

## AN AMERICAN'S OPINION Of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police.

The Finest Organization of Its Kind  
in the World—Class of Men Who  
Constitute Its Membership.

England's acceptance of Canada's offer to send a second contingent to the aid of British arms in South Africa has caused tremendous enthusiasm throughout the Dominion, and the volunteers to enlist exceed ten times the number that will be sent. The second contingent will be composed of cavalry and artillery amounting to about one thousand strong. The artillery will consist of two batteries of 160 men each, exclusive of officers, and 131 horses. The major portion of the cavalry will consist of drafts from the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the Northwest mounted police. The balance of the corps will be made up of volunteers from the militia, and "cow punchers," "bronco busters," mountaineers and a few Indian scouts from the Northwest. Canadians are particularly desirous that a strong detachment of the police should be sent. While it would greatly hamper the force to withdraw more than 200 men for foreign service, there are many former policemen living on the prairies and in the mountains who are anxious to go. Since the formation of the corps some 3400 men have passed through the ranks. No finer men for service in South Africa could be found in the British Empire.

Throughout a territory seven times greater than the whole of France, law and order are maintained by a corps of only some eight hundred men, officially known as the Northwest Mounted Police of Canada, but familiarly as the "Riders of the Plains." The corps combines the features of a military force with those of a constabulary. Its duties are as varied as the country patrolled. Essentially the riders are soldiers, but they act as magistrates, sheriffs, detectives, town constables, customs officers, license inspectors, fire wardens, court clerks, crown timber agents, health officers, hide inspectors, game wardens, relief officers, crown prosecutors, food inspectors and mail carriers. By their discipline and proficiency, by their valor and impartiality, by their hardihood and discretion, and by their soldierly and gentlemanly bearing they have not only won the respect of all the classes they daily come in contact with, but they have acquired abroad the reputation of being one of the finest forces in the world. And they live up to it. Romance and hard work ride side by side in the service. It is stamping the ground of adventurous spirits drawn from many countries, and the passwords are intelligence, stamina and pluck.

With jaunty cap and jingling spurs the riders saunter on the sun baked streets of frontier towns. With prairie hat and bandolier they "ride the line," or cattle ranges. On pack ponies they climb the mountain passes. In moccasins and buffalo coats they follow the winter trails, and in snowshoes and cariboo capote they patrol the northern morasses. While working out their duties they ride enormous distances over plain and prairie.

It would be difficult to find in any corps in the world an assemblage of characters more varied than that to be met with in the ranks of the Northwest mounted police. On the past and present payrolls may be read the names of novelists, "bronco busters," lords, "river drivers," artists, bushwhackers, lawyers, dog drivers, honorables, packers, bank clerks, sailors, government clerks, fishermen, Oxford and Cambridge graduates, sons of admiral, generals, bishops and statesmen; former officers of the militia and volunteers of Canada and Great Britain, as well as former officers of the armies of England,

France and Germany. About 70 per cent of the men are gentlemen by birth as well as education. Some of them have a private income in addition to their pay. Fully five per cent once served in the imperial army of Great Britain, some having seen service in Egypt, Africa, Afghanistan and India.—N. Y. Herald.

### The Territorial Court.

The case of James Daughtry vs. Hamell et al. was not completed yesterday, and the trial has been continued to Monday next.

This morning the action of the Model Steam Laundry against May Fields was commenced. The plaintiff is suing for an \$18.55 laundry bill. Charles Meldner, manager of the laundry, testified that the defendant's lingerie consisted of articles made of silk materials, which required extraordinary care when submitted to his model process of cleansing. The fair defendant contended that Meldner had charged about \$10 more than his price list warranted. She averred that other laundry concerns had never demanded extra prices on account of her fabrics being silk. Indeed, she was prepared to prove by the testimony of a female friend that the plaintiff's bill was exorbitant. Judge Dugas continued the hearing of the case until Monday at 9:30 a. m., when the comely May, resplendent in silks and jewels, will corroborate her defense by the evidence of various local laundrymen.

In the action of Duram vs. Graves et al., the plaintiff moved the court for the appointment of a receiver. The hearing of the case was continued till Monday.

In Woodworth vs. Strom the plaintiff applied for an ex parte injunction. Justice Dugas granted an injunction, interim.

The defendant in Kennedy vs. Golden, made an application to set aside the writ of attachment issued in the cause.

The court ordered that parties, who had made affidavits be cross examined, by their respective advocates on next Friday.

In the cases of Foster vs. Anderson and Burton vs. Anderson, motions were made to set aside the writs of injunction issued in each action. Justice Dugas ordered that the cross examination of witnesses be held on Monday at 2 p. m., and that, in the meantime, the injunctions continue in force.

The matter of the estate of James McLarty, deceased, occupied the attention of the court for considerable time this morning. The executor, represented by F. L. Gwillim, esq., applied for directions in the management of the estate. Attorney Tabor, who had been retained by the widow and five children of the deceased, declared that he withdrew as advocate for the children, as there appears to be a conflict between the widow and the children. Justice Dugas ordered that the children be served by publication in the newspapers, and that the public administrator be notified by service upon him of a notice to appear on Friday next so as to obtain from him a declaration respecting his intention of appearing upon the application made by the executor.

In McDonald vs. Hall, the hearing on the motion for judgment was postponed until Friday, so as to give time for the production of affidavits.

The plaintiff in Power vs. Hebb, secured judgment against the defendant, but the latter has the option to redeem the litigated property.

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