

Office
North West Mounted Police.

Macleod, 15th. October 1903.

The Commissioner,
N.W.M. Police,
Macleod.

Sir,-

I have the honour to submit herewith my report of "D" Division for the month of September 1903.

BARRACKS.

The Artizans were kept busy overcoming the wear and tear of the buildings, transport, etc.

Carpenter.

The following buildings were re-shingled during the month by the prisoners, under the supervision of the carpenter.-

Coal shed,	2605 square feet.
Guard room,	3479 " "

Making a total of 6084 square feet of shingling accomplished by the prisoners during September.

Three of the Guard Room windows were finished during September, viz; - They were altered to swing inwards. The sidewalks were repaired where needed. A new pair of shafts were made for the push cart. Putting in glass in various quarters as needed. Made and put in new base boards in No. 1 barrack room. Made ridge boards for buildings re-shingled during the month. Assisted in tearing down stable at herd camp. Repairing fences at Officers and Sergts. Messes. Made new coal box for Sergts. kitchen and painted it. Made hammer handles for Q.M. Sergt. Made insulator blocks. Tore down old porch at guard room and replaced with a larger one, putting slide window in door. Supervised the putting together of stable taken from herd camp. Repaired transport, making dashboard, repairing jockey box, etc. Repairing roof in Inspt. Wickham's quarters, and making repairs in cell doors.

Blacksmith.

The Blacksmith was absent from the 1st to 8th. September at Calgary with the Rifle Team. Upon his return he was kept busy doing the necessary farrier work, repairing transport, putting bars in Guard room windows. Repairing axle and springs on No.2 Transport waggon, etc.

Painting.

Very little painting was done during the month of September. As you know, we have no regular painter at this Post.

Tailor.

The tailor, Special Const. Armstrong, returned off leave on the 19th. Sept. He was kept busy during the remainder of the month altering the issues of clothing made to the different men.

ASSISTANCE TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Department of Agriculture.

Inspt. Burnett, V.S. returned from Ottawa on the 21st. September where he had been for the purpose of discussing with Dr. Rutherford, Chief veterinary Inspector, matters in connection with the above Department, and latterly off leave

The Veterinary Staff of the Division is kept busy inspecting stock imported into and exported out of the District.

S/Sgt. Oliver, V.S. inspected all imports at Cardston, and S/Sgt. Carter, V.S. inspected stock shipments in vicinity of Macleod, Claresholm, Pincher Creek, etc.

Department of Justice.

Assistance was rendered to the Department of Justice in various ways during the month.

Three prisoners arrested by the town constable of Macleod, were lodged in the guard room until their trial, the town having no lock-up of its own.

Department of Customs.

All possible assistance was rendered to the Customs Department by members of the Force under my command, by enforcing whenever necessary the Customs Act.

BRIDGES.

The bridge across the Belly River near Stand Off needs a little repair, the approach guard on the South-East side being down.

The bridges in the Pincher Creek district are reported to be in good repair, with the exception of the Blairmore and Frank section and where those put in the people themselves are of a very temporary and insecure character.

Those in the Cardston district are in good repair, except that some of the smaller ones require the approaches repaired.

A heavy traction engine went across the large new bridge across the Kootenai River near Stand Off recently, and upon subsequent examination no visible harm was noticed.

HEALTH.

There has been a great deal of sickness during the month, but no more than would be expected considering the very changable weather we had, at the same time the effect is felt in the Post, as we are so short handed that every man "off duty" makes it the much harder to get along.

The following names appeared on the sick reports:-

- Inspt. Wickham, Dnodmal Dyspepsia, off duty 5th. to 6th.
- Reg. No. 3938, Const. Kenny, Influenza, off duty 5th. to 6th.
- Reg. No. 3800, Const. Brown, Diarrhoea, off duty 6th. to 7th.
- Reg. No. 4036, Const. Whiteside, Bronchitis, light duty 7th. to 8th.
- Reg. No. 3955, Const. McLeod, Pyrexia, in hospital 7th. to 18th.
- Reg. No. 3911, Const. McLean, Bronchitis, in hospital 7th. to 14th.

Reg.No.3994,Const.Webster,Diarrhoea,off duty 10th. to 11th.
Reg.No.3985,Const.Lea,Myalgia,off duty 11th. to 12th.
Reg.No.2769,Const.Clark,Bronchitis,off duty 14th.to 19th.
Reg.No.4004,Const.Figgins,Cyst, off duty 17th. to 18th.
Reg.No.3408,Const.Cotter,Gastralgia,detained in hospital 22nd.
Reg.No.3927,S/Sgt.Carter,Sprained tendon,off duty 25th to 29th.
Reg.No.2886,Sergt.Maylor,Bronchial Catarrh,in hospital 29th.
still in hospital.

HORSES.

The following horses were on the sick list during the month;-

Reg.No.	²⁶⁹⁷ 2774	/off duty, 17th.to 22nd.punctured wound.
" "	2601,	" 23rd. Cracked heel
" "	2701,	" 1st to 9th.Punctured wound.
277 "	2713,	" 1st. to 7th.Sprained tendon
" "	2619,	" 11th. Scratches,still off duty
" "	1995,	" 24th. Sprained tendon/ still off duty
" "	2774,	" 27th. collar gall, still off duty
" "	2711,	" 27th. " " " " "
2546,	"	27th. " " " " "
" "	2334,	" 27th. sore neck,
" "	2783,	" 27th. " "
" "	2651,	" 30th. " "

The horses in the district are well exercised owing to the large amount of work there is for them to do, in fact too much work for some of them, and more horses are required, both saddle and team.

Horse Reg.No.2709, which got away from St, Marys detachment was recovered on the South Peigan Reserve, Montana, and brought back to the Division.

INDIANS.

The Indians on the Blood reserve have nearly finished their haying operations. They have put up some 4000 tons in all, part of which was on contracts they were allowed to fill after they had secured enough hay for their own stock, of which they own some 3500 head. Their herds are increasing rapidly, the natural increase being supplemented by purchases from the tribal funds by the Indian Department.

They are improving their horse herds also by breeding their mares to standard bred horses, and by disposing of the culls and weaklings to Eastern and Northern horse buyers, on whom they have unloaded a great number of inferior cayuses this season.

These Indians will soon commence hauling coal from Lethbridge for the Indian Department, Police and settlers, on contract, the difference between the purchase price at the mines and that paid on delivery in the Stand Off and Cardston districts leaves a good margin of profit for freighting.

There has been a great decrease of drunkenness compared with last haying season all over the Blood Reserve, probably owing to the rigorous manner in which the provisions of the Indian Act against drunkenness have been enforced during the past year.

The day school, as well as the Roman Catholic and Church mission of England schools, are well attended, and the school children making good progress in the English language, cleanliness and general customs pertaining to civilization.

A number of waggons, both heavy and spring, have been purchased by the Indians during the season, also saddles, harness, and hay making machinery.

The Indian Department instead of letting contracts for for the supply of beef for Indian rations on the Blood Reserve as formerly, are this year supplying their own beef, purchasing the steers, etc. from the Indians on the Reserve, there being
enough

enough cattle owned by them to keep up the supply for the greater part of the year.

A party of "Assiniboines under their Chief "Walking Bull" from Fort Belknap, Montana, U.S. came over to visit some of their friends in the Blood camp. They had a pass from their Agent, Mr. Logan. These Indians were promptly ordered off the Reserve on their arrival by our patrol, and returned to their homes at once. We discourage this visiting of Indians from the other side as much as possible, as these visits lead to traffic in horses and other property that may possibly have been stolen, or else not entered at the Customs.

A few Peigan Indians visited Pincher Creek during the month, and they were orderly and well behaved.

INSPECTIONS.

The weekly inspections of the Barracks were performed regularly during the month.

The inspection of the arms and accoutrements by the Sergeant Major were regularly carried out, as were also the sanitary inspections by Act. Asst. Surgeon Forbes.

The following detachments were inspected during the month;-

Big Bend by Inspt. Walke.

Boundry Creek by Inspt. Irwin.

Claresholm by Inspt. Wickham.

Kipp by Inspt. Walke.

Kootenai by Inspt. Davidson.

Nanton by Inspt. Wickham.

Peigan by Inspt. Wickham.

Porcupines by Inspt. Wickham

Pincher Creek by Inspt. Davidson

Stand Off by Inspt. Walke.

St. Marys by Inspt. Irwin