

OBITUARY

Reg. No. 11388 ex-Cst. Joseph Olivier Racine, 64, died Mar. 1, 1950 at Casselman, Ont. Formerly a member of the Preventive Service which he joined in 1927, Mr. Racine became a member of the RCMP on Apr. 1, 1932. He was discharged when his term of service expired two years later. On Sept. 5, 1939 he re-engaged in the Force and was invalided to pension on May 26, 1946. For most of his service he was stationed in "A" Division, although for a time he served at Coaticook Detachment, "C" Division.

Reg. No. 10070 ex-Sgt. Frederick John Spindler, 54, died Oct. 5, 1950 at Brockville, Ont. Mr. Spindler joined the Force at Ottawa on June 12, 1924 and retired to pension Aug. 11, 1950. Except for brief periods in Toronto and Montreal, all of his service was in "A" Division.

Ex-Insp. John Fraser, 68, died at Ottawa, Ont., on Aug. 18, 1950. He joined the Dominion Police on Nov. 24, 1912 and became an officer of that force on Oct. 1, 1918. When the Dominion Police was absorbed by the RCMP in 1920 Mr. Fraser was given the rank of Staff Sergeant, but was promoted to Sub-Inspector in the RCMP on Aug. 1, 1936. On Apr. 1, 1939 he was promoted to Inspector and July 1, 1943 he was retired to pension. Among his survivors is a son in the Force, Reg. No. 12567 Corporal William of Guysboro, N.S. Ex-Inspector Fraser was born in England and prior to coming to Canada served in the British Army for almost eight years. During World War I he was in charge of Enemy Alien Department in the Dominion Police and in his long service at H.Q. in this Force he filled several important positions.

Reg. No. 12157 ex-Chief Engineer John Mason Sharp, 68, died at Halifax, N.S. on Aug. 18, 1950. Mr. Sharp joined the "Marine" Division Apr. 1, 1932 after previous service with the Preventive Service and RCN. In World War I he served in the RN from 1914 to 1920 and at the outbreak of World War II transferred to the Canadian Navy with other members of the "Marine" Division. He was retired to pension on July 7, 1942.

Reg. No. 6320 ex-Cst. Cecil Charles John Whitehead, 54, died in September 1950, at Parksville, B.C. He joined the Force on Sept. 26, 1914 at Vancouver and was discharged when his term of service expired two years later. Mr. Whitehead was a veteran of both World Wars.

Reg. No. 5816 Cst. Alexander Gamman, 58, died in Montreal on May 26, 1950 from bullet wounds received when trying to stop a bank hold-up man. Constable Gamman first joined the Force June 1, 1914 and served until May 31, 1917. He re-engaged in the RCMP on Oct. 10, 1939 at Calgary and was transferred to Regina in 1940 and then to Montreal.

Reg. No. 9438 ex-Cst. William James Perry, 62, died Nov. 4, 1950 at Halifax, N.S. Mr. Perry joined the RCMP on Sept. 9, 1920 and was discharged to pension Jan. 15, 1940. Previously he had served with the Dominion Police from Apr. 4, 1915 to Dec. 15, 1917. He served continuously in "H" Division.

Ex-Supt. G. B. Moffatt, 95, died at Victoria, B.C. on July 4, 1950. As Reg. No. 189 Mr. Moffatt first joined the NWMP on June 17, 1878 and was discharged—time expired—three years later. On Sept. 1, 1883 he was appointed an inspector in the Force and seven years later was promoted to superintendent. On Mar. 1, 1903 Superintendent Moffatt retired because of ill-health. (See Old-timers' Column, April 1950 *Quarterly*.)

Reg. No. 10061 ex-Cst. Emsley Waldon Lloyd, 46, died at Toronto, Ont., on Nov. 6, 1950 as the result of injuries received in a car accident. He joined the Force at Toronto on Jan. 23, 1924 and was discharged June 25, 1926 at Vancouver, B.C.

Reg. No. 10803 Cst. Dieudonne Joseph Tudore Martel, 41, died on June 1, 1950 in a Montreal hospital. Constable Martel joined the Force at Ottawa on May 17, 1930 and served continuously in "A" Division. At the time of his death he was employed in the Fire Prevention Branch.

Reg. No. 2548 ex-Sgt. William Blyth, 78, died at Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 8, 1950. Mr. Blyth first served the NWMP as a bugler from Jan. 1, 1887 to Mar. 31, 1889. He rejoined the Force Nov. 1, 1889 and served until Aug. 31, 1904 when he purchased his discharge. On May 20, 1905 he re-engaged in the Force and served until discharge to pension May 19, 1914. Ex-Sergeant Blyth was stationed in many places in Western Canada, including Banff, Regina, Vegreville and Fort Saskatchewan. After leaving the Mounted Police, Mr. Blyth served as Warden of both Fort Saskatchewan and Lethbridge Provincial Jails.