

Col. and Mrs. J. B. Mitchell are shown being presented to Their Majesties at Winnipeg, May 24, 1939. Colonel Mitchell, whose regimental number is 50, was the last surviving member of the 1874 N.W.M.P.



of alleged sedition among the Metis there under the fire-brand, Gabriel Dumont.

In less than nine days the party covered the 250 miles, first leg of a trip that was to take the general along the Saskatchewan river to Fort Pitt, Victoria and Fort Edmonton, south to Fort Calgary on the Bow river, thence to Fort Macleod and through the mountains to the coast. The various N.W. M.P. escorts involved travelled in all some 1,500 miles.

At Fort Saskatchewan, established by the police earlier in the summer 18 miles north of Edmonton, Bagley was transferred to A Troop with Inspector Crozier as his new officer commanding.

In 1877 he was among those who left Fort Saskatchewan under Crozier for Black-foot Crossing to lay out the camping grounds for the main body of police pending their arrival from Fort Macleod with the treaty commissioners, Lt. Gov. D. Laird and Commissioner Macleod. After the treaty was signed on September 22, A Troop returned to Fort Saskatchewan.

In the spring of 1879 Bagley helped build the 11-foot stockade at Fort Saskatchewan.

At that time there were less than 20 men stationed at this out-of-the-way post, and the addition was required as a protective measure against prisoners escaping custody. That winter he performed the duties of bugler in addition to his regular constabulary functions, and toward the close of the year was one of the guards over *Ka-ki-si-kut-chin* (phonetic Cree for Swift Runner), an Indian murderer.

The facts of this unusual case are worthy of mention. Early in May a young Indian boy named Alexis reported to the Officer Commanding A Division at Fort Saskatchewan that his father, *Ka-ki-si-kut-chin*, had killed and eaten his (*Ka-ki-si-kut-chin's*) wife, five of his children, his brother-in-law and his mother-in-law. Only Alexis had escaped. On May 7 the suspect was arrested at Big Lake by Reg. No. 18, Sgt. R. E. Steele and taken to Fort Saskatchewan. (In that year the terms sub-constable, acting constable, constable and staff constable became constable, corporal, sergeant and sergeant major respectively.)

Two days later Insp. S. Gagnon, Reg. No. 14, S/Sgt. G. F. Herchmer, hospital