

## Section 2.—Provincial Police Forces

**Quebec Provincial Police Force.**—The Quebec Provincial Police Force is responsible for upholding law and order over the whole territory of the Province and extending from the provincial boundary between Ontario and Quebec to the Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

This Force, composed of about 600 men, is in charge of a Director who acts under direct orders from and is responsible to the Attorney-General of the Province.

To facilitate operations, the territory is divided into two almost equal parts designated as the District of Montreal and the District of Quebec. The Director has his office at Montreal and an Assistant Director at Quebec city. Working under these Directors, are two deputies.

The Police Force is itself divided into three sections: the detective corps, the constabulary and the traffic officers, each of which, in the two Districts, is in charge of a captain supported by a number of lieutenants and sergeants. This Police Force, which has for years enjoyed an enviable reputation for the successful policing of Quebec's highways and for its great efficiency in solving crimes, has been in course of reorganization for the past three years. During this time, the highway motorcycle patrol has been gradually replaced by a fleet of automobiles which have proved much more efficient, especially during the winter months.

The first installation of a province-wide frequency modulation radio-communication system has been established in the District of Montreal. A main station is operating on the top of Mount Royal which is directing radio-equipped cars over an area of between 60 and 80 miles around Montreal; broadcasting is made in the 35-22 band. Statistics are not available at the present time, but an idea of the amount of work done is easily conceived from the fact that over 20,000 calls were put through the antenna of the main radio station during 1946. Sub-stations are operating at each of the eight bridges giving access to or exit from the city of Montreal itself and a number of cars, all equipped with frequency modulation three-way radio units, are patrolling the surrounding country day and night.

The Quebec Provincial Police Force, well-trained and alert, is in a position to provide the citizens of the Province with the protection they have a right to expect from it.

**Ontario Provincial Police.**—The Ontario Provincial Police is maintained by the Government of the Province of Ontario under the Attorney-General's Department. The Force is responsible for law enforcement in the rural and unorganized parts of the Province, and in certain municipalities by contract.

History relates that in July, 1875, John Wilson Murray was appointed to act as "Detective for the Provincial Government of Ontario" to pursue criminals and "run them down" in their havens of refuge. Murray performed his varied duties under the direction of Sir Oliver Mowat, the Attorney-General of the Province. At the time of Confederation and the first session of the first Parliament of Ontario in December, 1867, there were a number of rural, or Provincial Police. These officers were unpaid and if any remuneration was received for their services it was derived through the fee system.

In 1877 a major reform occurred when under the Constables Act (R.S.O. 1877, c. 72) the necessity of giving certain constables jurisdiction throughout the Province was recognized. County judges were authorized to allocate Provincial Constables to every county and district in Ontario.