

and Alberta; (4) investigations for other Departments; (5) Police assistance and protection rendered to federal Departments, provincial authorities, other police forces, etc. The fourth and fifth of these categories have increased greatly in recent years, from 8,500 cases in 1920 to 37,642 in 1928, 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) 31 detachments with 89 all ranks, or about 9 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, and a powerful auxiliary power schooner, the St. Roch, employed in the Arctic ocean, ranks as a detachment; every winter long patrols are made in these regions, the islands west of Ellesmere island (Axel Heiberg, etc.), being visited periodically. 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, 1928, the strength of the Force was 55 officers, 936 non-commissioned officers and constables, and 96 special constables, or 1,087 all ranks, with 228 horses and 372 dogs. Excluding special constables, the accessions to the force (including Saskatchewan Provincial Police taken over) numbered 246. The number of applicants was 2,257. The details of the strength, and the record of fluctuations of strength, are shown in Table 22.

**22.—Strength and Distribution of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Sept. 30, 1928, with totals for 1920-28.**

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Asst. Commissioners.....	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Superintendents.....	2	-	-	2	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Inspectors.....	1	1	1	6	2	7	6	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	39
Surgeon.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Veterinary Surgeon.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Staff Sergeants.....	5	2	3	5	2	6	6	3	4	1	3	-	-	-	34
Sergeants.....	12	3	3	23	8	36	19	5	2	11	2	-	-	-	112
Corporals.....	11	28	9	24	8	48	17	17	5	3	1	1	1	1	150
Constables.....	23	27	20	227	22	154	50	44	21	42	4	2	2	2	640
Special Constables.....	11	-	2	12	6	18	23	8	6	10	-	-	-	-	96
<b>Total, Canada.....</b>	<b>1528</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,087</b>
".....1927	69	36	36	366	54	170	112	99	39	65	8	3	3	4	1,004
".....1926	66	28	37	276	47	123	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	72	32	27	295	51	182	128	109	40	52	7	2	3	16	1,020
".....1923	72	32	31	317	64	253	152	143	42	29	4	9	-	-	1,148
".....1922	76	37	41	288	71	374	173	175	51	27	4	7	-	-	1,237
".....1921	79	32	26	440	162	329	266	265	52	28	-	-	-	-	1,630
".....1920	72	25	9	354	160	406	300	257	45	16	-	-	-	-	1,671

<sup>1</sup>On loan to Marine and Fisheries Department, two constables; on loan to Canadian Legation, Washington, one corporal.