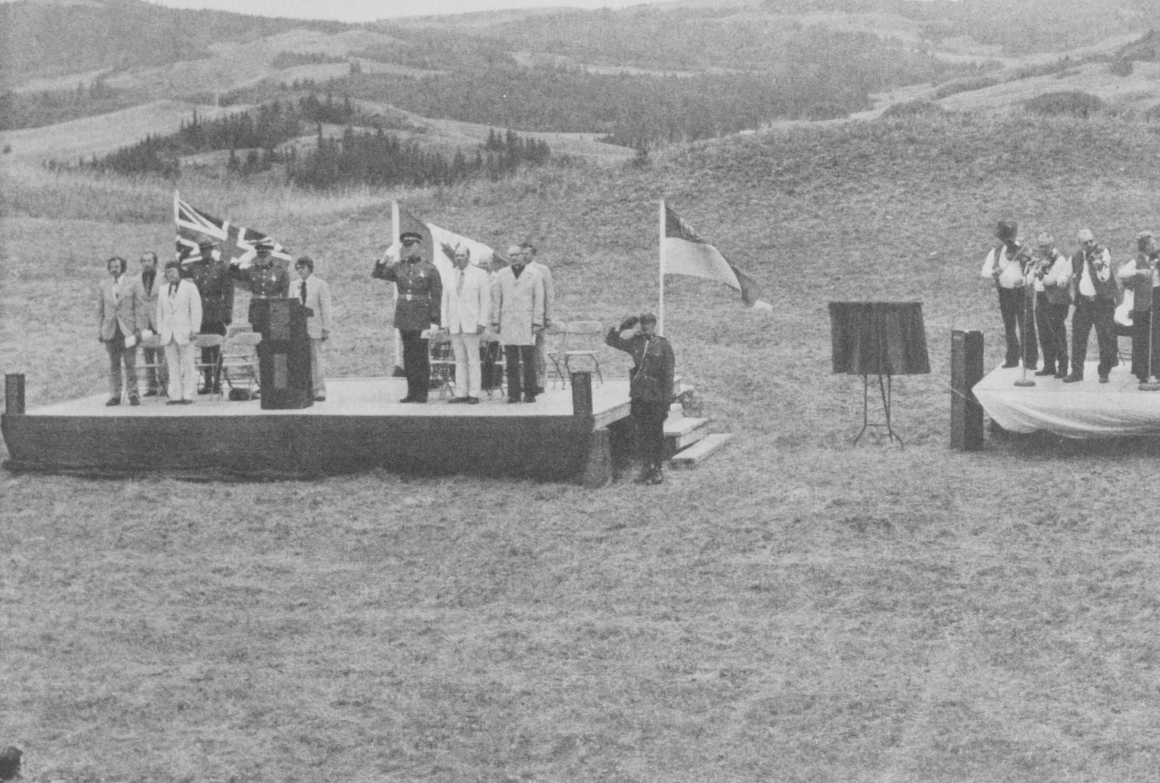




Opening of the dedication ceremony at Fort Walsh.

Commemoration Ceremony

By Sgt. D. R. C. MOSHER

On Sept. 1, 1975, Parks Canada unveiled a plaque to commemorate James Morrow Walsh, founder and Superintendent of the North West Mounted Police command at Fort Walsh.

James Morrow Walsh was appointed Superintendent of the North West Mounted Police in 1873. He recruited, trained and led part of the new police force and held commands at Fort Walsh and later at Fort Qu'Appelle. He vigorously enforced the law in the north west and is best known for his part in persuading Sitting Bull and his Sioux to return to the United States. In 1897 he was appointed Commissioner of the Yukon Provisional District, a post he held until his retirement in Sept. 1898.

This year marked the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the NWMP to the

Cypress Hills area and the founding of the Fort Walsh command post.

Mr. Ralph Goodale, M.P. for Assiniboia, representing the Honorable Judd Buchanan, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and Asst. Commr. J. E. Gibbon, Commanding Officer of F division unveiled the plaque honoring Supt. James Morrow Walsh.

Dr. D. E. Smith of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada acted as chairman for the occasion and Rev. Rodney Francis, representing the Maple Creek Ministerial Association, gave the official dedication.

Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Smith of Maple Creek, welcomed the public in attendance for the dedication ceremony and invited them to visit Maple Creek while in the area.