

Police has the honour of serving Canada for 100 years. Our long record of service to your family is also a source of pride to us and we welcome you here today not only as our sovereign but as our Honorary Commissioner. Through the service of consecration of our new guidon, which you have just presented to us, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have dedicated themselves afresh to the preservation of faith and truth, to the sanctity of their individual oaths, to uphold and preserve the law and to the service of Canada. While your words of praise and encouragement will long be remembered by all members who will be strengthened by them, they will have particular significance to the young members who are now standing before you and who have taken part in this solemn ceremony on this very historic square.

#### Centennial gift horse

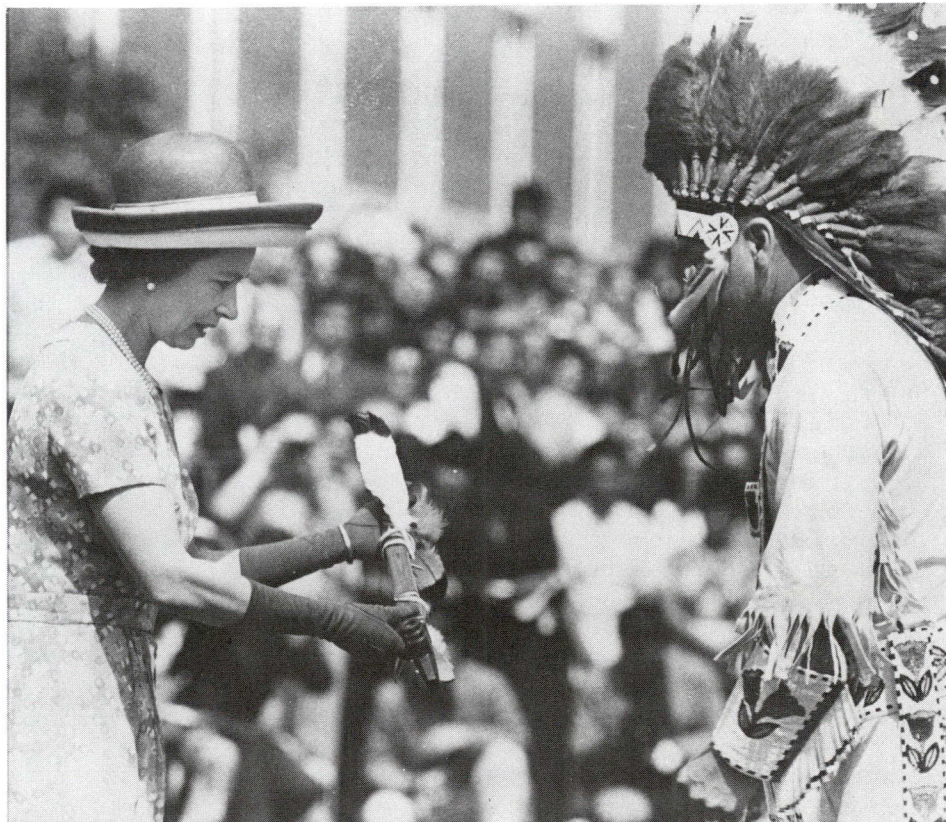
"It has been a source of pride to us that on a number of ceremonial occasions, Your Majesty has chosen to ride Burmese, a now famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police Horse, which my predecessor presented to you at Windsor Castle. To commemorate your presence here today and the centennial of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, you would do us a great honour if you would accept for your personal use a second Royal Canadian Mounted Police horse, named Centennial. While Centennial is somewhat younger than was Burmese, he too has been instructed to serve you well and we hope he will give you many hours of enjoyment and relaxation."

Centennial, a five-year old black gelding, full brother of Burmese, was led forward for the Queen's expert inspection as the Commissioner ended his remarks. After backing off from a royal pat, he bucked spiritedly and committed the political gaff of the year by presenting his hind quarters to the royal view.

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*Chief David Ahenakew, President of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians, has just presented a peace pipe*

*to Queen Elizabeth during a visit to the RCMP Training Depot at Regina, Saskatchewan, on July 4.*

On this occasion, the Queen was also presented with a peace pipe by Chief David Ahenakew, President of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians.

#### Royal opening for Stampede

The final major event of the royal tour was the attendance of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip at the 1973 Calgary Stampede. Arriving at the Stampede city just before noon on July 5, the royal couple went directly

The oldest surviving Mountie, John Locke Jamieson, 96, was presented to the Queen at the Calgary Stampede on June 5. He was 16 when he joined the North West Mounted Police, former name of the RCMP, in 1893.

to the Indian meeting ground, where they met Harold Cardinal, President of the Indian Association of Alberta, and a number of Alberta chiefs and their wives. In response to a declaration by Mr. Cardinal of support for the treaties signed by the Indians with

Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth assured the assembled chiefs that they might be "confident of the continued co-operation of my Government, which represents all the people of Canada".

That evening, after having, during the afternoon, visited Flare Square on the Stampede grounds to watch part of an RCMP centennial review, Her Majesty performed the final official act of her Canadian tour by declaring open the most famous rodeo and western extravaganza in the world. From the Calgary Stampede officials she received the gift of a bronze figurine of her horse Burmese; Prince Philip received a medallion.

The royal tour ended on the evening of July 5 with the departure of the Queen and the Duke by air for London, England.

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