

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 have immediate charge of the cattle quarantine on the frontier. 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 upwards of 1,500,000 miles are annually covered by the force, in the discharge of duty. It is generally admitted that the force constitutes a remarkably fine body of men, and the regulations for joining are strictly adhered to.

1363. 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, able-bodied 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 follows :—

Staff-Sergeants ..... \$1 to \$1.50 per day.  
 Other Non-Commissioned Officers..... 85c to \$1 “

	Service Pay.	Good Conduct pay.	Total.
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 “

Extra pay is allowed to a limited number of blacksmiths, carpenters, and other artisans.

The minimum height is 5 feet 8 inches, minimum chest measurement, 35 inches, and maximum weight 175 pounds. No married men are engaged.

1364. The service is becoming more and more popular, and many men re-engage for second and third terms. Out of 213 men whose time expired during 1893, 125 re-engaged without leaving, and 22 who took their discharge, afterwards rejoined.

1365. The average height of the present force is 5 feet 9 1-2 inches, and average chest measurement 38 1-4 inches.