



Commissioner Perry's Saturday inspections at Rockcliffe Camp.

Saint John, N.B. On June 30, three officers and 75 other ranks under Asst. Commr. C. Starnes left Ottawa with 64 horses to maintain order in connection with a street railway strike. By the end of July, this party had been reduced considerably, and all had left the Maritime city by August 8. Officer Commanding the Force in the Maritimes at that time was the late ex-Asst. Commr. C. D. LaNauze, then an Inspector.

Once again during the summer months, Lansdowne had to be vacated, but this time, the tents were erected in a different location—the old Rockcliffe Rifle Ranges on the Ottawa River, which is the present site of the “N” Division grounds. During the stay in camp, inspections were conducted every Saturday morning by Commr. A. Bowen Perry.

“I recall,” said Assistant Commissioner Harvison, referring to those camp days, “that shortly after setting up camp several Militia Regiments arrived for their annual training and camped a short distance from us. The first night after their arrival their training called for machine-gun practice from the 1,000-yard range—on which our tents were

pitched. The Army set up their machine-guns immediately adjacent to our camp and opened fire with tracer bullets. The resultant arcs of fire spread considerable panic in our horse lines which resulted in a great tangle and much work in getting the horses straightened out and quietened.”

The division returned to Lansdowne in the fall and early in 1922, Supt. H. M. Newson took over as Officer Commanding from Inspector Cadiz, who returned to “Depot”. Several new duties in addition to “stand-to” for strikes fell to the lot of this mounted division in 1922. Personnel travelled west on special trains bearing laborers to the prairies for the harvest season in the capacity of guards, and the security of government income tax offices was also left in the hands of Superintendent Newson's proteges. In addition, men were sent to various points in eastern Canada to supervise pari-mutuel betting at race tracks and protect the ticket takers.

During the spring of 1923, Inspector Trundle succeeded Superintendent Newson as O.C. The division vacated the fair grounds once again in the summer and