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Edgar Ernest Charles Powell

(1894-1987)

Edgar Ernest Charles Powell dedicated his life to serving the public. He served in World War I and in the police force, as well as a health inspector.

Powell was born in Wadford, England on November 22, 1894. He immigrated to Canada in 1903 with his family and settled on a farm near Brandon, Manitoba but soon relocated to Winnipeg, Manitoba two years later.

In 1913, Powell joined the North West Mounted Police. He was stationed in Lethbridge, Alberta and served with the Sundial and Grassy Lake detachments. In 1915, Powell went overseas for two years after joining the cavalry during World War I. Upon his return from service he farmed for a short amount of time, but before long he rejoined the North West Mounted Police. He later held a position with the Alberta Provincial Police as a constable. In 1928, after ten years of service with the Alberta Provincial Police, Powell was promoted to detective. At some point after his promotion, he moved to Edmonton, Alberta to become a health inspector.

Powell rejoined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the outbreak of World War II, but left after the war to once again work as a health inspector, but this time in Bermuda. He later returned to Alberta and worked for the Edmonton Health Department before retiring.

Powell lived with his wife, Hazel, in Edmonton until he passed away in August of 1987.

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