

**MOUNTED DUTY
&
RELATED SUBJECTS**



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Introduction

The purpose of this manual is to provide a reliable source of reference material on equitation, stable duty and management, mounted drill (including marches and formations), weapons handling and other related subject as practised by the North-West Mounted Police.

All information contained herein is taken from official sources, or reference works prepared by experts during the 19th and early 20th centuries. During the early part of its existence, the Mounted Police relied upon army regulations and orders for guidance in its military training. Estimates for 1876-77 included such titles as, *Cavalry Regulations & Drill; Queen's Regulation and Orders; Field Exercises and Evolutions of Infantry; Army Equipment, Part I, Cavalry* (Estimates, NWMP, Swan River District 1876-77). Not until the late 1880s did the Mounted Police develop their own training manuals. These were essentially copies of those of the army, modified to meet the needs of the Police and included , *Manual and Firing Exercise for the Winchester Carbine and the Enfield Revolver, 1886* and *Drill Regulations for the North-West Mounted Police, 1889*

This manual is intended for use by Parks Canada staff and volunteers at national historic sites where the history of the North-West Mounted Police, or other mounted forces of the late 19th Century, is interpreted. It will also be of general use at any site where horses are used in interpretive programming. Most of the plates are taken from the *Manual of Drill for Mounted Rifle Volunteers, 1863*. In some instances these have been modified to reflect the specific organization and regulations of the North-West Mounted Police.

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