

special agreements) of provincial laws, etc., in national parks in British Columbia and Alberta; (4) investigations for other Dominion Departments. The last of these divisions of the work has increased greatly in recent years, from 8,500 cases in 1920 to 24,498 in 1927, and the assistance rendered is of the most varied kinds, including aid to the Customs in preventing smuggling, to Inland Revenue in suppressing illegal stills, to the Department of Health in combating the traffic in narcotic drugs, to the Secretary of State in verifying the statements made by applicants for naturalization, to the Post Office in detecting frauds upon and robberies of the mails, to the Department of Indian Affairs in protecting the Indians, etc. Aid is occasionally given to Provincial Governments in the maintenance of law and order. The Arctic work is becoming increasingly important; there are now in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions (exclusive of the Yukon), 28 detachments with 77 all ranks, or nearly 8 p.c. of the entire strength. These detachments include posts on Ellesmere, North Devon, Baffin and Victoria islands, as well as along the coasts of the Arctic ocean and Hudson bay; one (Bache peninsula) is within eleven degrees of the North Pole; every winter long patrols are made in these regions, one in 1927 from Bache peninsula having in 1,320 miles of travel visited Axel Heiberg, Amund Ringnes, Elef Ringnes, King Christian and Cornwall islands, while another traversed the interior of Baffin island. Contrasted with this is detective work in the urban communities, in running to earth counterfeiters, narcotic drug dealers, robbers of the mails, and others of the more dangerous types of evil-doers.

On Sept. 30, 1927, the strength of the Force was 52 officers, 855 non-commissioned officers and constables and 97 special constables, or 1,004 all ranks, with 248 horses and 303 dogs. Excluding special constables, the recruits enlisted in the twelve months period numbered 122; the number of applications was 2,165. While there was a slight gain in 1927, there has been a considerable reduction in the strength of the Force in recent years, from 1,680 in 1921 to 1,004 in 1927. The details are shown in Table 22.

22.—Strength and Distribution of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Sept. 30, 1927, with totals for 1920-27.

Schedule.	Headquarters Staff.	Maritime Provinces.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Yukon.	Northwest Territories.	Baffin Land.	Ellesmere Island.	North Devon Island.	On loan.	Canada.
Commissioner.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Asst. Commissioners.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Superintendents.....	1	-	-	2	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Inspectors.....	2	1	1	5	3	5	5	6	-	2	-	-	-	-	37
Surgeon.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Veterinary Surgeon.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Staff Sergeants.....	6	2	-	8	2	5	6	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	37
Sergeants.....	11	2	2	22	7	23	13	10	1	4	1	-	-	-	96
Corporals.....	12	2	8	28	8	29	21	14	5	9	1	-	-	-	139
Constables.....	23	29	32	225	30	88	45	54	22	32	5	3	3	-	583
Special Constables.....	11	-	3	16	4	15	20	9	4	15	-	-	-	-	97
Total, Canada..... 1927	69	36	36	306	54	179	112	99	29	65	8	3	3	4	1,004
"..... 1926	66	28	37	276	47	173	113	93	34	56	7	3	3	27	963
"..... 1925	72	30	27	294	52	182	116	94	37	49	8	3	3	10	977
"..... 1924	73	32	37	295	51	192	128	109	46	53	7	2	3	10	1,020
"..... 1923	72	32	31	317	64	253	152	143	42	39	4	9	3	-	1,145
"..... 1922	79	37	41	268	71	274	173	175	51	27	4	7	-	-	1,227
"..... 1921	79	32	26	440	162	329	266	265	52	25	-	-	-	-	1,699
"..... 1920	72	25	9	384	160	400	300	257	48	16	-	-	-	-	1,671

¹On loan to Marine and Fisheries Dept., one corporal and two constables; on loan to Canadian Legation, Washington, one corporal.