

Obituary

Reg. No. 1698, ex-Cst. William Anderson, 88, died at Elizabeth, N.J., Oct. 18, 1947. A former resident of Halifax, N.S., he was a member of the Halifax Rifles and a veteran of The North-west Rebellion. He served in the N.W.M.P. from Dec. 14, 1885, to Apr. 19, 1888, being stationed in the Northwest Territories at Regina, Broadview and Swift Current (now in Saskatchewan), Lethbridge (Alta.), Winnipeg and Brandon in Manitoba, and Kootenay, B.C.

Reg. No. 3023, ex-Cst. John Henry Ellis, 71, died at Penticton, B.C., Oct. 14, 1947. He served in the N.W.M.P. from Mar. 21, 1894, to Jan. 31, 1900, being stationed in the Northwest Territories at Regina (Sask.) and Fort Saskatchewan (Alta.) and in the Yukon Territory. After leaving the Force he was for two years chief of police at Nelson, B.C., and about 1914 he became interested in the volunteer fire brigade at Penticton remaining actively interested in it until he retired as its chief in 1941.

Reg. No. 4279, ex-S/Sgt. Sidney Gaisford Clay, 67, died at Grimsby, Ont., Nov. 21, 1947. A veteran of the South African War, he served in the Force from Oct. 22, 1904, until pensioned with exemplary conduct on Feb. 4, 1946, being stationed in the North at Lesser Slave Lake, Fort Norman, Chesterfield Inlet and Fort McPherson, Dawson, Y.T., and Lake Saskatoon, Alta. One of the party of 33 engaged in putting through the Peace-Yukon trail in 1905, it was he also who went into the remote Coronation Gulf area and established the Force's Tree River Detachment on Sept. 9, 1919. The death on Sept. 21, 1924, of Staff Sergeant Clay's wife, Margaret, who during her husband's absence on patrol was badly torn by husky dogs, is truly one of the greatest human tragedies in the Force's story. The dogs had eaten nearly all the flesh off her right leg between the knee and the ankle and an amateur though skilful operation was performed in a vain attempt to save her life. When Clay returned to the detachment the poor woman had been buried for days. Years later, after he was out of the Force, he married Rosaline Warner, his first wife's sister who survives.

Reg. No. 5361, ex-Sgt. George Clifford, 63, died at Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 7, 1948. He served in the Force from May 25, 1912, until pensioned May 24, 1937, being stationed at Regina and Big Muddy in Saskatchewan, Dawson and Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory, Calgary, Hutton and Red Deer in Alberta, and Brandon and Gypsumville in Manitoba.

Reg. No. 322, ex-S/Sgt. George Sackville Cotter, 88, died at Donnvile, Ont., Dec. 16, 1947. He served in the N.W.M.P. from June

9, 1879, to June 8, 1884, and from June 9, 1888, to Apr. 30, 1904, being stationed in the Northwest Territories at Regina and Wood Mountain (Sask.), and St. Mary's, Fort Walsh, Fort Macleod, Cardston and Pincher Creek (Alta.). He was one of the members of the Force who welcomed the Mormon pioneers to Western Canada 50 years ago.

Deputy Commr. Henri Albert Royal Gagnon, C.B.E., A.D.C., 54, died at Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 19, 1947. He served in the R.C.M.P. from Feb. 1, 1920, until his death. *The Quarterly's* frontispiece this issue is a recent photograph of Deputy Commissioner Gagnon and details of his career are given in the editorial on p. 197.

Surgeon Frederick Guest, 81, died at London, Ont., Oct. 17, 1947. A member of the St. Thomas, Ont., city council, first as an alderman from 1903 for seven years and then as mayor in 1910-11, he was a veteran of the Canadian Army Medical Corps service in the First World War, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Fifteenth Field Ambulance of that unit and being in charge of a military hospital in the British Isles. He was appointed surgeon in the R.C.M.P. Feb. 27, 1931, and served at Regina, Sask., until Feb. 27, 1934.

Reg. No. 2642, ex-Cst. Stanley Bassett Harrison, 76, died at Cranbrook, B.C., Nov. 29, 1947. He served in the N.W.M.P. from Apr. 7, 1891, to May 11, 1894, being stationed at Calgary, N.W.T. (Alta.). From 1894 to 1903 he ranched in the Olds (Alta.) district, then moved to British Columbia where he lived near Edgewater until his death.

Reg. No. 2320, ex-Cst. James Smith Lambert, 81, died at Calgary, Alta., Jan. 8, 1948. He served in the N.W.M.P. from May 30, 1889, to May 29, 1894, and from May 18, 1895, to May 17, 1898, being stationed at Macleod and Lethbridge in the Northwest Territories (Alberta). Veteran of the South African War and World War I, he was a building contractor by trade and helped build several early N.W.M.P. detachment buildings in the West.

Reg. No. 3299, ex-Cst. Joseph Arthur LaRoque, 74, died at Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 24, 1947. He served in the N.W.M.P. from June 1, 1898, to Nov. 17, 1900, being stationed at Prince Albert, Sask. He took his discharge from the Force to serve with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in the South African War.

Reg. No. 13688, Cst. Samuel Douglas Magee, 30, died at Kamsack, Sask., Jan. 13, 1948. He served in the R.C.M.P. from Sept. 8, 1940, until his death, and was stationed at Rockcliffe, Ont., and at Canora, Regina, Yorkton, Melville and Kamsack in Saskatchewan.