

North-west Mounted Police.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

COMMISSIONER L. W. HERCHMER

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE, 1895.

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
REGINA, 18th December, 1895.

The Honourable
The President of the Privy Council, Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ended 30th November, 1895, together with the annual reports of the following officers, for the same period :—

Superintendent Gagnon,
“ Steele,
“ Perry, with reports of Inspectors McGibbon, Wilson, Gilpin-Brown,
and Williams,
“ Deane,
“ Griesbach,
“ Moffatt,
“ Howe, with report of Inspector Harper,
“ Cotton.

The Assistant Surgeons, and Acting Assistant Surgeons.
The Veterinary and Assistant Veterinary Surgeons, and Veterinary Non-Commissioned Officers.

PATROLS.

Although the strength of the force has been very considerably reduced during the past year, the patrols have been increased, and all the territory requiring it has been visited by them.

Patrols call on all settlers on their route, taking particulars of any complaints they may have, and making inquiries concerning suspicious characters seen in vicinity; whether any stray animals have been seen, and whether any animals are diseased. All along their route they ride through any herds of cattle, or bands of horses, and look them over. They make inquiries *re* any breach of the fishery and game regulations, and any possible evasions of the customs.

All camps of Indians are visited, and inquiries made, and their passes examined, and, in the season, a sharp lookout is kept for prairie fires.

On the return of patrols to their outposts, a report is made to the commanding officer of their division, when they receive instructions *re* any matter that requires further investigation, and which they may have overlooked. By this means, considering the vast extent of country, a very accurate knowledge of its condition is obtained.