

## A Tragedy of the Long Trails

*Burial in one grave at Fort Macpherson of the Four Northwest Mounted Police, who lost their lives on the Trail to Dawson, more than a year ago*



**A Photograph Worthy the Art of a Painter.**

A strangely interesting group was present at the funeral of Inspector Fitzgerald and Constables Kinney, Carter and Taylor. These heroes were all buried in the little churchyard at Macpherson. On the left stand the four police in the Macpherson detachment. Next them a group of Lochieus Indians and half-breeds—one chief in his ermine-skin. To the right are a company of Indian women in the background. Traders and trappers and the white-surplised Bishop Whitaker, reading the burial service of the Church of England, complete a picture worthy the brush of a great painter.

## Strange Case of the Town of Frank

*Which moved from its old site in 1903 and is likely to move again in 1912*



**A Small Town Under the Shadow of a Huge Impending Mountain.**

The New Town of Frank is a Quarter of a Mile from the Site of the Old Town Buried by a Landslide in 1903, When Fully a Hundred Inhabitants Were Entombed Alive.

WESTERN towns that pull stakes are not uncommon. But there is no town in America that moved once because it was wiped off the map by a landslide and nine years later was likely to move again because a mountain desired to fall on it. Old Frank, in Alberta, near the door of the Crow's Nest Pass, was buried alive in 1903. New Frank, a quarter of a mile distant from the old site, is in danger of being overwhelmed by Turtle Mountain.

The town has a population of 1,000. Twelve hundred coal miners have been burrowing under the mountain. A Government Commission of three have reported that the excavations, the geological structure, frost and vibrations may at any moment precipitate the mass. The Canadian Consolidated Mine Co., after spending \$2,000,000 in improvements, have suspended operations until the Government decides on the location for a new shaft.

The day the report was made public fifteen miners quit town. Scores of others have since gone to the Lethbridge mines. Many more will leave—homes built from years of savings. The home of Mayor McGowan, all the stores and the houses of 250 miners are in the danger zone. The C. P. R. has changed its route for that part of the line.

Frank is still waiting, for a catastrophe that may be deferred for years may happen any moment—and when it does will come as abruptly as an eruption of Vesuvius or the 'Frisco earthquake.

In the story of calamity towns in Canada Frank is most conspicuous. The category contains also Fernie burned to ash-heaps in July, 1908; Three Rivers, P.Q., with its holocaust the same year; Porcupine devastated by forest fires in July, 1911; Hull burned off the map near the close of the nineteenth century; Campbellton, N.B., destroyed by fire in 1910. Fire has been the most frequent destroyer; flood never; cyclone devastation none; earthquake none.