On May 23, 1873, a new law was passed. Sir John A. Macdonald and the Government of Canada would begin the formation of the North-West Mounted Police.

During that time, the Northwest Territories took up most of Canada and the west was full of whiskey traders and criminals that were taking advantage of our land and our people. Knowing we had trouble in the west, Prime Minister John A. MacDonald decided to put together a national police force. He would name them the ‘North West Mounted Police’. The police force was being formed to bring law and order to the west and to establish relationships with the First Nations...the original inhabitants of the land.

They began their trek across our great land at Fort Dufferin, Manitoba on July 8, 1874, with policemen, riding wagons, drovers and cattle. Having never travelled to this area before the NWMP didn't realize the treacherous task they were about to undertake and were not prepared for the trip. Without enough food or water, and horses that were not made to work, the troops quickly realized they were in for the journey of their lives!

97 days later...

The troop finally arrived at the Oldman River. This would be the location they would build their first Fort in the west...Fort Macleod. From here the NWMP would become the law of the land and bring order, friendship and protection to the natives, farmers and ranchers in this massive area now known as Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon and The Northwest Territories!