

Obituary

THE ANNOUNCEMENT, on September 7th, of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Duffus removes a figure whose association with the Mounted Police endured, except for a brief interval of two years, from 1896 to 1931.

Entering the North West Mounted Police in 1896, Arthur William Duffus served as a constable and corporal until 1901. His service carried him from the Regina depot to the Calgary district and then to the Yukon.

On returning to the Force in 1903 with the rank of Inspector, he served at Coutts and Calgary, Alberta; Saskatoon, Brandon and Winnipeg, in order, until 1917.

Promoted Superintendent in 1917, he returned to Depot Division where he remained until his departure for Siberia with the Royal North West Mounted Police Overseas "B" Squadron of Cavalry.

On his return to Canada he was stationed at Brandon and Winnipeg until 1920, when he assumed command of the Western Ontario district, "O" Division, with headquarters at Toronto.

The year 1923 saw another move for Superintendent Duffus, this time back to Regina again, whence, after another few years, he went to Vancouver to command "E" Division. In 1927 his last promotion came, in the form of an assistant-commissionership. With the assumption by the Force of additional duties in 1928, another change came, and Lieutenant-Colonel Duffus was brought to Ottawa as second in command at Headquarters.

All who knew Lieutenant-Colonel Duffus during his long period of service, a service which covered much territory and comprised a great variety of experience including the celebrated Cashel case at Calgary, can testify to his unfailing geniality and courtesy. His death comes as a shock to all his friends, and the sympathy of all ranks of the Force will be extended to his family.

* * *

The public press carries a report of the death of Mr. Hugh Lewis at Toronto during July, 1933. Mr. Lewis served as a constable in the North West Mounted Police from April 9th, 1874, to April 30th, 1880. During this period of service he was stationed at Beautiful Plains, Swan River and Shoal Lake, with Regimental Number 289.

* * *

The death occurred, at Vancouver, B.C., on June 11th, 1933, of Robert C. McLaren, at the age of 82. Mr. McLaren was one of the early members of the Force, he having served with the North West Mounted Police from 1877 to 1880. His Regimental Number was 196. Mr. McLaren's death removes another link between the present members of the Force and those who joined in the early days.

The funeral took place on June 13th at Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver, "E" Division supplying one N.C.O. and five constables to act as pallbearers.

* * *

The Toronto papers recently reported the death of Hiram J. Pritchard of that city, a member of the board of assessors.

As Regimental Number 3292, Mr. Pritchard served with the North West Mounted Police for nearly six and a half years, in two periods from 1898 to 1907. News of his death will be received with regret by all who knew him in the Force.