Watch Dogs of the Wilderness BY MERBERT VANDERHOOF

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LAND of infinite attraction and of infinite danger, a bap-py hunting-ground for the outlaw, a land of peril almost prohibi-tive to the peaceful-infinde settler. That was western Canada 30 years ago. Now what country can point the pharisalcal finger? The beauty, the fascination, the possibilities, realized and yet to be, re-

freight cars carry thou-sands of bushels of "Al-berta Red" where not long since the buffalo browsed and the white tail deer wandered un-disturbed. It will not



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main, and with them and of them are ordered and orderly living. If the story of how this came about is the story of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. The mounted police! Don't you remember when you were a little chap, how you looked after the uniformed man on the glossy bay as he can-tered through the park, and how you had no dearer dream of glory than to be like him? Even now, don't you feel the old, boyish thrill at the alght of a blue-coated, erect figure in the saddle at crowded city crossing? If you do not, you are a "grown up"-saddest of labels—and will bourney no more to the Never-Never-Never Land But for us "incurable children," the sight of the mounted policeman still catches at those old beartstrings. And if all this for the blue-coated, brass-but-toned horseman of the parks and boulevards,

And if all this for the blue-coated, brass-but-toneed horseman of the parks and boulevards, what of that other horseman, the one who rides atone with the stretch of endless prairies for his beat, with the criminal who holds a life at less than naught, his quarry? Surely even your dulled imagination, poor, to be-pitted grown-ups, can catch fire faintly from the gleam of his scarlet coat

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miles. On a 30-mile ride from the North Saskatche-wan last fall, I met dozens of teams driven almost wholly by Indians and half-breeds. They were hauling the long logs that were to be driven twenty to thirty feet into the sands of the Sas-katchewan to carry the false work of the Grand Trunk Pacific's steel bridge. What a contrast! Instead of hindering, as was more the access the archers Indians are beling to

once the case, the northern Indians are belong to build the railroad. In the construction of the new government transcontinental line, the In-dians are employed wherever they can be used, for the road is being rushed with all possible speed consistent with good work. The Indians are useful, also, to the pathfinders as guides; they know the forests of new Canada; they know the mountain fastnesses of the Peace river, and they know all the crooks and canyons of the Coast Range. In short, the red man of to-day is the trusted guide and faithful servant of the path-finder. He hunts for the white man still, but quite differently from the way he used to hunt for the pioneers of old. Thanks to the Royal Northwest Mounted Pothe case, the northern Indians are helping to



thing of the past as well. Commissioner Perry's report states that the present ar-rangement ends on March 31, 1911. What after that? Their work is done

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sented as evidence in court. The reason for this is that he combines the functions of a policeman with those of a petty magistrate. And this arrangement, whereby the same man could arrangement in the days when justles was a justlee of the saddle, and all the more de-sirable for being summary. Although there are regular civil courts in the southern portion of Canada now, in the far north the duties of the mounted policeman are still as varied as those of Gilbert and Sullivan's Pooh-Bah. Primarily he keeps order. After that, he does everything that ought to be done, and that it isn't any one else's duty to dé. And when some one else leaves his duty to dé. And when some one else leaves his duty to dé. And when some one else leaves his duty to dé. And when soute, souther po-liceman takes over the bags, and goes 500 miles farther north with them. Not long ago a letter came to my hands from the Leffingweil polar er-pidate flow dogs and a companion and travel 300 miles over the ice to mail the letter. When the letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its destination, the envelope bors the stamp of the Royal Northwest Mounted Po-letter reached its context that the one thanging a man, with equal placidity, and put it through without flicking an eyelash. They have done their part to demonstrate that the one thing on this earth longer than the equator is the arm of English justice. Less than

There has never been a lynching in Canada. Put that down to the credit of the mounted police, who that down to the credit of the mounted police, who administered justice so successfully that there was never any temptation for the work to be ta-ken up by private enterprise. There was never any parallel for the experience of Bismarck, North Dakota, where it is said the first 24 graves were those of men who had died by violence. Toward based a, where it is said the brist 24 graves were those of men who had died by violence. Toward dition of stern vigilance which prevented anything like the costly Indian wars which the United States waged up to a few years ago. There was never in the history of Canada a train robbery such as still feature the headlines of United States newspapers from time to time. The des-perado of every type had a healthy respect for the mounted pollceman and preferred to conduct his little enterprises south of the border. Canadians are particularly fond of telling the nevy arrived American about the troop of Amer-ican cavairy—a whole troop, mind you—who ten-deriy escorted a band of "bad indians" bent en crossing the border, to the Canadian boundary time. They were met by a single mounted police-man.

"Are you ready for these Indians?" asked the

merican officer. "Yes, sir," responded the policeman. "They're a bad lot. Where is your escort sta

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a minute." And when presently Scott and Murray came placidly on the scene, that troop of cavalry sat on their borses and watched the band of Indians they had so carefully guarded, depart over the yellow prairie under the charge of three men. The American officer watched them dwindle to a dot across the level. Then his feelings found speech. "Well, I'm damned!" he said And the

speech. "Well, I'm damned!" he saw troop rode away. Again, old Pie-a-pot and several hundred of his

promptly delivered him up again at the fort gate to the officer in command. Perhaps the greatest achievement which the po-lice ever undertook was accomplished when they persuaded Sitting Buil and his band of between five and six thousand hostile Sloux to return and surrender to the United States authorities when they had taken refuge in Canada after the memor-able massacre of Gen. Custer and his command. Commissioners from the United States had visited Sitting Buil and had negotiated with the chief for his return and surrender, to no avail. The police, however, by infinite tact and diplomacy, and be-cause in their previous transactions they had won the confidence of the Indians of the northwest, at length succeeded in inducing Sitting Buil and his hostile braves to return peaceably to the United States, an exploit of which any body of men might work.

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One of the most serious problems which the irrigators have to face is that of drainage. Irrigation and drainage must go together or destruction will follow. It is this matter that has been a most serious problem for some years past, and it has been one of such importance that the federal government has endeavored to solve it, but so far, not wholly in a satisfactory manner. In a certain locality in the west lies a large body of the most fertile land in that county. It is of the so-called white ash class, of unlimited fertility, easily worked, and perfectly adapted to the growth of the raisin grape. So well did the grapes do on this tract, that a few years age it was the show part of the country, were driven there and shown what could be done. It was a desired to impress with the fertility of the country, were driven there and shown what could be done. It was a desired to impress with the section failed with water. The water came have a deposit of alkall. The whole of that rich section from \$25 to \$40. It is not \$400 per acre, for pasture ft is work from \$25 to \$40. It is not \$400 per acre, for pasture ft is work from \$25 to \$40. It is not \$400 per acre, for pasture ft is work to solve its former condition. Running water will be and the suppolated to take active measures looking to its recisements has been appointed to take active measures looking to its recisements has been appointed to take active measures looking to its recisements has to get some water form the land to further and son restore the land to further and son restore the land to further and the active measures looking to its recisement. Running water will benefit and son restore the land to further and son restore the land to further and then the application of irrigating water will benefit intered of damaging it. Great Productiveness. Irrigation means much more than mere application of water to make coded, as it generally is, that the life of the nation depends principally upon its soll products, then irrigation, with its alled systems of conservation and development of natural resources, be-comes the most important of national economic subjects. It calls for the conservation of water sources, thus as-sociating forestry, that great subject the subpendous projects of the re-clamation service, which service, along with its vast systems of trainage, rights. It was the public dis-trained movement for the development of the data developed by the study of the maxion. Bo, also, the problems and progress of arid or dry farming deal with many of the questions and much of the data developed by the study of the movement for the development of inland waterways closely touches storast rispeculiarly an outcome of it-figation. For this great scheme de-mands the regulation of the flow of the country using irrigation. The work will generally be in parts of waters is peculiarly are outcome of it-storast of he oreservoirs shows the im-mediate enormous advantage of these means of insuring water power, an use modern and far-reaching public to an modern and far-reaching public to an mark of the oreservoirs shows the im-proprime to reservoirs shows the im-sten in practical it accole to reach. Irrigation means much more than

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Successive Cooks. make a pretty good thing

chat client." "Plenty of Higation, eh?" "Oh, no. She thinks she ought to leave something to her cook and it keeps me busy drawing up new wills." —Kansas City Journal.

Surely Did.

Surely Did. Miss Wilson—What a long, thim head Jimson has! Miss Jilson—Hasn't he? Looks as if he had pushed it under a chest of drawers for a collar button.

Meeting Requirements.. "Say, there's a big blot of ink: on this \$5 bill." "You said you wanted spot cash for the hat, didn't you?" "Yes," "Well, you have it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

An Artist at the Game.

Tescher-Jimmy, you look very pale-this morning. Are you ill? Jimmy-No, ma'am. Ma washed my face this morning herself.--Woman's-Home Companion.

Details Wanted. "How did you win your wife?" "Win my wife? How does any man-

win a wife?" "There are various methods. I have seen wives that looked as if they might have been won in a raffle."— Kansas City Journal.

An Audacious Fellow. "Dridges is a very daring man." "Never heard of him. What did he ever do?" "Spoke right out loud in the doc-tor's reception room."—Buffalo Express.

Quite Old Enough. Cora—That funny writer, Mr. Dill-pickle, proposed to me last night. Dora—Why, he isn't old enough to have whiskers. Cora—Possibly mot, but his jokes

An Expansionist. She—Darling, are you sure you love

me? He (after kissing her)—Do I? I wish you were a two-headed girl. That's all I can say.

A Breezy Document. It is reported that Theodore Roose-velt upon his return home, will write a history of Texas. That will take at least of thirty minutes of his time. —Toledo Blade.

Instead of damaging it. Selecting a Broader. In buying a broader the chief points to be observed are: A good lamp, a heating device giving off the heat from a central drum, and an arrange-ment which facilitates easy cleaning. The broader should be large, having not less than nine square feet of floor space. The work demanded of a broader is not as exacting as with an incubator. The heat and circulation of air may vary a little without dam-age, but they must not fail alto-gether. The greatest trouble with broaders in operation is the uncertainty of the iamp. The broader-lamp should have sufficient oil capacity and a large wick.

A Pinched Pun. I sat where chilling draughts blew through— Oh, what a fearful jolt! Now I am hoarse—Atchee! Kerchew! I've got an awful colt!

sufficient oil capacity and a large wick. Brooder lamps are often exposed to the wind, and, if cheaply con-structed or poorly inclosed, the result will be a chilled brood of chicks, or puchase a face. Eliminating the Rascals. Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure there is one less rascal in the world.—Carlyle. perhaps a fre. The chief thing sought in the in-ternal arrangements of a brooder is a provision to keep the chicks from pling up and smothering each other as they crowd toward the source of

A Difference. "That man you see over there is a sky pilot." "Pulpit or airship?"

President Taft, in welcoming the delegates to the convention of the Na-tional Woman Suffrage Association, Thursday night, said he was not en-tirely in sympathy with the movement and during his remarks was hissed by some of his auditors. The ladies af-terward officially declared they were



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rebellion up to today. The story of the mounted has its shadows. Men grew tired of the loneliness and descrited at times; men who had lost all-love, hope, ambition-quietly went away into the wilderness and blew out their brains. The life was unsettling; men could not leave it and take up clerical work or farming, be-cause adventurers are not built that way. But, shadows and all, the story of the Canadian mounted police is one of the most gorscous tales found scrawled on the orders of a policeman who perished in a blizzard while making his way with dispatches to a distant post. In his last moments with numbed hand he had, written: "Lost, horse dead. Am trying to push ahead. Have done my best."

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