

Duties.—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has the responsibility for enforcing Dominion laws throughout Canada and is specially empowered to deal with infractions against smuggling by sea, land and air. It also enforces the provisions of the Excise Act, and is responsible for the suppression of traffic in narcotic drugs. In all, the Force has responsibility in almost 50 Dominion Acts including the Indian Act. It also assists many departments of the Dominion Government in administrative duties and is responsible for the protection of Government buildings and property and some of the more important dockyards. It is the sole police force operating in the Northwest Territories and Yukon. Furthermore, it undertakes secret and security services for the Dominion Government. In addition to its Dominion duties, the Force has agreements with the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, whereby the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police can be secured to enforce provincial laws and the Criminal Code in rural districts upon payment for such services. These agreements have been in force for more than 15 years.

During recent years, the Force has also entered into agreements for the policing of more than 70 cities, towns and municipalities within the six provinces mentioned above.

Services to Other Police Forces.—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police maintains two scientific laboratories for the examination of exhibits of all kinds, and these services, as well as its central fingerprint, modus operandi, and firearms bureaus, anti-counterfeiting and other facilities are available to all police forces. It also maintains two Police Colleges which selected personnel from other police forces may attend.

Youth and the Police.—Since the autumn of 1945, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have made a concerted effort to assist the youth of Canada in developing a healthful outlook towards the police, law, order and responsible citizenship. This is being done in many ways. Volunteer speakers, who are qualified for the work, go before youth groups of all kinds and speak on such subjects as Discipline in Everyday Life, History of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Courtesy and Kindness, and Functions of the Police in Society; considerable use is made of films. With the permission of the Departments of Education and local school boards, all the schools in each province are being covered as well as youth groups supervised by service clubs and churches. Interest is also being taken by members of the Force in various training schools set up to handle delinquents.

An effort is made to show the policeman as a public servant, essential to the well-being of the country, a referee in a game the rules of which have been made by members of the community for the greater comfort and security of all. The program does not compete with that of other organizations engaged in youth work; rather, it seeks to co-operate with these organizations. Indeed the work with youth has created a demand from adult groups interested in youth guidance for speakers to tell how the program functions.

The Force is also doing invaluable voluntary work in supervising recreational facilities, teaching first aid, coaching hockey and baseball teams and promoting many other recreational activities. This phase of youth work is in keeping with the thought that the excess energy of youth should be directed into healthful and