

## Editorial

Members of the Force will learn with pleasure that the Commissioner, who underwent a serious operation in Toronto on December 18th, is slowly recovering. Notwithstanding the disabilities consistent with his condition Sir James was able to send his usual Christmas message to the Force which is published hereunder.

### **The Commissioner's Christmas Message**

*"It is my pleasure to be able to send as usual a Christmas message to all the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for a very Merry Christmas and great happiness and health in the New Year. Through God's goodness and assisted by splendid medical attention I am slowly recovering and am hopeful of being back at duty with you before long. In the meantime I thank all for their splendid work during the past year. Best wishes to the families of those who are married."*

All ranks and their families will join in wishing Sir James a speedy return to health and the best of good fortune and happiness during the coming year.

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Representatives of visiting Indian tribes and old time residents of Alberta were among the honoured guests at Cluny, Alta., on September 22nd when the Sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Blackfoot Crossing Treaty of 1877 was celebrated before an assembly of the Blackfoot nation. Following an impressive ceremony attended by settlers and Chiefs of the Hobbema, Morley, Sarcee, Piegan, Blood, Browning and Montana Reserves, a wreath was placed by the white pioneers on the grave of Chief Crowfoot, the leader of the Indian signatories to the pact of 1877. Members of the Mounted Police were present on the occasion of the celebration. Mrs. David McDougall was the only person attending who also witnessed the actual signing of the historical document which brought peace between the Indian tribes and pioneer settlers in the early days of the West.

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A recent visitor at Headquarters, Ottawa, was Major-General A. Bowen Perry who retired to pension in 1923 following his long term of office as Commissioner of the Force. Many Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers stationed at Ottawa were enabled to renew their old acquaintances with General Perry on the occasion of his visit and to exchange reminiscences with him regarding the years when he was in command. General Perry's appearance and bearing have not changed since he was Commissioner of the Force and he still is the embodiment of youth and vigour notwithstanding his advanced age.

### **Major-General A. Bowen Perry, C.M.G.**