

Editorial

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking "Old Timers" and ex-members for the interest they have shown in the magazine. Particularly

do we wish to thank those who have written letters of appreciation.

Old Timers Assist Committee Numerous ex-members of the Force have subscribed and a perusal of the mailing lists shows that the magazine is distributed to every province in Canada, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. Also to many points in the United States; Newfoundland; Central America; Great Britain and Ireland; the Channel Islands; New Zealand; France; Denmark; South Africa and the Kenya Colony.

* * *

The Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta recently celebrated their 30th Birthday. On September 1st, 1905, these Provinces were taken from part of the Northwest Territories by an Act of **Provincial Birthdays** Parliament; the first Provincial election taking place in November of the same year.

* * *

The 150th anniversary of the founding of the City of Sydney, N.S., was recently celebrated. There is no doubt that the early Norsemen visited the Island of Cape Breton but the first definite evidence **Sydney Celebrates** of the presence of Europeans on the Island is contained in the records of Cabot, who landed there on June 24th, 1497, in the ship *Matthew* with a crew of eighteen men after a voyage of fifty-two days from Bristol, England.

The celebration held this year extended over a period of seven days and visitors from all parts of Canada and the Eastern States attended.

* * *

Our readers are fully conversant with the facts leading up to the Riel Rebellion. However, in view of the fact that 1935 marks the fiftieth anniversary of this chapter of Canadian history, we have **Louis Riel** included in our present issue a short account of some of the details of the trials, which, it is thought, will be of interest to our readers.

* * *

The death is recorded in this issue of an ex-member of the Force, ex-Constable W. McNair, who, fifty years ago, was a member of a body of boatmen under the command of Colonel Denison of the Ontario Militia, supplied by the Dominion of Canada to assist General Lord Wolsely in connection with the operations on the Nile. The skill of the men in the handling and management of the boats in difficult and dangerous water was remarkable and was the subject of praise by other members of the expedition. A **Nile Expedition Recalled**