

labourers on Hereford Railway, September 27th, 1888 ; detachment of 58th Battalion and 1 troop cavalry, 7 days. (23) Anticipated riot between Red River Valley and Canadian Pacific railway companies, October 31st, 1888 ; Mounted Infantry School Corps, 7 days. (24) Anticipated riot consequent on strike at lumber mills, Hull, P.Q., September 15th, 1891 ; four companies, two days. (25) Suppression of smuggling in the Lower St. Lawrence River, July 7th, 1892 ; detachment of "B" Battery Canadian Artillery, twenty days on revenue cutter "Constance". (26) Similar errand, same place, August 9th, 1892 ; sergeant and 4 men, "B" Battery, until October, 1892.

1360. 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, 1893, the strength of the force was as follows : 1 commissioner, 1 assistant commissioner, 11 superintendents, 29 inspectors, 5 surgeons, 2 veterinary surgeons, 175 non-commissioned officers, 652 constables, and 57 scouts, &c., making a total of 933. There were also 782 horses, and 20 ponies and mules. The country is divided into 9 divisions, exclusive of the depot, and these divisions are subdivided into a total of 80 stations.

1361. The duties of the force, as defined by Act of Parliament, are :—

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 jails, asylums, &c.

4. To search for, seize and destroy all intoxicating liquors held contrary to law.

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.

1362. 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