



Coming up the Carleton Trail in the trek from Saskatoon to Prince Albert. (Photo by Frank Sudol.)

were made to our members for their efforts in successfully reviving two-year-old Dustin Lee Dalziel who had fallen into a septic tank in the Maple Creek district on July 31, 1983.

Csts. Flanagan and Pitt-Payne arrived on the scene within two minutes of receiving the call. The child had already been removed from the tank and was lying, lifeless, on the ground. They immediately applied CPR and mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration while transporting him to the local hospital. They were able to revive the boy before reaching the hospital.

Dustin was later transferred to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, for special care, but we regretfully report that he passed away on August 2.

**WAGON TREK 1983** Early in 1983, the Prince Albert Exhibition Association began formulating plans for a wagon trek from Saskatoon to Prince Albert. The purpose of the trek was to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Prince Albert Exhibition and to honour the pioneers of the province.

The week of July 26 to August 2, 1983, was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. The trek became a reality in Saskatoon with the assembly of 26 wagons, 140 horses and some 160 people. Cpl. R. H. (Bob) Laidlaw and I had the honour of escorting this caravan. We were dressed in the 1896 NWMP uniform while our civilian

friends were attired in period costumes. We followed the historic "Carleton Trail" throughout most of the trek, which covered 120 miles over a seven-and-a-half-day period.

In keeping with the pioneer days, we lived and ate our meals in large "bell" tents which we carried in the wagons. At night I slept on horse blankets covered with a ground sheet and a bed-roll. My makeshift pillow was a saddle. Believe it or not, the bed was comfortable and I managed to get through the trip without saddle sores!

This trek was educational and interesting from a historical viewpoint. The horse I had borrowed for the trek belonged to a farmer from the Duck Lake/Winegard area. This farmer was related to "Gentleman Joe" McKay, scout and interpreter for the NWMP from 1885 to approximately 1906.

We camped one night at the entrance of Fort Carleton, in much the same way as the early settlers had done when travelling through that part of the country. We then continued our journey across portions of the original trail used in the late 1800's.

On Sunday we arrived in MacDowall, where we took part in a church service which celebrated the 75th anniversary of St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

Our trek terminated the next day in Prince Albert. The complete wagon train participated in the Prince Albert Exhibition parade.

We made many friends during the trek and shared experiences similar to those encountered by the early pioneers. For me, this was a memorable and rewarding experience and I was hon-