

No votes, however, have been taken since July 31, 1923, the date of the plebiscite in the county of Stanstead, Quebec. Part III of the Act relates to penalties and prosecutions, while Part IV relates to the prohibition of the importation and exportation of intoxicating liquors into and from the provinces. All the provinces except Quebec and British Columbia have carried plebiscites in favour of the prohibition of importation of liquors. Exportation is prohibited from the provinces of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

### 3.—Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (formerly the Royal Northwest Mounted Police) are distributed throughout the Dominion, with headquarters at Ottawa. The operations of the force for the year ended Sept. 30, 1926, are described in the Commissioners' Report for that year, which shows that during the year the Royal Canadian Mounted Police discharged numerous and varied functions, in several instances aiding Provincial Governments in the maintenance of law and order, assisting the Dominion Department of Health in putting down the illicit traffic in narcotics, the Secretary of State in inquiring into the suitability for citizenship of applicants for naturalization, the Department of Finance in protecting Government moneys, the Department of Customs and Excise in the repression of smuggling, the Department of Marine and Fisheries in protecting property in cases of wrecks and in enforcing fisheries regulations, the Post Office Department in tracking down mail robbers, the Department of the Interior in enforcing law and order in the national parks, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in taking the census of outlying communities, and the Department of Indian Affairs in the enforcement of the Indian Act, while important patrol work has been done in the Arctic regions. On Sept. 30, 1926, the strength of the force was 53 officers and 910 non-commissioned officers and constables, with 314 horses and 281 dogs.

In recent years there have been considerable reductions in the strength of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, resulting in a progressive decline from 1,680 in 1921 to 963 in 1926—a total reduction of 43 p.c. The details are shown in Table 22.

22.—Strength and Distribution of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Sept. 30, 1926, with totals for 1920-26.

Schedule.	Headquarters Staff.	Maritime Provinces.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Yukon.	Northwest Territories.	Baffin Land.	Ellesmere Island.	North Devon Island.	On loan to Customs Dept.	Canada.
Commissioner.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Asst. Commissioners.....	1	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Superintendents.....	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Inspectors.....	2	1	1	6	3	4	5	9	2	4	-	-	-	-	37
Surgeon.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Veterinary Surgeon.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Staff Sergeants.....	7	1	1	5	2	6	6	3	3	1	-	-	-	3	39
Sergeants.....	9	1	2	18	5	24	13	11	4	-	-	1	-	12	100
Corporals.....	11	2	9	30	7	30	19	14	6	6	1	-	-	2	137
Constables.....	23	28	21	201	20	90	47	46	17	33	6	-	3	9	547
Special Constables.....	11	-	3	14	4	14	21	9	3	8	-	-	-	-	87
<b>Total Personnel.....</b>	<b>1926</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>963</b>
".....	1925	72	30	27	294	53	182	116	94	37	49	8	3	10	977
".....	1924	72	32	27	295	51	192	138	109	40	52	7	2	3	1,029
".....	1923	72	32	31	317	64	253	152	143	42	29	4	-	-	1,148
".....	1922	79	37	41	288	71	274	173	175	51	27	4	9	-	1,227
".....	1921	79	33	26	440	163	329	266	265	52	28	1	-	-	1,650
".....	1920	72	25	9	354	160	400	390	257	48	16	-	-	-	1,671