

priving the Canadian Indians of their usual supply.

In an attempt to compensate for this loss, Commr. James Farquharson Macleod, C.M.G., of the Mounted Police, who had been one of the treaty commissioners, urged in 1878 that "a large band of cattle be bought and herded somewhere in the Bow River country where pasturage is abundant, and where they can graze out all the winter".

Farming at Macleod was first attempted in the summer of '77 when the police sowed 20 acres of oats and planted five of potatoes; the yield was excellent, nurturing the hope that Canadian products soon would reduce the excessively-high forage costs at the police post.

Reg. No. 380, Sub-Cst. Edward H. Maunsell, who became the owner of the largest individual holdings in the Macleod district, was one of the very first to change from policeman to rancher. He had enlisted in the N.W.M.P. at St. Paul, U.S.A., on June 11, 1874, and spent the following year with "D" Troop at Swan River, Man., then headquarters of the Force. He arrived at Fort Macleod on Oct. 22, 1876, when headquarters was transferred to that point, after the epic march of his troop southward across

the plains during which the very important treaty No. 6 with the Plain and Wood Crees was signed.

When his time expired on June 25, 1877, Maunsell received the usual free grant of 160 acres of land for good conduct service and with his brother, George, started building up a name and reputation that became famous in Western cattle centres. The brothers never forgot that experience in trailing their initial stock of 103 head. Being "green" they took a long time to "cut out" the cattle they had purchased and to drive them across open country to their newly-founded range. George was never a Mounted Policeman but he knew the country, having been a member of Her Majesty's North American Boundary Commission in 1873.

The first real round-up in the foot-hills occurred in August, 1879. Sixteen men shared in the undertaking including Insprs. Albert Shurtliff and William Winder; Reg. No. 20, Sgt. William Fred Parker; Reg. No. 200, Cst. Robert M. Patterson who subsequently took up ranching near Slideout; Reg. No. 188, ex-Cst. John Miller who had taken his discharge from the Force on July 16, 1879, and ex-Constable Maunsell.

Dwelling of H. A. (Fred) Kanouse, built about 1884 at Macleod, Alta., still standing in 1940. Kanouse (inset) was a famous character and quack doctor of early Mounted Police days.

