

Obituary

Ex-Inspector Sydney George Mills

Mr. Sydney George Mills died at Hamilton, Ontario, on March 12th, 1936.

Engaging in the North West Mounted Police as a Constable on March 29th, 1883, Mr. Mills was promoted to the rank of Corporal on December 29th, 1884, to Sergeant in March, 1885, and to Inspector on September 15th of the same year. On February 29th, 1886, Inspector Mills resigned his Commission from the Force.

Prior to engagement in the N. W. M. Police, Inspector Mills had served with the 13th Battalion of Infantry, being discharged with the rank of Sergeant. During his service with the N. W. M. Police he was stationed at Regina, Fort Saskatchewan, Macleod, and Maple Creek, and was a member of the draft of recruits engaged at Toronto, which proceeded west by rail to Sarnia, thence by boat to Duluth, and by train to Bismarck, U.S.A., reaching Canada via the Missouri River. While a member of the North West Mounted Police, Inspector Mills was associated with Superintendent S. B. Steele and took part in active service during the Riel Rebellion.

For some years past, the late Inspector Mills had suffered a total loss of sight but, notwithstanding this disability, had conducted an Insurance business in Hamilton over an extensive period.

The death of this Ex-Officer will be mourned by many old friends in the Force by whom he was held in high esteem.

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Regimental No. 42, ex-Sergeant Frederick Alexander Edgar

The death occurred at Rossland, B.C., of Wm. Frederick Alexander Edgar, who passed away recently, aged 89 years.

Mr. Edgar first joined the North West Mounted Police on March 24th, 1874, at Fort Garry, Man., and accompanied the Force on its westward march across the plains to the forks of the Bow and Belly Rivers; he was subsequently stationed at Fort Brisebois, or the City of Calgary, as it is now known.

Mr. Edgar was born at Lancaster, Glengarry County, Ont., on June 18th, 1846, and prior to joining the Northwest Mounted Police, saw service in the East with the volunteers organized to repel the Fenian Raiders.

After completing six years service with the Northwest Mounted Police, Mr. Edgar took his discharge from the Force on March 24th, 1880, with the rank of Sergeant, and returned to his old home in Ontario. Shortly afterwards he left for the West again and resided at Butte, Montana, later proceeding to Victoria, B.C., the Slocan Valley, and finally to Rossland, where he spent the last months of his life.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of one of the original pioneers and veterans of our organization.

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Regimental No. 1013, ex-Constable Thomas White

On December 31st, 1935, Mr. Thomas White passed away at Calgary, Alberta, aged seventy-three years.

Mr. White first joined the N. W. M. Police on March 26th, 1884, and after completing five years' service, took his discharge in 1889. While serving with the N. W. M. Police, in 1885, Mr. White was actively engaged during the Riel Rebellion.

On October 16th, 1889, Mr. White re-engaged in the N. W. M. Police for a further period of one year, taking his final discharge from the Force in 1890.

Subsequent to retirement, Mr. White proceeded to British Columbia and more lately, to Alberta, where he resided for some years prior to his death.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of this veteran of the N. W. M. Police who first saw service with our organization in the early days of the North West Territories.