

North-west Mounted Police.

PATROLS AND OUTPOSTS.

The undermentioned detachments were supplied from this post during the past season:—

Name.	Officers.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Constables.	Scouts (Indian).	Horses.	Ponies.
Stand Off.....	1	1				6		1
St. Mary's.....			1		5		6	2
Boundary Creek.....				1	2		3	1
Lee's Creek.....				1	1		2	
Milk River.....				1	2		3	1
Big Bend.....				1	2		3	
Kootenai.....				1	2		3	1
Pincher Creek.....	1		1		6		10	
Porcupine Hills.....			1		2		3	1
Quarantine Ground.....	1					6	2	
Leavings.....				1	2		3	1
Mosquito Creek.....				1	2		3	
Piegan Agency.....					1		1	
Kipp.....				1	2		3	
Herd.....			1		2			
Town of Macleod.....				1	2			
Flying Patrol, South Foot Hills.....				1	1	1	2	1
do North Porcupine Hills.....			1		2		4	1
	3	1	5	10	40	13	58	10

The settlers generally have given our men unanimous praise for the strict, yet courteous, manner in which they have performed this duty.

The regular summer system of patrolling was renewed early in the spring, and kept up until November, when winter arrangements were made.

The patrols during the past season were so arranged that the whole district was patrolled thoroughly each week, and the Indian reservations and small settlements, and isolated ranches visited.

The following arrangements have been made, with your approval, for patrolling and inspecting the district during the winter, viz. :—

Inspector Hopkins will be stationed at St. Mary's, and will have charge of and inspect that detachment, together with those at Lee's Creek, Boundary Creek, and the quarantine ground.

Inspector Jarvis to be stationed at Stand Off, and also to inspect "Kipp."

Inspector Cuthbert to be stationed at Pincher Creek and to have charge of Porcupine Hills, Piegan, Big Bend and Kootenai detachments.

The Leavings and Mosquito Creek outposts will be inspected by an officer sent from district headquarters for that purpose when required.

The Flying Patrol that has been patrolling through the Porcupine Hills has been stationed at the Piegan Agency for the winter, and will continue to patrol through the hills as much as possible during the same.

"Stand Off" Detachment will connect each week with Kipp, and also with "K" Division outpost, on the St. Mary's River.

The St. Mary's Detachment of "D" Division will connect with "K" Division in Milk River Ridge as often as practicable. This patrol will go *via* the "quarantine" ground, and will see that Bennett's stock remain in quarantine the full period required by law, and that the Custom's Regulations are being carried out.

The detachment at Kipp will connect each week with "K" Division, at Lethbridge, and a weekly patrol will be sent from St. Mary's to Stand Off, *via* Lee's Creek.