

moment's notice, in case of trouble of any kind occurring, to proceed along the railway line, or elsewhere, as the occasion demands.

To my mind the only point at which the post I have mentioned can be established is at the crossing of the South Saskatchewan River or "Medicine Hat." You already have a sketch showing the site I have selected.

I propose hereafter in this Report recommending the building of this post, and a smaller one at Maple Creek.

I might, however, here be permitted to call your attention to the importance of my recommendation being acted upon.

The post at Maple Creek would be an outpost from "Medicine Hat," where the headquarters of the division employed in this section would be stationed. Various other outposts, each consisting of a non-commissioned officer and a few men, will require to be established along roads and trails used in the Cypress Hills, with a view of preventing whisky trading and smuggling from the United States territory.

The outposts about the Fort Macleod and Regina districts will be similar to those established this year (from some of these men are withdrawn during winter season).

Outposts in the northern division will require to be maintained as at present.

Outposts from the headquarters of Calgary District (Fort Calgary) will be established hereafter as railway and other interests from time to time demand.

#### DISTRIBUTION of Horses during year 1882.

Division.	Station.	No.	Remarks.
"A"	Fort Walsh and Outposts .....	71	*This includes a large number of re-mounts being herded at Government Farm. These horses will, in the spring, be distributed among the various Divisions as required.
"B"	Regina and Outposts .....	56	
"C"	*Fort McLeod and Outposts ....	127	
"D"	Battleford and Outposts .....	60	
"E"	Calgary .....	47	
	Total strength.....	361	

Re-mounts received during 1882 ..... 133

Colts taken on strength during 1882..... 7

Total..... 140

The total number of remounts taken on the strength of the force this year was one hundred and thirty-three. Eighty-nine supplied by the Stewart Ranch Company; forty purchased by the Department in Ontario and forwarded to Qu'Appelle, and four purchased in the Territory.

Of the horses purchased from the Stewart Ranch Company thirty were accepted in July, the selection having been made from a band of one hundred and fifty head.

The small number accepted was owing to the fact that the band I speak of was too light for our work. Eighteen were afterwards accepted and taken over by Superintendent Crozier, acting under my authority.

During my recent visit to Fort Macleod, in the month of October last, I accepted from a band driven in by the Company forty-one head.

This last band was composed of the finest horses ever driven into the country, and the horses taken over by me were of a better class than any hitherto supplied the Force.

The first small lots taken over by Superintendent Crozier and myself, were not in all cases composed of the class of horses we required. But as we were then in urgent need of saddle horses I accepted them.