

Drill and Target Practice.

Drill and instruction have been carried out in the various Divisions throughout the Force to as large an extent as possible. The demands on our time, which important police work entailed, as well as the labor we were called upon to perform in building, in some cases prevented the drill and instruction from being gone into as thoroughly as I should wish. All the recruits who arrived at Fort Walsh were drilled and instructed in squad marching, in troop movements, and in arm drill. Riding school work has been kept up throughout the summer at headquarters. All the recruits were put through target practice; the scores made, taking into consideration the fact of the men being recruits, were very favorable.

Recreation Rooms.

It is impossible to overrate the good results which have accompanied the establishment of comfortable recreation rooms.

At present excellent ones have been provided at Forts Macleod and Walsh. One will be built at Calgary the coming year.

A building has been set apart for this purpose at Regina.

These rooms are well supplied with papers and reading matter.

At Fort Macleod a billiard table has been obtained, and one purchased for Calgary.

This affords much amusement for the men, and prevents them from seeking recreation in the billiard saloons in the villages, where they come in contact with many men of questionable character, in a very undesirable manner. I think it would be advisable to supply all the recreation rooms with billiard tables.

Of the many good effects which recreation rooms confer, an important one is the withdrawing of the men from their barrack-rooms during their leisure hours, thus relieving them of a great deal of occupation, renewing the air and increasing their wholesomeness.

This is especially the case in our old posts where the men are very much crowded into small rooms, with very little ventilation during the winter when all doors and windows must be kept closed.

I consider that too much amusement during relaxation cannot be provided for the men in this country, where there is so little of any kind obtainable, in the winter especially.

Amusement will be had, and if not provided will be sought, and many evil effects will result.

I intend to establish recreation rooms at all other posts.

Customs Collections.

The following is a Return shewing amount of Customs duties collected by the North-West Mounted Police, during year 1882:—

Port of Fort Walsh up to 8th December	\$15,135 46
Port of Fort Macleod up to 30th October.....	35,525 76
Port of Wood Mountain up to 31st December	2,784 64
Port of Qu'Appelle up to 31st December	1,076 50
Total	\$52,522 36

Value of articles imported, on which duty was collected—

Port of Fort Walsh	\$86,627 94
Port of Fort Macleod	224,522 50
Port of Wood Mountain.....	13,522 00
Total	\$324,672 44