

LEGACY OF HEROES



BACK TO THE BEGINNING



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

2017 marks the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Edmonton Police Service. To celebrate this special occasion, we wanted to share the story of our founding in a way that could be enjoyed by all Edmontonians. Thus, this edition of our popular Legacy of Heroes series was born. In previous issues we have met Olympian and Aboriginal police officer Sergeant Alex Decoteau; flying ace Wilfred "Wop" May and Detective James Campbell; Sergeant Val Vallevand and PSD Sarge; and early fingerprint expert Horace Reynolds. With this issue of Legacy of Heroes we go *Back to the Beginning*, back to 1892, when a rivalry between Edmonton and South Edmonton led Mayor Matt McCauley to offer a unique solution....

Dedicated to the Men and Women
of the Edmonton Police Service,

Past, Present, and Future



LEGACY OF HEROES

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JUNE 1892.

EDMONTON...CENTRE FOR TRADE AND SETTLEMENT
IN WHAT WILL ONE DAY BE ALBERTA.



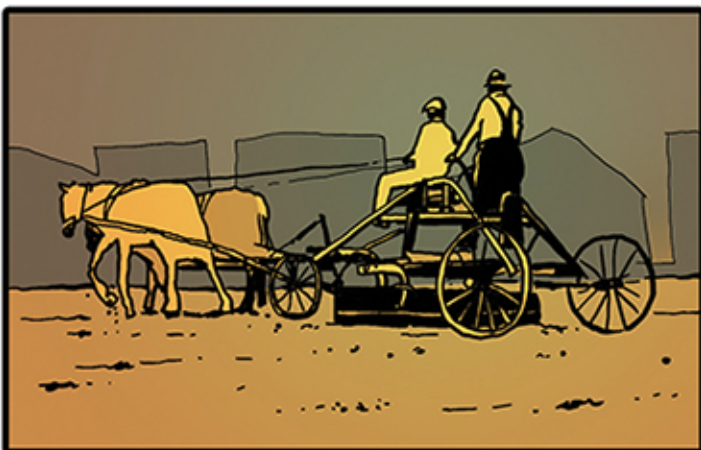
NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR
MATT MCCAULEY SPEAKS
BEFORE TOWN COUNCIL...



GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE EDMONTON
WILL ONE DAY BE A GREAT CAPITAL.



BUT ONLY IF WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK HARD
...AND PROTECT OUR INTERESTS.



JUNE 18TH...A WORK CREW NOTICES SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AT THE DOMINION LAND OFFICE.



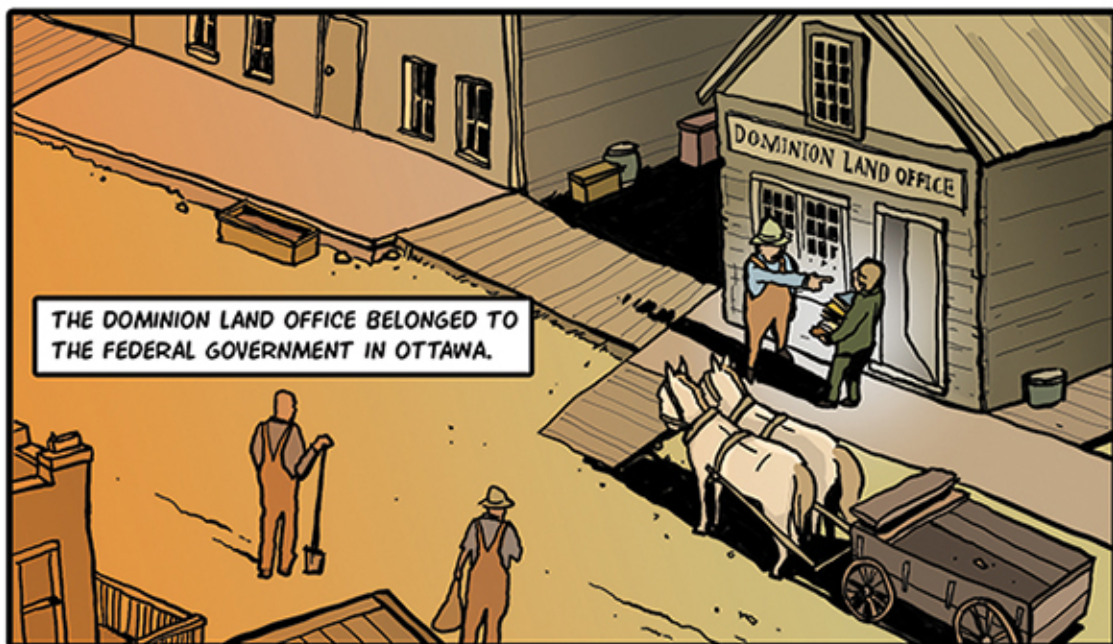
RECORD BOOKS WERE BEING REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING.



WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, TOM ANDERSON*?



*"TIMBER" TOM ANDERSON WAS THE LOCAL LAND AND TIMBER AGENT.



EDMONTON'S RIVAL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER, SOUTH EDMONTON*, HAD LOBBIED THE GOVERNMENT TO RELOCATE THE OFFICE TO THEIR TOWN.





WORD SPREAD QUICKLY.



500 PEOPLE HAD TURNED OUT TO PREVENT THE LAND OFFICE FROM BEING MOVED.



TOM BEAT A HASTY RETREAT, LEAVING HIS WAGON BEHIND.

UNHITCH THE WAGON!

TAKE OFF THE WHEELS!

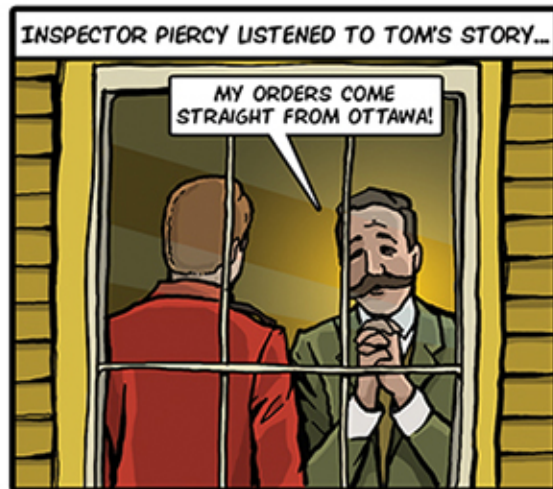


ANDERSON WENT TO
GET THE POLICE...



...TWENTY KILOMETRES AWAY
IN FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

THE NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE WERE RESPONSIBLE
FOR MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN EDMONTON.



INSPECTOR PIERCY LISTENED TO TOM'S STORY...

MY ORDERS COME
STRAIGHT FROM OTTAWA!



PIERCY SENT TWO OFFICERS TO
QUELL THE UNRULY CROWD...

TWO AGAINST 500?
IMPOSSIBLE!

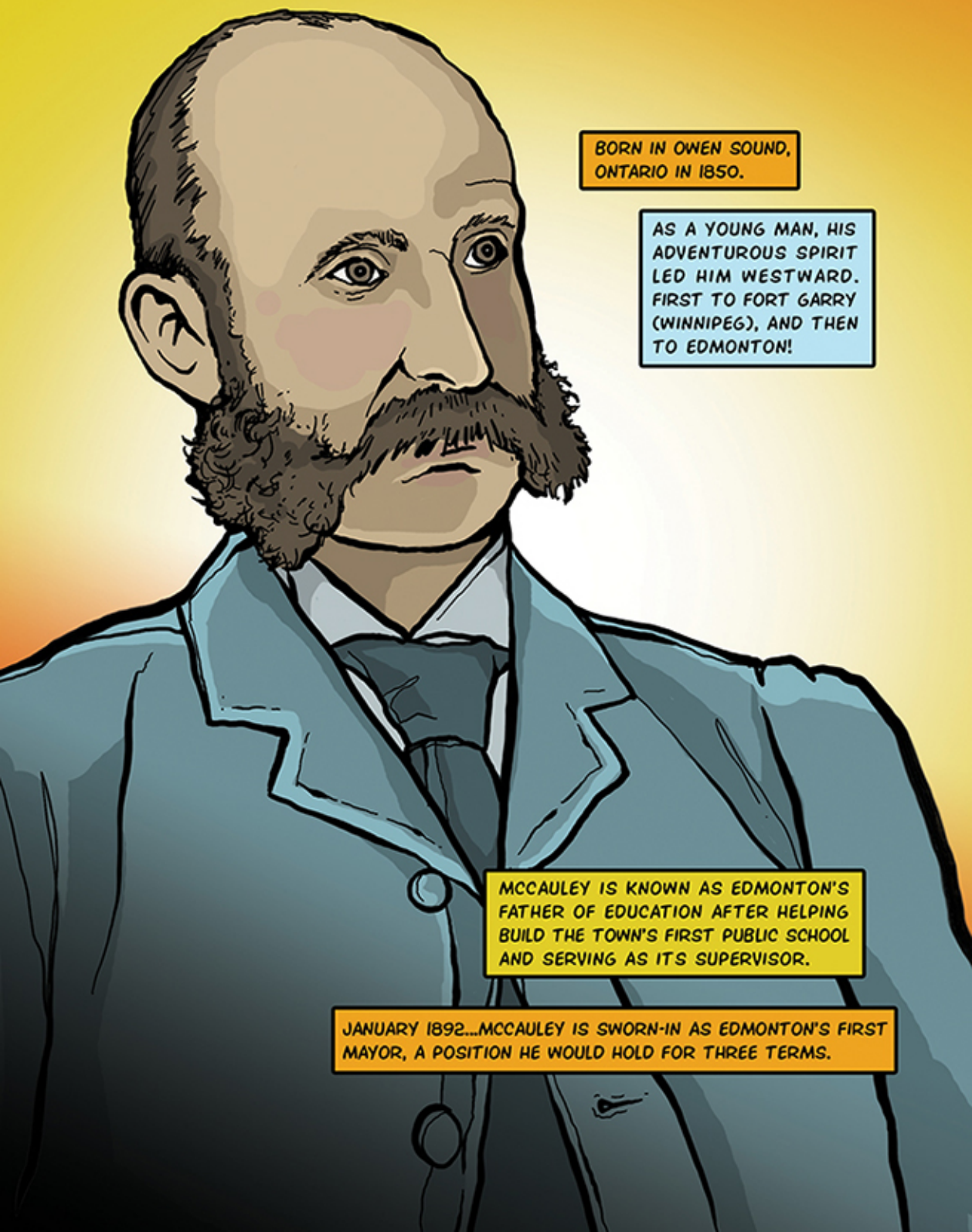


BUT BY THEN, MATT MCCAULEY HAD ARRIVED.

I HAVE JUST COME FROM
SENDING A TELEGRAM TO THE
MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR...

...DEMANDING HE PUT A STOP
TO THIS ILL-ADVISED ATTEMPT
TO MOVE THE LAND OFFICE!

WHO WAS MATT MCCAULEY?



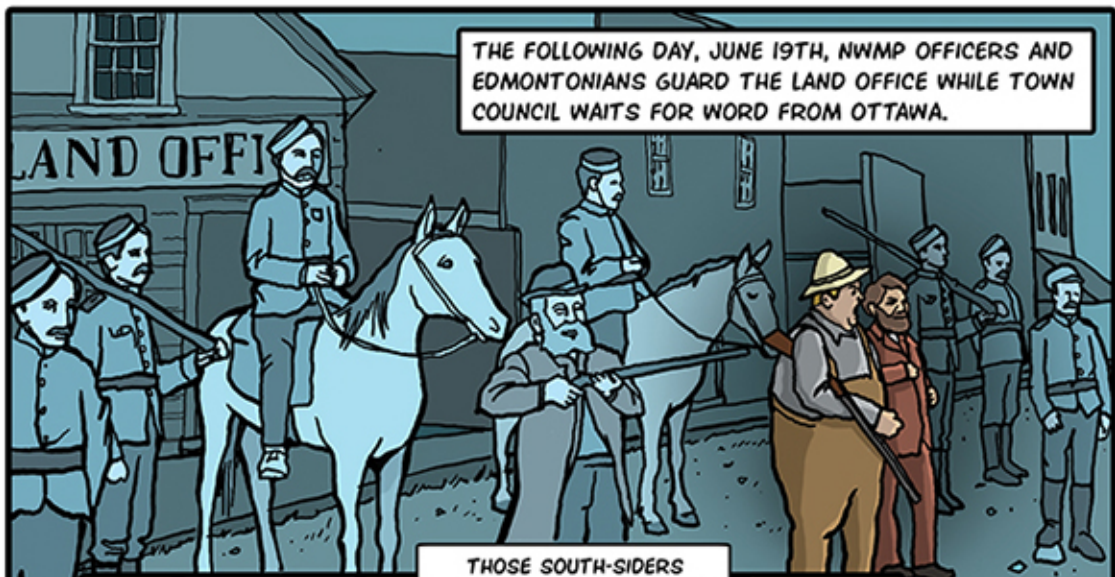
BORN IN OWEN SOUND,
ONTARIO IN 1850.

AS A YOUNG MAN, HIS
ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT
LED HIM WESTWARD.
FIRST TO FORT GARRY
(WINNIPEG), AND THEN
TO EDMONTON!

MCCAULEY IS KNOWN AS EDMONTON'S
FATHER OF EDUCATION AFTER HELPING
BUILD THE TOWN'S FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL
AND SERVING AS ITS SUPERVISOR.

JANUARY 1892...MCCAULEY IS SWORN-IN AS EDMONTON'S FIRST
MAYOR, A POSITION HE WOULD HOLD FOR THREE TERMS.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, JUNE 19TH, NWMP OFFICERS AND EDMONTONIANS GUARD THE LAND OFFICE WHILE TOWN COUNCIL WAITS FOR WORD FROM OTTAWA.



THOSE SOUTH-SIDERS BETTER NOT TRY ANYTHING!



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ROBBERS

Attempt to Steal The Land Office.

But Don't Get Away with it.

The South Side Town Site Owners and the Dominion Land Agent put up the Job.

But the Citizens Produce convincing Arguments Why it Should Not Go Through.

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THE EDMONTON BULLETIN WAS FOUNDED IN 1880 BY FRANK OLIVER, A FIERY JOURNALIST WITH POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

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OLIVER'S INFLAMMATORY STORY THREATENED TO UNDO THE FRAGILE PEACE THAT HAD SETTLED OVER EDMONTON.



A MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL WAS CONVENED...



...OWING TO THE INDIGNATION OF THE INHABITANTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE LAND OFFICE.



A DISTURBANCE WHICH IS BEYOND THE POWER OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO SUPPRESS.



I PROPOSE...A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES.



WHO'S IN FAVOUR?

AYE!

AYE!

AYE!



BYLAW 15 GAVE COUNCIL THE AUTHORITY TO ASSEMBLE ITS OWN POLICE FORCE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.



EACH CONSTABLE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN OATH BEFORE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

ON JUNE 22ND, A TELEGRAM ARRIVED FROM OTTAWA...



THE LAND OFFICE WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM EDMONTON!

...IT WAS SIGNED BY THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF, WILFRED LAURIER.

P.D. CAMPBELL WAS THE FIRST TOWN CONSTABLE IN EDMONTON'S HISTORY. HIS SALARY WAS \$50 A MONTH.



...HAVING BEEN APPOINTED A CONSTABLE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF EDMONTON, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL TRULY AND FAITHFULLY AND IMPARTIALLY PERFORM THE DUTIES APPERTAINING TO THE SAID OFFICE TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND ABILITY...

IN 1905, THE SAME YEAR ALBERTA BECAME A PROVINCE, EDMONTON'S POLICE DEPARTMENT BOASTED A CHIEF OF POLICE...



...AND THREE POLICE OFFICERS.

WHAT FOLLOWED WAS AN AMAZING DECADE OF "FIRSTS" FOR THE EDMONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT...

ALEX DECOTEAU IS THE FIRST ABORIGINAL PERSON HIRED BY A MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CANADA.



1911

1912



ANNIE JACKSON IS THE FIRST POLICEWOMAN HIRED BY THE EDMONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

HORACE REYNOLDS BEGINS COLLECTING AND CATALOGING CRIMINAL'S FINGERPRINTS.



1916

1918



DETECTNE JAMES CAMPBELL, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM PILOT "WOP" MAY, BECOMES THE FIRST POLICE OFFICER TO USE AN AIRPLANE IN PURSUIT OF A CRIMINAL.

1942...CANADA WAS AT WAR, AND EDMONTON WAS HOME TO THE WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORT.



MILITARY PLANES ARRIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES EN ROUTE TO RUSSIA.

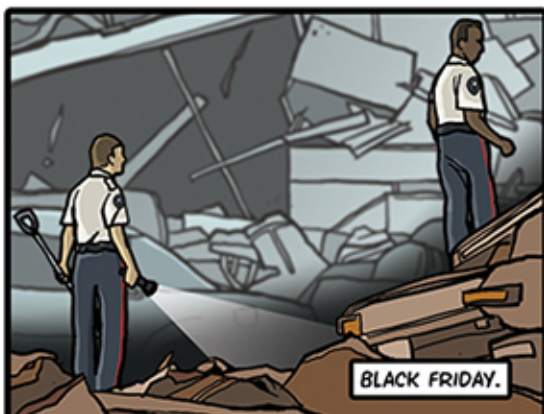
BECAUSE OF THE INFLUX OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS TO THE CITY, EDMONTON CONSTABLES WERE JOINED BY UNIFORMED UNITED STATES MILITARY POLICEMEN ON THEIR PATROLS.



THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICE FORCE.



1955...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE DEPARTMENT'S HISTORY, NEW POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE FORMAL TRAINING IN LAW AND SELF-DEFENCE.



BLACK FRIDAY.

JULY 31, 1987...EDMONTON POLICE OFFICERS TAKE PART IN SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS AFTER A DEVASTATING TORNADO RIPS THROUGH THE CITY.



1990...THE EDMONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANGES ITS NAME TO THE EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE.



2001...THE EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE HELICOPTER AIR 1 MAKES ITS DEBUT AT HERITAGE DAYS.

Today, one hundred and twenty-five years after its founding, the men and women of the Edmonton Police Service continue to “truly, faithfully, and impartially, perform the duties appertaining to the said office to the best of their skill and ability”.



125 years

of policing in Edmonton

1900

1892

BYLAW IS GIVEN TO CITY COUNCIL THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE ITS OWN POLICE FORCE

1894

P.D. CAMPBELL IS HIRED AS A CONSTABLE

1911

THE FIRST ABORIGINAL POLICE OFFICER, ALEX DECOTEAU, IS HIRED

1911

FIRST POLICE CAR IS PURCHASED FOR \$575

1930

1912

THE FIRST FEMALE POLICE OFFICER, ANNIE JACKSON, IS HIRED

1919

WOP MAY AND DET. CAMPBELL USE AN AIRPLANE TO PURSUE A CRIMINAL

1942

CITY POLICE TEAM UP WITH US MILITARY POLICE TO PATROL EDMONTON

1955

RECRUIT TRAINING CLASS #1 BEGINS TRAINING

1960

1967

CANINE UNIT FORMED

1969

EDMONTON IS THE FIRST CITY IN CANADA TO USE 911

1987

EDMONTON POLICE OFFICERS TAKE PART IN SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS FOLLOWING DEADLY TORNADO

2000

1990

EDMONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANGES NAME TO EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

2000

EPS SENDS FIRST MEMBERS TO A UN PEACEKEEPING MISSION

2001

AIR 1, THE POLICE HELICOPTER, MAKES ITS DEBUT

2002

RECRUIT TRAINING CLASS #100 BEGINS TRAINING

2017

EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE CELEBRATES ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY



1892

2017

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