

the country which assess the evidence collected and administer justice. Every member of the Force must realize that his work, though important, is only one link in the legal chain, and that he must be scrupulously careful always to act within the law.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has proved that, given a sound sense of service, it is not difficult to maintain high standards. However, the Force considers it is not sufficient to appeal to idealism. Conditions of service receive attention at all levels so that men may develop a pride in their leaders and in their organization. Also, effort is made to develop in each member a sense of accomplishment, both in himself as an individual and in the Force as a whole. This is achieved through his work, through the personal attention paid to his progress and development by his superiors and through the opportunity given him to gain recognition and promotion for initiative, industriousness and devotion to duty.

The sense of accomplishment on a Force-wide basis is developed through a knowledge of the history of the Force, its present responsibilities, and its place in the development of Canada. The Force keeps alive all the colourful and inspiring traditions of the past and, although the work is now somewhat less colourful, it is still inspiring and of vital importance to the country.

Ever since its inception as the North West Mounted Police, the first aim of the Force has been the prevention of crime. The detection of crime has been of secondary importance. Both prevention and detection today, however, demand vastly different methods of procedure from those of early days. Modern methods of living and modern methods of commerce and industry permit the committing of crimes by methods not formerly possible. Crimes arising out of business have become more prevalent as have crimes arising out of the use of automobiles. Modern transport enables criminals to leave scenes of crime quickly and to commit similar crimes at distant points. The police of today can combat crime only by using modern methods. The realization of the need for advanced criminology has had a great influence on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Scientific laboratories have been set up, staffed by laboratory detectives who are more than a match for the criminals with whom they contend. Policemen are trained to understand and recognize modern and scientific criminal methods. They are also trained to understand and to use or to avail themselves of scientific methods for combating crime. Policemen in the field, on whom the scientific laboratories depend to collect and protect the material upon which they have to work, are given extensive courses in scientific crime detection, both in their initial training and from time to time throughout their careers. This leads to a constant awareness of up-to-date methods during daily work at all levels of the organization.

A further aspect of Royal Canadian Mounted Police development lies in its growing links with other police forces. The value to the public of co-operation between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other police forces in Canada and in other parts of the world, through the International Criminal Police Organization and similar bodies, becomes more evident each day. Indeed, in its unique position as a police force with federal, provincial and municipal police responsibilities, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is increasingly aware of the necessity for the closest co-operation among all agencies engaged in combating crime and with law-abiding citizens.

The attitude of the public toward any police force depends in large part on the policemen the public meets personally, whether on a prairie farm, on the highway or on the beat in a large city. A police force may be up-to-date in every respect but unless relations between the police and the public lead the citizen to identify himself with his police force, a desirable situation will not exist. It is this sense of citizen-police identification which develops public confidence, and without this confidence police work becomes difficult if not impossible. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, therefore, are taught to strengthen citizen-police co-operation and are encouraged to approach their work with a sincere desire to develop good public relations. The paramount aim is to provide well-trained, courteous policemen who will win the confidence of the public by serving with efficiency and zeal, and who will also merge with and be a respected part of the community in which they live.