

"dangerous characters". One of them, Jake Lemm, was said to have been responsible for more escapes than any other man in Canada.

In consideration of his splendid work in connection with the Drewnick murder case, Morren was promoted to the rank of corporal on May 1, 1914 and on Jan. 1, 1917, his continued diligence was recognized when he became a sergeant. His entire service was spent on detachment in the Regina district: Balcarres, Estevan, and Moose Jaw, Sask.

Such data as *The Quarterly* is able to muster on old-timers is always comprehensive in respect to service in the Force but most often lacking in post-service detail. Last January we were delighted to receive a personal letter from ex-Sgt. Harry Morren. In it was information well-worth passing on. After taking discharge from the Force, Harry Morren enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps (later the RAF) as a pilot. On the boat returning from England in May 1919, he recalls that there were six other RAF personnel who were ex-Mounted Policemen. Now residing in his old home town, Barrie, Ont., Mr. Morren wrote that he seldom sees any of the boys he knew in the Force, other than Bill Boyd who was with him at Moose Jaw and is presently with the Ontario Provincial Police, although two years ago, while in Florida, he had the pleasure of visiting ex-Cpl. Chas. A. B. Richards, another Moose Jaw comrade. About four years ago, while attending a horse show in Aurora, Ont., Mr. Morren looked up Deputy Commr. T. Dann (Rtd.) who was riding master at Regina when he joined in 1911, remembering him as "a man who really knew his horses"—and as "a good fighter as many of us found out who tried him with gloves in the old gym". In the course of a chat with his former instructor, Mr. Morren somehow mentioned a tough ride he had taken in 1912 while at Balcarres. With a gleam in his eye his old riding master inquired what horse he had ridden; "number 326" was the answer. Without a second's hesitation, Mr. Dann recalled the horse as a big dapple grey which had been used as a team horse. Mr. Morren admits he was respectfully non-plussed that anyone should remember one horse among hundreds after 40 years.

A remarkable individual in his own right, ex-Sgt. Harry Morren established many friendships during his brief, but spectacular term of service in the RNWMP. We know he would be pleased to hear from any of his old friends within reach. M.R.

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Reg. No. 2908 ex-S/Sgt. William Charles Nichols

A colorful business personality and veteran of the North-West Mounted Police, William Charles Nichols, died Jan. 28, 1957 at Minneapolis, Minn. Joining the NWMP at Calgary, on June 1, 1893, as regimental number 2908, Mr. Nichols served principally at Regina as riding and drill instructor. A former member of the Natal (South Africa) Mounted Police, his ability won him quick promotion in the Force and when he purchased his discharge after slightly more than six years service he was a staff sergeant.

Choosing Minneapolis as his home in civilian life, he joined the Miller Publishing Co., and after 50 years' service, for many of them as a senior executive of the firm, he retired in 1949 as vice-president and director. A staunch friend of *The Quarterly*, Mr. Nichols was a correspondent who loved to reminisce about his years in the Force and he gave full credit to his Police service for the success which he achieved in later life.

As a staff member at "Depot", Mr. Nichols recalled in a letter to this office, he had a short and somewhat undistinguished career

The late ex-S/Sgt. W. C. Nichols, Reg. No. 2908.

