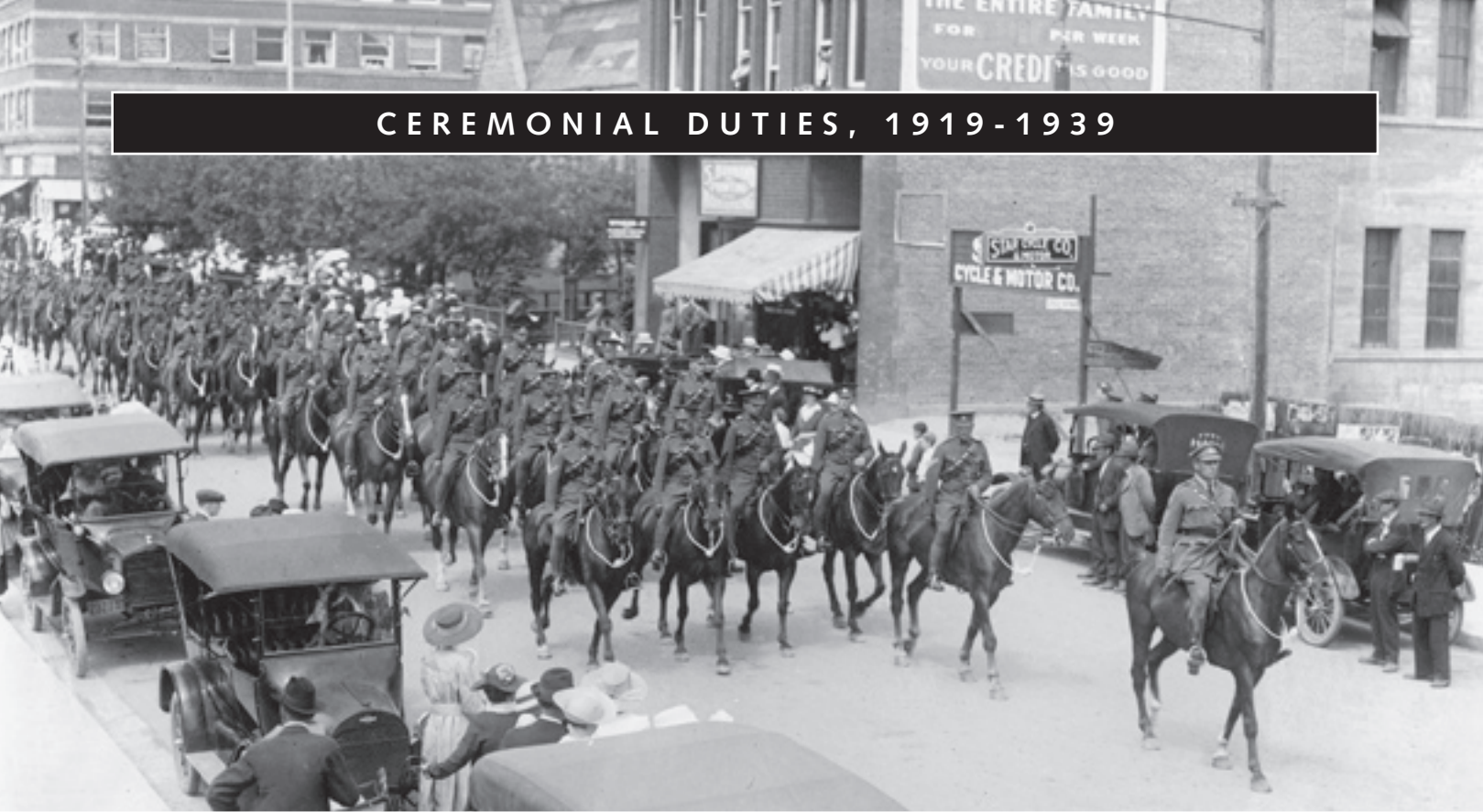


CEREMONIAL DUTIES, 1919-1939



(Below) Military Tournament parade, Edmonton, 1925

One of the largest public events held during the interwar period was the Royal Naval and Military Tournament staged by regular and militia units in Edmonton in May 1925. Here, a squadron of Lord Strathcona's Horse, who had ridden their horses to Edmonton from Calgary, pass the reviewing stand followed by the 19th Dragoons (in the left foreground).

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(Right) Regimental Sergeant-Major Lawrence Blain, 19th Alberta Dragoons, 1939

RSM Blain, one of the men responsible for the creation and training of the Dragoon Royal Escort, poses beside the Connaught Armoury dressed in the escort uniform. He is perfectly turned out but that is only to be expected from the RSM and even Dobbin seems impressed by the splendour of his rider. The tunic and helmet are from the 6th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and the RSM is armed with Pattern 1908 sword and equipped with a Pattern 1902 bridle. COURTESY, COLIN MICHAUD



Cavalry escort to the Prince of Wales, 1919
When the Prince of Wales visited Calgary in 1919, the military provided a ceremonial escort. As most of the militia units were dormant or reorganizing, the war having only ended months before, the escort was provided by the Strathconas who are seen here. The officer in the lead, however, is wearing the badges of the 15th Light Horse. GLENBOW MUSEUM, NB-16-13



"The Imperials": The 15th/19th Hussars, 1936

The 15th Light Horse and 19th Dragoons had separate alliances with the 15/19th Hussars, a British regiment with a long, distinguished record. In 1936 the Hussars sent their Canadian brothers a photograph of their mounted troop which took part in the Silver Jubilee celebrations of King George V. It must have made the Alberta cavalry feel really good. SALH ARCHIVES

Opening of the Legislative Assembly, 1929
As the cavalry unit in the provincial capital the 19th Dragoons usually provided ceremonial troops for official occasions. Here they are seen on a very cold day, waiting for the politicians to get on with it. The dragoons have turned up the collars of their coats for protection from the wind and Dobbin's opinion of the business can be seen on the ground under the escort commander. GLENBOW MUSEUM ND-3-5045(F)



(Left) The gunners were there too 78 Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, takes part in the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation on 1 July 1927 by parading through Red Deer. The original caption to this photo states that their guns are "horse and tractor drawn" and, sure enough, a magnifying glass reveals that at the end of the column is a civilian tractor pulling an 18-pounder. COURTESY, HARRY QUARTON

