

which are fitted with two-way radio sets connecting with wireless stations operated by the Force. Such stations operate in both Western and Eastern Canada, including the Quebec-United States boundary area. The "Air" Division of the Force operates ten aircraft of various types. The strength of the Force is 4,499 officers and men, with a reserve strength of 299. The reserve strength is located chiefly in the larger cities where men can be congregated easily and where instruction can be given in the evenings.

The Marine Division has a strength of 222 officers and men and operates 26 ships of various kinds, the majority of which are located on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and on the Great Lakes.

The Personnel Branch of the RCMP has officers in each Division across the country. Great care is taken in the selection of recruits.

Duties.—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is responsible for enforcing federal 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 over 50 Federal Government Acts including the Indian Act. It also assists many departments of the Federal Government in administrative duties and is responsible for the protection of government buildings and property. It is the sole police force operating in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Furthermore it undertakes secret and security services for the Federal Government. In addition to its federal duties agreements have been made with the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and British Columbia 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. The agreement with Saskatchewan has been in existence for 26 years and those with the Provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for 22 years. The agreements were entered into with the Provinces of Newfoundland and British Columbia in August 1950 and the police forces of those Provinces were absorbed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Force has agreements also for policing more than 124 district municipalities, cities and towns.

Other Services.—The services of RCMP experts in fingerprints, crime-index information, examination of firearms and questioned documents are available to all other police forces in Canada. A *Police Gazette*, issued monthly and containing instructional articles on police work as well as the latest information on wanted or missing persons, is sent to all police forces across the country. The RCMP has two Police Colleges that are open to selected personnel from other police forces in Canada and to a more limited number of those outside its boundaries.

In recent years the Force has given special attention to crime prevention as well as detection and has done much to assist young people in those provinces where the Force acts as the provincial police in developing a healthy outlook towards the police, law, order and responsible citizenship.

A book entitled *Law and Order in Canadian Democracy*, containing twenty essays, has been issued by the Force and is available through the Queen's Printer, Ottawa.

Subsection 2.—Provincial Police Forces*

Quebec Provincial Police Force.—This Force is responsible for upholding law and order over the whole territory of the Province from the provincial boundary between Ontario and Quebec to the Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The Force is composed of about 900 men in charge of a Director, who acts under direct orders from and is responsible to the Attorney-General of the Province.

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