

**Reg. No. 247,
ex-Sgt. Major
F. A. Bagley.**



beginning when he and ex-members of the N.W.M.P. from many parts of Canada held a convention at Calgary, July 11-13, 1901. Plans for a constitution were drawn up and a decision reached to hold another convention the following year. But the Boer War interrupted the project and no further steps were taken until Bagley returned from that campaign.

He was among the veterans who decorated Judge (ex-Commissioner) Macleod's grave on July 12, 1901; he took part in the jubilee meetings of many Western communities; was present at the unveiling of the memorial to Sir C. E. Denny, ex-inspector of the Force, on June 12, 1938, and was on hand at innumerable banquets and meetings held by E Division of the R.N. W.M.P. Veterans' Association.

On June 7, 1940, the association honoured him as Banff's "grand old man of the Force" and tendered congratulations to him and his wife who four days later celebrated their golden wedding-anniversary. It was fitting

that in October of the same year he was guest of honour at the premier showing in Regina of the film, "North West Mounted Police".

From the time he gazed with the wide-eyed wonder of youth on the great expanse of Canada's prairies until his death Major Bagley was thoroughly identified with the West and the Mounted Police he served so well. High-minded, idealistic and with a modesty unmarred by an eventful life, he was youthful and alert until the end—it is said he read with the naked eye, scorning the aid of spectacles.

In his home were many trophies including a picture of Old Buck; his white pith helmet cut in half so that each section could hang flat against the wall; swords, bits, spurs and other relics.

Major Bagley was not merely an ex-member, an old-timer; he was an institution, one whose name and reputation by some magic became known to recruits of the