detachments with headquarters in Rimouski. There are 106 detachments throughout the province – 58 in the Montreal Division and 48 in the Quebec Division. At the end of 1972, the force had 3,872 members including officers, non-commissioned officers and constables, and 794 office workers.

The QPF is under the command of a Director General, aided by four Assistant Directors General and a Controller of Personnel. Each division is headed by a Chief Inspector and each district and subdivision by a commissioned officer having the rank of Inspector.

Municipal police forces. Provincial legislation makes it mandatory for cities and towns to furnish adequate municipal policing for the maintenance of law and order in their communities. Also, all villages and townships or parts of townships having a population density and a real property assessment sufficient to warrant maintenance of a police force, and having been so designated by Order in Council, are responsible for adequate policing of their municipalities.

3.7.2 Uniform crime reporting

The present method of reporting police statistics (police administration, crime and traffic enforcement statistics), known as the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, was started on January 1, 1962, and was developed by the (then) Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Committee on Uniform Crime Reporting.

As shown in Table 3.2, police personnel in Canada numbered 48,548 at the end of 1970, including 40,295 sworn-in policemen, 7,716 other full-time employees serving as clerks, technicians, artisans, commissionaires, guards, special constables, etc., and 537 cadets. The ratio of police personnel per 1,000 population was 2.3 and the ratio of police was 1.9. Provincial ratios for police personnel ranged from 1.3 to 4.0 per 1,000 persons and for police only from 1.2 to 3.2. In 12 selected metropolitan areas there were 17,124 police personnel including 14,728 police and 2.396 cadets and other full-time employees. Total municipal police personnel numbered 27,472 made up of 25,676 members of municipal forces, 1,750 Royal Canadian Mounted Police and 46 provincial police under municipal contracts.

Three policemen were killed by criminal action during 1970 and six policemen lost their lives accidentally while on duty. Police transport facilities at the end of the year included 8.385 automobiles, 848 motorcycles, 747 other motor vehicles, 431 boats, 22 aircraft, 234 horses and 85 service dogs.

Table 3.3 shows the number of crimes dealt with by the police in 1970, including offences under the criminal code, federal statutes, provincial statutes and municipal by-laws; offences cleared by charge and otherwise; and the number of adults and juveniles charged. Offences reported or known to police but proved unfounded are not shown in the Table but numbered 90,923, including 72,125 under criminal code classifications, 9,993 under federal statutes, 6,487 under provincial statutes and 2,318 under municipal by-laws, except traffic.

During 1970, police reported 90,728 offences committed against the person, including 430 murders, 11.025 rape and other sexual offences, and 78,979 offences of wounding and other assaults (not indecent); all offences against the person resulted in the charging of 32,771 persons, 2,152 of them juveniles. During the year there were 692,878 cases of robbery, theft and other offences against property, resulting in 126,834 persons charged, 37,470 of them juvenile males and 4,015 juvenile females; 67,271 cases of fraud, false pretences, forgery, etc.; 1,887 of prostitution; 1.838 gaming and betting; 6,440 offensive weapons; and 246,407 other criminal code offences. In addition to 36,494 various offences under federal statutes reported, there were 14,071 under the Narcotic Control Act and 4,718 under the controlled drug part of the Food and Drugs Act; these two classifications resulted in the charging of 13,462 persons.

Provincial and territorial fire marshals and commissioners reported 2,539 suspected or known incendiary offences, of which 235 were proved unfounded; 545 offences were reported cleared by charge; charges were laid against 541 adults and 166 juveniles.

The number of motor vehicles stolen was 62.584 (an estimated 736.4 per 100,000 vehicles registered); 56,324 or 90% of these vehicles were recovered. Police were asked to locate 21,758 missing adults and 47.373 missing juveniles; 20,471 adults and 46,630 juveniles were found. The number of drownings reported by police was 1,395.

During 1970, police departments in Canada reported 142,486 (1969, 110,734) criminal code traffic offences, resulting in 100,154 (70,208) persons charged. 2,540 (1,765) of them

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