

For the better performance of the above duties, it is provided that the Force, in addition to special powers, shall have all the powers that any constable has by law.

Work done  
by the  
Force

776. The amount of work that is yearly done by this Force can hardly be realized by any one unfamiliar with the enormous extent of territory that they have to watch. They patrol steadily along the frontier from Emerson to the Rocky Mountains, a distance of 800 miles, keeping down raiding, cattle stealing and smuggling—especially of intoxicants, and in this way are of the greatest possible use—as well as protecting peaceable settlers along the border. They also see that the Indians do not leave their reserves, and keep a watch on their actions generally. The maintenance of the ordinance against starting fire on the prairie, with the punishment of offenders, is one of their important duties. They are, in short, responsible for the preservation of law and order throughout a district of upwards of 300,000 square miles, and some idea may be formed of the amount of work done when it is considered that no less than 1,546,262 miles were covered by the Force, in the discharge of duty, during 1889. It is generally admitted that the Force constitute a remarkably fine body of men, and the regulations for joining are strictly adhered to.

Regula-  
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pay.

777. The following may be said to be the principal regulations :—

Applicants, who must make personal application, must be between the ages of 22 and 40, active, ablebodied men, of thoroughly sound constitution, and must produce certificates of exemplary character. They must be able to read and write either the English or French languages, must understand the care and management of horses, and be able to ride well. The term of engagement is five years, and rates of pay are as follow :—

Staff-Sergeants.....				\$1 to \$1.50 per day.
Other Non-Commissioned Officers.....				85c. to \$1 “
		Service	Good	Total.
		Pay.	Conduct Pay.	
Constables—1st year's service.....	50c.	—	50c.	per day.
2nd “ “.....	50	5c.	55	“
3rd “ “.....	50	10	60	“
4th “ “.....	50	15	65	“
5th “ “.....	50	20	70	“