



L to R — Dr. D. L. Smith, Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada; Mr. E. H. Abbott, first white boy born at Fort Walsh; and Asst. Commr. J. E. Gibbon, C.O. F Division.

Other platform guests included Mr. William Stodalks, M.L.A., Maple Creek constituency; Insp. C. W. Smith, Officer Commanding Swift Current Sub-Division; Sgt. D. R. C. Mosher, N.C.O. i/c Maple Creek Detachment; Mr. J. Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Fort Walsh National Historic Park; Mr. R. P. Malis, Director, Parks Canada, Prairie Region; Mr. J. I. Clark, Secretary of the Maple Creek Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. E. H. Abbott, the first white boy born at Fort Walsh.

Entertainment was provided by the Old Time Fiddlers of Maple Creek.

Coffee and donuts were served in the Commissioner's quarters at Fort Walsh following the ceremony, under the supervision of the Maple Creek Chamber of Commerce.

A number of speeches were presented at the commemoration, however I feel the speech delivered by Mr. Ralph Goodale, M.P. for Assiniboia, best exemplifies what we, as Canadians, feel for the late James Morrow Walsh. Part of Mr. Goodale's speech is as follows:

"Fort Walsh was founded by James Morrow Walsh in 1875. James Morrow Walsh was an NWMP officer who

vigorously but fairly enforced the law — in fact, brought the law — in the North West. He is probably best known for his role in persuading Chief Sitting Bull and Sioux Indians to return to the United States following the Custer incident.

Superintendent Walsh figures in many of Canada's outstanding historic stories — the Cypress Hills Massacre, the Riel Rebellion and the Yukon Gold Rush when he went north to serve there as Commissioner. His unflinching justice, unbiased and straight-forwardness, earned the respect of all with whom he dealt. He was frequently responsible for dealing with situations that were potentially explosive, and succeeded in keeping peace in each of them.

It is sometimes said that Canada has no heroes in it's closet, and that this country was established in a colorless fashion. Superintendent Walsh is a true Canadian hero, and his heroism lies in having brought law and order with fairness and impartiality in the settlement of the North West, avoiding the "rough justice" which existed elsewhere. James Morrow Walsh played a major role in establishing the proud tradition of what later became the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, respected around the world."

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