

time trying to keep the peace between the Stonies and a large camp of Northern Blackfeet under "Old Sun" and "Brick Elk" and "Bear Child," and other Blackfoot chiefs.

The coming of the courier, and the import of the letter of instructions to the Rev. John, calling him into Edmonton as his base of supplies and to receive his commission, all of which he explained to these Indians had a most satisfactory effect upon them, and Old Sun said, 'We will await your coming to our lodges with this message from the Queen Mother and her chiefs, and we will know how to answer at that time.'

Then the Rev. John and his small party of two white men and two Indians made a flying trip in that country between Edmonton and the boundary line, from camp to camp, delivering the government message to mountain, wood and plains, and people emphasizing the purely "police" side and purpose of this company of armed men coming into this country for the first time—not to fight—but to suppress fighting and whiskey trade and crime of any kind, and to establish peace and deal out British justice to all men, both red and white alike.

This work occupied some two and a half months of strenuous travel, sometimes day and night, swimming full and swollen mountain rivers, and continuous watchfulness, standing guard night after night, and on the alert all day, but the Rev. John was delighted to find that the best of the Indians of any nationality listened to the message he brought with great satisfaction. "Crowfoot," head chief of the allied Blackfoot nation, placing his hand on the heart of the missionary, said, "I believe you. I not hear with my ears, but I also feel from your heart to mine. I am glad to know that a great owner, able to enforce law, is coming. I now see hope for my people and deliverance from 'fire leader' and bad men." Thus in the early winter of 1874 and '5, the Mounted Police, a mere handful of men, scattered into three sections, hundreds of miles apart, were in posts or forts and under cover however crude, and in the great Northwest, government and law and comparative order were established, and the end of the long fact has come and the new day was with us.

