



Winchester 1876 Northwest Mounted Police SRC s/n 45303

I have carefully examined this historically important model 1876 NWMP carbine and have determined it is all original as made by Winchester and have outlined my findings herein.

Description: Winchester 1876 Second Model NWMP SRC .45-75 WCF s/n 45303 mfg 1884 - 22" round barrel with correct forward barrel address positioning; Spanish Meter rear sight, graduated in meters, marked on the left side with number 1 to 5, and from 2 to 10 on the leaf; forged post-type front sight; dense-grain extra finish walnut stocks.

Condition: Receiver has aged to a smooth patina with some light scattered pitting; barrel retains some original blue turning patina with clear address and caliber markings and some light scattered pitting; NWMP cartouche is clearly visible on right side of buttstock; APP 105 stamp (Alberta Provincial Police) is visible on bottom of stock; stocks retain a high degree of their original oil finish with dings, dents and minor gouges; mechanically excellent; bore is in very good condition.

Historical Background: The Winchester 1876 NWMP saddle ring carbine in 45-75 is generally considered the most important weapon historically, used by the Mounted Police. It served the longest—from mid 1878 to late 1905, and again, from 1907 to 1914—a total of 35 years. It was the official shoulder arm of the Force during the North-West Rebellion and the Yukon gold rush era. The Mounties bought more of these carbines than any other long arm until the present-day Model 70 Winchesters they began acquiring in 1960.

This carbine is accompanied by a research certificate from the noted NWMP historian and author D.J. Klancher and states:

This carbine was issued to the North West Mounted Police {NWMP}. It was part of order number 202022, which consisted of 300 carbines shipped on April 20, 1885.

The following information was located:

On charge of Constable C.E. Dixon of "F" Division {Prince Albert} in January 1887.

On charge to "F" Division {Prince Albert} on February 10, 1894.

On charge to "F" Division {Prince Albert} on April 7, 1897.

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Winchester factory records indicate this gun was a Carbine, received in the warehouse on April 17, 1885 and shipped April 18, 1885, with 299 other Model 1876s, on order number 20202 to the NWMP. In the exhaustive study titled Winchester's North West Mounted Police Carbines by Lewis Yearout, it is interesting to see that some other carbines in the same serial range have APP markings with rack numbers close to this specimen:

<i>45331</i>	<i>A.P.P. 106</i>
<i>45366</i>	<i>A.P.P. 101</i>

As most NWMP carbines have seen hard frontier use, this particular gun is in relatively good condition. More than a century of age, documented NWMP history including soldier identification, and very good condition makes this a rare and historically important Winchester.

Respectfully Submitted,

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