

Obituary

Regimental No. 280—Ex-Constable John Herron

Mr. John Herron, one of the oldest members of the North West Mounted Police, died at Pincher Creek, Alberta on August 19th, 1936, aged 82 years.

Mr. Herron first joined the N.W.M.P. on November 24th, 1874 and served until May 7th, 1878, when he took his discharge. During his service with the Force Mr. Herron was one of the members of the escort which accompanied Major General Sir Selby Smythe to the West in 1875 when the site of Fort Calgary was chosen. He was also present at the Signing of Treaty Number 7 at Blackfoot Crossing in 1876 and after severing his connections with the Force also assisted, in 1896, in the arrest of Charcoal, the Indian murderer responsible for the death of Sergeant Wilde.

Born in Carleton County, Ontario, in 1853, after completion of his service in the N.W.M.P., Mr. Herron returned east to Ottawa where in 1879 he married Miss Ida Lake. Returning to the old North West Territories two years later, Mr. Herron took part in arranging travelling facilities for the Marquis of Lorne, then Governor General of Canada who wished to visit the West. Later Mr. Herron ran as Conservative Candidate for MacLeod in five Dominion elections and was successful in two, being first elected to the House of Commons in 1904 and remaining as a member of the Federal House until 1911. During the Riel Rebellion he was a Captain in the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

Subsequent to his marriage and return to the West, Mr. Herron became manager of the Stewart Ranching Company in the Pincher Creek District and remained in Alberta until the time of his death. In addition to his vocation as a rancher he also fulfilled the offices of a License Commissioner and Stock Inspector.

Mr. Herron was one of the last surviving members of the Old Originals of the North West Mounted Police and his death will be greatly mourned, not only by the many friends he possessed in Alberta, but also by the serving members and ex-members of the present organization who were acquainted with him and who remember his achievements in Western Canada.

Regimental No. 8789—Constable Clive Drysdale Holbrook

Constable C. D. Holbrook died at Edmonton, Alberta, on September 14th, 1936, following a short illness.

Constable Holbrook first joined the Force on October 1st, 1919 and served until October 17th, 1921, when he purchased his discharge. On November 16th, 1932 he re-engaged in the R.C.M. Police and during the majority of his service was stationed in Alberta.

Constable Holbrook was born at Ottawa, Ont., in 1900 and was educated at the Ottawa Model School and at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1918, as a Cadet and subsequent to the signing of the Armistice, left the Air Force with the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was also a member of the Ottawa Flying Club while residing in the Capital.

Constable Holbrook was very well known in Ottawa where he is survived by his parents and his sisters, the Misses Prudence and Grizel Holbrook. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family in their sad bereavement.

Regimental No. 5148—Ex-Constable Charles Bernard Alexander

Mr. Charles Bernard Alexander passed away on January 25th, 1936, at Toronto, Ontario, aged forty-three years.

Mr. Alexander first joined the Royal North West Mounted Police on November 18th, 1910, and he took his discharge from the Force on August 29th, 1914, to proceed Overseas at the outbreak of the Great War. During his career on active service