

# North-west Mounted Police.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER L. W. HERCHMER

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE, 1897.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,  
REGINA, 17th December, 1897.

The Right Honourable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G.C.M.G.,  
President of the Privy Council,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ended 30th November, 1897, together with the annual reports of the following officers, for the same period :—

Assistant Commissioner McIllree.

Superintendent Gagnon.

“ Steele.

“ Perry.

“ Deane.

“ Griesbach.

“ Moffatt.

“ Howe, with reports of Inspectors McGibbon, Macdonell, Gilpin-Brown, and Sergeant J. Hydes.

“ Cotton, with report from Staff-Sergeant Hall.

Inspector Scarth—Yukon, trip to.

“ Jarvis—Athabasca patrol.

“ Snyder—Jasper House patrol.

“ Moodie—Edmonton-Yukon patrol.

Mr. Chalmers—Peace River patrol.

The assistant surgeons and acting assistant surgeons.

The veterinary and assistant veterinary surgeons, and the veterinary non-commissioned officers.

Police patrol map. (Not printed.)

### PATROLS.

In December, 1896, it was considered advisable to send a patrol as far north as Fort Resolution, on Great Slave Lake, visiting the trading posts en route, as it was reported that a great deal of poison was being set out unlawfully, destroying a great many of the fur-bearing animals, many of which died at a distance from the bait, and were not found by the hunters. Complaints were also made of the great carelessness of hunters and travellers in letting fires run, to the great destruction of timber, thus driving all game from the usual hunting grounds of the natives, much to their loss and suffering in some cases.