

North-west Mounted Police.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

COMMISSIONER L. W. HERCHMER

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE, 1893.

NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
REGINA, 28th December, 1893.

The Honourable
The President of the Privy Council, Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ended 30th November, 1893, together with the annual reports of the following officers, for the same period:—

Superintendent Gagnon,
do Steele,
do Perry, with reports of Supt. Norman, and Inspectors McGibbon, Wilson, Constantine and Routledge.
do Deane,
do Griesbach,
do Jarvis, with report of Inspector Harper,
do Moffatt,
do Howe,
do Cotton,

The Assistant Surgeons, and Acting Assistant Surgeons, &c.

The Veterinary Surgeon, with the reports of the Assistant Veterinary Surgeon and veterinary non-commissioned officers attached.

PATROLS.

In March last, I was notified that the quarantine against cattle coming in from the United States was placed under the immediate supervision of the Mounted Police, and it was consequently found necessary to slightly increase our outposts in Manitoba, and all along the frontier our patrols were obliged to exercise great vigilance, in order to carry out the stringent quarantine regulations.

In the territories, considerable repairs were made at many of the patrol outposts, and several were almost rebuilt by our own men.

The same constant patrols have been kept up, and while on the other side of the line, train robberies, horse stealing, &c., &c., have been very prevalent, marauders have so far avoided our country. The very marked contrast has attracted the notice of business men in the United States, and inquiries have been made *re* our organization &c., with a view of endeavouring to establish a somewhat similar force there. I supplied the necessary information and forwarded it through your department.

In the interior the usual patrols have kept the Superintendents commanding the various districts thoroughly posted on events transpiring; and flying patrols, under officers, at irregular times, have found that the men were doing their duty to the satisfaction of the best class of settlers. The results of these patrols have from time to time, when found interesting, been submitted to you.

We have still, in many places throughout the territory, and altogether in Manitoba, to board our men at farmers' houses and taverns, both of which are detrimental to dis-