

Reg. No. 2138, ex-Sergeant Allan Forrester

At the age of 72, Mr. Allan Forrester died at Nelson, B.C., June 22nd. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, he went to Bruce County, Ont., with his parents in 1872 and prior to his engagement in the North West Mounted Police saw two years service with the Canadian Artillery at Kingston, Ont. Joining the Force at Ottawa in 1888, he proceeded to Western Canada and within three years was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Nearly eight years of active service followed at points in the southern part of the N.W. Territories, including Regina, Coutts, Macleod and Lethbridge, and in 1895, he left the Force and proceeded to B.C. At Roslyn, B.C., he joined the Custom's Service and the British Columbia Police and went to Nelson ten years later.

Reg. No. 3116, ex-Sergeant E. F. Bruce

Stricken by a sudden heart attack at his residence at Lethbridge, ex-Sergeant Edgar Francis Bruce died on March 12th, 1938, aged 64 years.

A native of England, ex-Sergeant Bruce served for seven years in the 16th (Queens) Lancers and joined the North West Mounted Police shortly after coming to Canada in 1895. In 1900 he saw service in South Africa with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and, on returning to Canada, was stationed at Macleod, Medicine Hat and Calgary until 1909, when he took his discharge at the expiration of his term of service. During the following three years he was a member of the Lethbridge City Police, then, after a short period of employment with the Canadian Pacific Railway, re-engaged in this Force and continued to serve until 1928 when he retired to pension. For the past ten years, ex-Sergeant Bruce had been a member of the Lethbridge Gaol Staff and was thus engaged when he died.

Reg. No. 2217, ex-Corporal James Williams

Distinguished as having been the first Town Constable of Regina, Saskatchewan, Mr. James Williams, a veteran of the North West Mounted Police, died in that city on September 6th, aged 87 years. Of Irish parentage, Mr. Williams was born aboard a vessel in the Irish Channel and prior to his engagement in the North West Mounted Police had completed six years service in the Imperial Army with the 12th Lancers and the Royal Irish Regiment.

In 1874, he came to Canada and resided in Halifax until he joined the North West Mounted Police in 1888. Stationed in the southern part of the then North West Territories, he attained the rank of Corporal and purchased his discharge in 1892 to perform the duties of Town Constable for Regina. Leaving Regina in 1895, ex-Corporal Williams went to Cannington Manor to operate a hotel and later to Wapella where he was engaged in farming. He returned to Regina where he held the position of Weighmaster for 17 years and remained a resident of that city until his death.

Reg. No. 925, ex-Constable Clarence Loasby

With the passing of Mr. Clarence Loasby at Springfield, Mass., in September, death removed another Mounted Police Veteran of the Riel Rebellion. Born in Halifax in 1866, ex-Constable Loasby joined the North West Mounted Police at Winnipeg in 1883. On the 15th April, 1885, when stationed at Fort Pitt during the N.W. Rebellion, Constable Loasby and Constable D. L. Cowan were dispatched on a reconnoitering expedition to establish the position of a large band of Indians at that time besieging the post. The mission accomplished, the two constables were returning to the Fort when they were attacked by a party of the Indians and Constable Loasby's companion was instantly killed. Riding at full speed, Constable Loasby received a bullet in his left side and a short time later an Indian galloping at the off-quarters of his horse fired at close range, the bullet striking Constable