

Transcript

Interview with Bob Robertson, son of Edmonton's first sheriff regarding his father's work, 1967.

Interviewer: Well of course, in the early days, people like your father would have to take a lot of jobs to make do.

Robertson: Oh, you had to!

Interviewer: I mean, his salary as a sheriff would be very small.

Robertson: Well, there was no salary.

Interviewer: No salary at all?

Robertson: Emoluments, that was all. The fees were bonded to you. You took the whole fee of course.

Interviewer: Now, you spoke of you helping your father. What would you do to help?

Robertson: Well, I kept the books for him, for one thing. All the sheriff's books, and that, the records. And then he had a wholesale grocery; we had to look after the selling of that and keeping it with stock and one thing and another. I had another man helping me in there. He had an interest in the flour mill at the Fort; that was handled altogether wholesale practically. He sold to the Huds....the Fathers, you know, and shipped it north for them.