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known as a fact, that a suitable vessel could sail from Atlantic to Pacific, or vice versa, in favorable seasons". At all events, the challenge is there; if the rewards are great enough—and potentially, it appears that they are—it is probable that means will be found to overcome the obstacles.

No criticism is implied in the foregoing. Anyone who reads this book and then goes North, will go with a very good knowledge of what is ahead of him. To speak more broadly, the book is a valuable contribution to our knowledge of an area which, all must hope, will some day be an important factor in Canadian life.

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Reg. No. 368 ex-Cst. Robert Hugh Mackay, 88, died at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., Mar. 6, 1948. He served in the N.W.M.P. from June 9, 1879, to Aug. 13, 1883, having been stationed during that period at Fort Walsh and Fort Qu'Appelle. In his youth he was a page boy to Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister. Upon engaging in the Force he travelled to the West via the Missouri river route in the paddle-

steamer *Redcloud*, disembarking at Fort Benton, Mont., and trekking overland to Fort Walsh.

Reg. No. 2979 ex-Cst. Charles Henry Rawson, 77, died at Vancouver, B.C., Apr. 10, 1948. He served in the N.W.M.P. from Nov. 29, 1893, to Dec. 12, 1895, and from May 1, 1899, to Oct. 11, 1901, having been stationed during those periods at Regina (Sask.) and Lethbridge (Alta.) in the Northwest Territories and Dawson, Y.T. He served with the Royal Canadian Engineers in the First World War.

Reg. No. 4663 ex-Sgt. William Bullock, 74, died at Vancouver, B.C., Apr. 14, 1948. He served in the Force from Nov. 28, 1907, until pensioned Aug. 5, 1924, and during that period was stationed at Willow Bunch, Big Muddy, Regina and Prince Albert in Saskatchewan, and at Brandon, Man.

Reg. No. 3328 ex-Cst. Poole Field, 72, died at Vancouver, B.C., Apr. 22, 1948. A member of the N.W.M.P. from Aug. 1, 1898, to Nov. 20, 1900, he was stationed most of that time at Dawson, Y.T. After leaving the Force he took up trapping, fur trading, prospecting and explorations, and was very widely known in the North.