

Police, and appointed by Order-in-Council of 15th November, 1875, to take effect from 1st January, 1876, one of the three Stipendiary Magistrates authorized by the then North West Territories Act. His first term of service with the Police lasted from 25th September, 1873, to 31st December, 1875.

Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of Commissioner of the Mounted Police, due to the resignation of Colonel French, Lieutenant-Colonel Macleod was appointed to that office by Order-in-Council of 22nd July, 1876. He also performed the duties of Stipendiary Magistrate in the Bow River Judicial District of the North West Territories, as well as commanding the Mounted Police.

In 1878 Lieutenant Governor Laird and Colonel Macleod concluded a Treaty with the Blackfoot Indians. Colonel Macleod's experience, tact and infinite patience, together with the esteem in which he was held by the Indians, were the means of bringing these negotiations to a successful conclusion.

Colonel Macleod resigned his office of Commissioner of the Force in the fall of 1880, and permanently resumed his old duties as one of the three Stipendiary Magistrates of the North West Territories, from 1st October, 1880. His place of residence was Macleod.

On 18th February, 1887, Colonel Macleod was appointed Judge of the Judicial District of Southern Alberta. He held this appointment until he died on 5th September, 1894.

An old friend of Colonel Macleod's wrote of him:—

"He was a particularly handsome man: a happy combination of the gentleman of the old school, and the man of the world and affairs. He had a manner which put strangers at their ease at once, but effectually prevented any undue familiarity. As a host he was simply without a superior: generous to a degree, the soul of hospitality, he always knew the right thing to say and the right thing to do. As Soldier, Diplomat, Law-maker and Judge, he deserves an honoured place in the history of Canada."

The official records indicate that Colonel Macleod fully earned this tribute by the conspicuous services he rendered to Canada.

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A recent applicant for engagement in the Force cheerfully confessed to qualifications of an unusual nature, when he wrote as follows:—

"I am presuming to make to you personally my plea for employment in your organization. My age—23, occupation—relief work—ex-racketeer. I have spent three years in the penitentiary—no recommendation but it could be made very useful. I am willing to go any place—do anything as long as I can say I served my country—my King."