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"... the proportion of convicts has increased just about pro rata with the population (averaging one in 4,000 persons), the opinion of the Inspector of Penitentiaries to the contrary notwithstanding... The convicts comprised 1,229 males and 22 females... No woman has yet been convicted of a penitentiary offence in Manitoba." (1891)

"[In 1873] authority was given for the organization of a Mounted Police Force, for the better preservation of law and order in the North-West Territories... The amount of work that is yearly done by this Force can hardly be realized by any one

unfamiliar with the enormous extent of territory that they have to watch. They patrol steadily along the frontier from Emerson to the Rocky Mountains, a distance of 800 miles, keeping down raiding, cattle stealing and smuggling - especially of intoxicants, and in this way are of the greatest possible use - as well as protecting peaceable settlers along the border." (1889)

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Over the six-year period 1980-85, the number of criminal offences increased 1.2%. According to 1985 data, property crimes were about seven times as numerous as crimes of violence.

As of December 31, 1985, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police force had a total personnel strength of 19,629 including regular members, special constables, civilian members and public service employees.

The Ontario Provincial Police, a Crown force, is the third largest deployed police force in North America, with a strength of 4,345 (1985) uniformed and civilian personnel.

Government spending on adult correctional services during 1985-86 amounted to about \$1.38 billion, including \$744 million federally and \$636 million provincially.