

Colonel Walker was one of Canada's most famous Western pioneers and took a very active part in the settlement and development of the Prairie Provinces, more especially the city of Calgary and Province of Alberta.

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On July 1, 1935, members of our Force and Regina City Police when engaged in arresting certain individuals connected with the "On-to-Ottawa" trek, became involved in a riot at Regina, Saskatchewan. Detective **Regina** Charles Miller of the City Police Force was killed by strikers and **Riot** a large number of Peace Officers and transients were seriously injured. The trek, which consisted of approximately two thousand individuals, the great majority of whom were strikers from the Federal Relief Camps, was under the leadership of a self-avowed member of the Communist Party.

Following the riot, a Commission of three Judges was appointed by the Provincial Government to enquire into the cause of the disturbance. Evidence was heard by the Commission covering a period of months, the following extract from the report of the Commission being a part of the finding finally arrived at:

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Elsewhere in the report will be found a full account of the actions of Colonel Wood and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in connection with the events on Market Square on the night of July the 1st. We think, that we should here state that in our opinion Colonel Wood, during all the time the strikers were in Saskatchewan, acted with care, discretion and moderation, always, of course, keeping in mind the orders from his superior officer which he was bound to obey. We think also that it is due to the members of the Force as a whole to say that during the riot they acted with courage and marked restraint, often amidst circumstances of the greatest danger to themselves, and this notwithstanding the fact that they were repeatedly engaged in repelling attacks which were characterized by viciousness, brutality and a disregard for human life. In our opinion no action of the members of this Force at the time of the riot in any way detracts from the proud position which it has always held in the minds of the people of Canada".

Among other determinations, the Commission also found, from the evidence adduced at the hearing, that had the trek not been halted at Regina, a riot of more serious consequences might have resulted on the arrival of the unemployed at Ottawa, by which time the number of those engaged in the trek would have been considerably augmented by supporters from other points en route to the Capital.

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Ottawa was recently visited by three Police officials from England who are making an inspection of Police methods in Canada and the United States. The visitors were Colonel F. Brook, D.S.O., M.C., **Police Officials** Inspector of Constabulary for England and Wales; Mr. **Visit Ottawa** John Maxwell, C.B.E., Chief Constable of the City of Manchester, and Mr. R. M. Howe, Assistant Commissioner, Criminal Investigation Department, Scotland Yard.

After a tour of Headquarters and "N" Division at Rockliffe, the three Overseas officials left for Washington, U.S.A., to inspect the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.