

to give evidence, etc. They are also used in the inspection of detachments and for similar duties and, in that way, save a tremendous amount of time. The Aviation Section has one officer and 12 other ranks at present.

The *Gazette* gives up-to-date information regarding wanted and missing persons and includes instructive articles on many phases of police work. It is distributed to all police forces throughout the Dominion. Courses of instruction and training given at the R.C.M.P. Colleges are open to all police officers in Canada. These facilities, together with the R.C.M.P. museum, crime laboratories and Finger Print Section, which has extensions in various centres across the Dominion, are not merely signs of the progressiveness of the Force but assist materially in the prevention, detection and suppression of crime throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion.

The Force's "Police and Youth Movement" is an effort not only to establish better relations between the youth of the country and members of the Police Force, but to have the young people look upon the policeman as a friend: to inculcate the advantages of our free way of life, to assist people clearly to realize the privileges of democracy, to appreciate them and, if necessary, be willing to defend them. To this end specially trained officers of the Force visit schools and other centres where young Canadians congregate and, through lectures and the narration of actual experiences, they explain the work of the Police and the principles upon which it is based. The movement has wide ramifications and, handled wisely with proper direction and control, can be a potent force in lowering the rate of juvenile delinquency.

*Present Status.*—The Force as organized in 1949 is controlled and administered by a Minister of the Crown (at present the Minister of Justice). Its officers are commissioned by the Crown and for many years have been selected from serving non-commissioned officers. .

In all, the Force has responsibility for the enforcement of almost 50 Federal Acts including the Indian Act. Throughout Canada it is specially empowered to deal with infractions against smuggling by sea, land and air. It enforces the provisions of the Excise Act, and is responsible for the suppression of traffic in narcotic drugs. It also assists many Departments of the Federal Government in administrative duties and is responsible for the protection of Government buildings and property and some of the more important dockyards, and has extensive fire prevention duties, especially at Ottawa. Furthermore, it undertakes secret and security services for the Federal Government. The R.C.M.P. is the sole police force operating in the Northwest Territories and Yukon. In addition to Federal duties, the Force has had agreements since 1928 with the Province of Saskatchewan, and since 1932 with the Provinces of Alberta, 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. During recent years, the Force has also entered into agreements for the policing of certain cities, towns and municipalities within the six provinces mentioned above. There are at present over 70 such agreements in existence.

The Force is divided into 14 Divisions of varying strength, including the Marine Division, distributed over the entire country. The term of engagement for recruits is five years, and the minimum age for a third-class constable is 21 years.