



CANADIAN CAVALRY ENTERING VALCARTIER CAMP.

Photo: Topical.

not forgotten. So in 1899, the Dominion claimed her right to dispatch a field force.

"Infantry only," said the War Office, and Canada gave picked men, the First Canadian Infantry. Later, the War Office found out that the Boers were horsemen, so Canada got leave to send three regiments of Mounted Infantry, Strathcona's Horse, and the 1st and 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles.

All three were fine. The regiment financed by Lord Strathcona, at a cost

my blessed rag himself." So the mayor and population came to haul down the Union Jack. But when they saw the Corporal and his three men on guard with carbines in front of the flagstaff, they went back to get their guns and have another drink.

While they were doing so, the Corporal sent a message asking if the mayor would kindly step that way. The mayor obliged. "See here," said the Corporal, showing him a Maxim gun, "I've got orders to keep this Pass clean and tidy. My Inspector will be along in a day or two, and if he finds the Pass all blood and brains, he'll fine me a month's pay. See?" So the mayor thought better of it, and persuaded the people that the flag had better stay where it was, after all.

But there were two details which the Corporal had not mentioned. It was just 4° below zero, so that the water-jacket of the gun was frozen, and the cordite wouldn't go off. He had bluffed seven hundred men with a dummy weapon, and the Union Jack still blazed above the snowdrifts.

In South Africa

With the South African War came a new phase in the history of the Canadian Forces. Once before, during the Nile Campaigns, Canada had been permitted to supply a force of six hundred river men for transport work, and the record of her voyageurs was



A LIFT ON THE MARCH.

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of three hundred thousand pounds, was raised by forty officers and non-coms. of the North-west Mounted Police, and led by Regimental No. 1 of the Force.

Colonel S. B. Steele, the most distinguished soldier Canada has bred, is the son of one of many Imperial officers who took up land grants in Canada. He was trained at the Kingston Military College, was first man to enlist in the Mounted Police, rose to the rank of Superintendent,