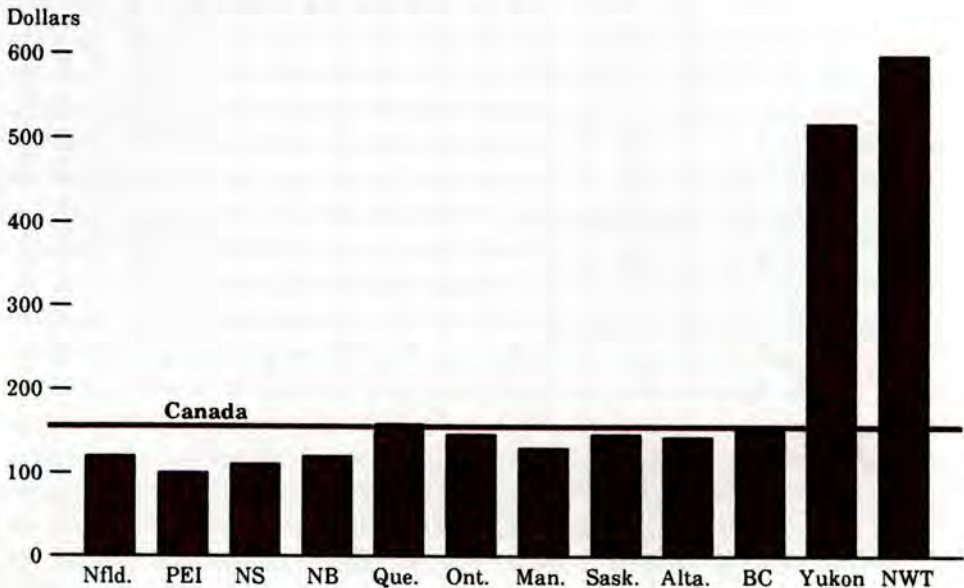


Chart 20.2

**Per capita cost of total policing expenditures, 1987**

26, 1976, capital and non-capital murder), manslaughter and infanticide. In the six-year period 1982-87, 3,932 persons were victims of homicide in Canada. This represents a yearly average of 655 deaths or an average annual rate of 2.6 homicide victims per 100,000 population. Murders have accounted for an average of 92% of all homicide offences from 1982 to 1987, man-slaughters have accounted for 7% and infanticide offences approximately 1% of total homicides. For additional information see Table 20.3.

**20.4.3 Policing responsibilities**

Policing in Canada is the responsibility of three levels of government: federal, provincial and municipal. The federal government, through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), is responsible for federal policing. Each province assumes responsibility for municipal and provincial policing. However, provincial legislation in most provinces requires that cities and towns maintain their own municipal force once reaching a population of between 1,500 and 10,000.

**Federal police.** The RCMP has responsibility for the enforcement of federal statutes and executive orders in all provinces and territories and for

providing protective services, airport and native policing.

The RCMP has a mandate to enforce Canadian laws, prevent crime and maintain peace, order and security. Specifically, the RCMP works to prevent and detect crime and maintain law and order in provinces, territories and municipalities under contract; improve community relations; investigate national security offences; and provide investigative and protective services to other federal departments and agencies.

The RCMP also assists, on request, all Canadian law enforcement agencies by providing specialized services relating to police training, forensic laboratories, identification and information.

**Provincial police.** The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) enforces the Criminal Code and provincial statutes in areas not required to maintain their own municipal police departments; maintains a traffic patrol on highways and rural areas; enforces the Liquor Licence Act for Ontario; and maintains a criminal investigation branch and other branches to assist other forces in investigating major crimes.

The Quebec Provincial Police force is responsible for maintaining peace, order and