

773. In addition to the gratuities reported as having been paid in 1887 and 1888, an additional amount of \$529 was paid in 1889 to two applicants, making a total of \$68,861 paid in this way to 240 persons. Gratuities.

PART II.

NORTH—WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

774. By an Act 36 Vic., c. 35, (1873) authority was given for the organization of a Mounted Police Force, for the better preservation of law and order in the North-West Territories, the number of men being limited to 300. Accordingly, in the autumn of the same year, a small force was organized, consisting of 190 men. Subsequent Acts have amended the original provisions in various ways, and the number of men is now limited to 1,000. On the 30th November, 1889, the strength of the force was as follows: 1 commissioner, 1 assistant commissioner, 11 superintendents, 32 inspectors, 6 surgeons, 2 veterinary surgeons, 178 non-commissioned officers and 807 constables, making a total of 1,038. There were also 894 horses, valued at \$150,000, and 24 ponies and mules. The country is divided into 9 divisions, exclusive of the Depot, and these divisions are sub-divided into a total of 58 stations. Organiza-
tion of the
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Police.

775. The duty of the Force, as defined by Act of Parliament, is — Duties of
the Force.

1. The preservation of peace and order, the prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals.
2. To execute warrants of magistrates, &c., and generally discharge the duties of a constable in relation thereto.
3. To escort prisoners and lunatics to and from gaols, asylums, &c.
4. To search for, seize and destroy all intoxicating liquors held contrary to law.