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## 80th Anniversary

On Apr. 28, 1873, Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald introduced in the Commons at "Parliament Hill" in Ottawa a proposed bill "Respecting the Administration of Justice and for the Establishment of a Police Force in the North-West Territories".

On Apr. 29, 1873, a group of degenerates commonly referred to as the "Missouri River Gang" staged an unwarranted and murderous attack on a band of inoffensive Cree and Saulteaux Indians at Battle Creek in the distant Cypress Hills of southern Saskatchewan—on Canadian soil!

On May 23, 1873, members of Parliament arose and stood to attention as His Excellency the Governor-General approached the Chair. Subsequently, under Royal Assent, an Act was passed and the North-West Mounted Police Force was "born".

The commanding officer of the new Force was given the authority to appoint constables and sub-constables, but not to exceed 300 men. One Superintendent was to be appointed for each division and there were to be Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors. To qualify, a recruit had to be of "sound constitution, able to ride, active and able-bodied, of good character, between the ages of 18 and 40 years, and able to read and write either the English or French language". Each had to swear to ". . . solemnly . . . faithfully, diligently and impartially execute and perform the