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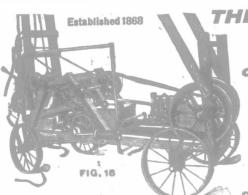


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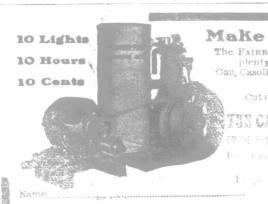
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A couple of such incidents have been recently reported by the Commissioner of the Police at Regina to the Comptroller of the department at Ottawa. The reports are almost as laconic as those in which Nelson used to record what had happened to the French fleets that came into contact with him-sunk, so many; burned, so many; captured, so many; escaped (as a rule), none. Here is a report, for instance, from Estevan, dated July 31, 1906, "Re G. W. Harris having a loaded pistol in his possession when arrested"

"Last night about 9.45 o'clock Sergt. Lett arrested G. W. Harris of New York State for drunk and disorderly conduct, and when I went to make the arrest he said I'll show you you can't arrest me, and made a pass for his hip. Sergt. Lett grabbed him and threw him bodily upon the platform and took a 38-calibre bulldog revolver loaded in all six chambers from the accused, who appeared this morning before Messrs. P. C. Duncan and M. King, J.P.'s, who finded him \$50 and costs or 90 days' hard labor at Regina guard roof... The court orat Regina guard roof... dered the pistol to be destroyed and handed over to the municipal authorities of Estevan, which was done. Receipt attached. Case concluded. (Signed) Hy. Lett, Sergt."

Could the incident have been more effectively contrived or more concisely told? The other incident relates to the arrest at North Portal of one Charles Monaghan, alias "Cowboy Jack," who, in truly wild west fashion, was wont to hold up barrooms and terrorize towns, and gloried in being regarded on both sides of the line as a bad man Then "Cowboy Jack" encountered British law in the person of Corporal Hogg, who had the honor of executing a warrant 'issued for the said Monaghan on the 15th of May, under sections 105 and 109 of the code, for carrying a gun without justification and pointing same at another person." "On the 17th instant," reads the report, "Corporal Hogg was called to the hotel to quell a disturbance. Arriving there he found the hotel full of cowboys, with Monaghan amongst them the chief cause of it all, and the ring leader." Not to go too much into detail, it may be stated that Corporal Hogg had a desperate encounter in the guard room, with Cowboy Jack, who was prepared to kill if opportunity offered and who was ably backed in his attitude by sundry foolish friends. Resuming the report, we read: "Finally I got him handcuffed behind and took him inside. His head being in bad shape (a significant remark, this!) I had to engage the services of a doctor, who dressed his wound and pronounced it as nothing serious. Whilst the doctor was in attendance Monaghan remarked that had he had his gun with him 'another death would have been recorded in Canadian history

Here is a delightful paragraph, unique surely nowadays in its terse formality 'During the arrest of Monaghan the following Government property was damaged: door broken, screen smashed up, chair broken, field jacket belonging to Corporal Hogg spoiled by being covered with blood, and the wall bespattered with blood.'

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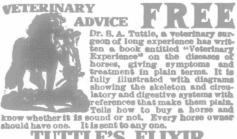
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