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# ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1954



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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General of Canada.

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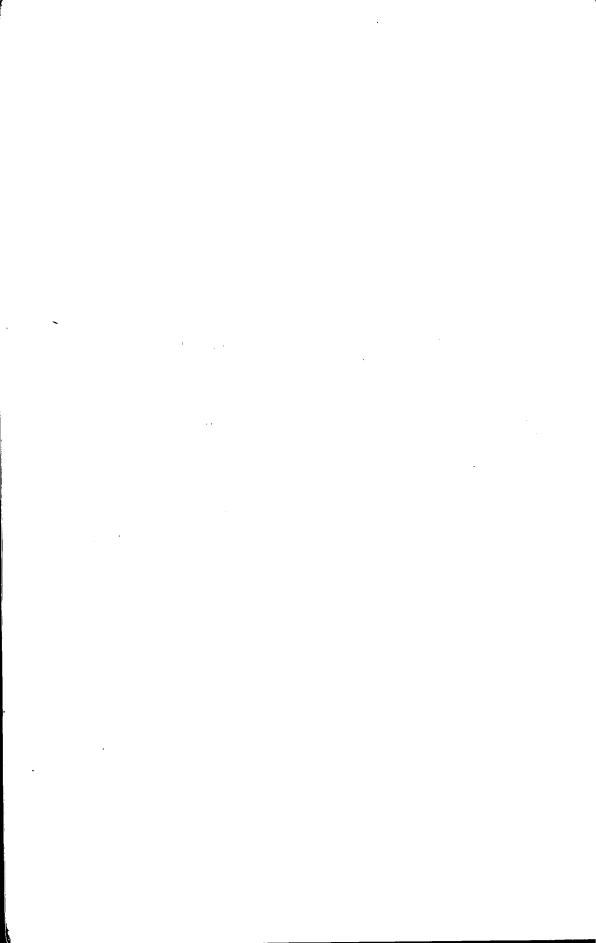
The undersigned has the honour to submit to Your Excellency the Report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the year ended March 31, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART S. GARSON,

Minister of Justice and Minister in Control of the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police.





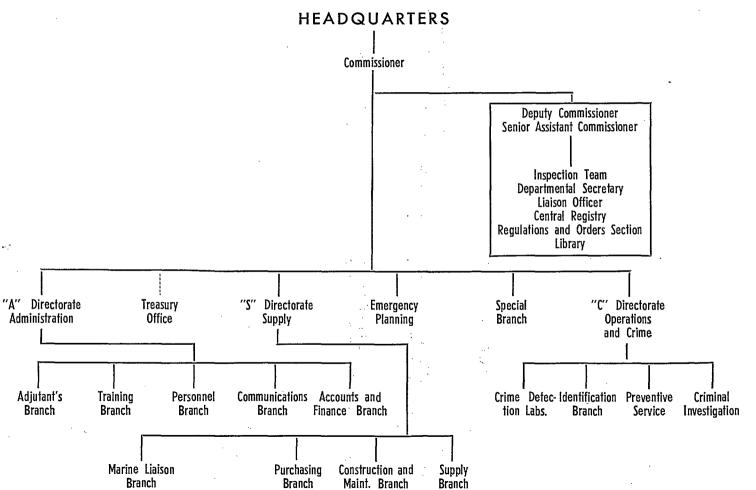
#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

OTTAWA, April 30, 1954.

To: The Honourable Stuart S. Garson, Q.C., M.P., Minister of Justice and Minister in Control of the R.C.M. Police.

SIR:

I have the honour to submit the following Annual Report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the year ended March 31, 1954.



### Organization and Jurisdiction

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The Force, with its general headquarters at Ottawa, operated seventeen divisions throughout Canada last year.

Twelve land police divisions were maintained to deal with crime in the provinces and the territories. The area supervised by each is shown in Table I.

#### Table I—Police Divisions

Province or Territory	Divisional Symbol
British Columbia	"E"
Alberta	"K"
Saskatchewan	"F"
Manitoba	"D"
Ontario—	
Western portion	"O"
Eastern portion	"A"
Quebec Quebec	"C"
New Brunswick	"Ј"
Nova Scotia	"H"
Prince Edward Island	"L"
Newfoundland	"B"
Yukon and Northwest Territories	. "G"

The five remaining commands are "Headquarters", "N", "Depot", "Marine" and "Air" Divisions. "Fairmont Training" Sub-Division, Vancouver, British Columbia, "N" Division, Ottawa, Ontario, and "Depot" Division, Regina, Saskatchewan served as training centres, with the latter two handling the greater part of the training programme. "Marine" and "Air" Divisions supported the operations of the police divisions by supplying vessels and aircraft from strategic points across the nation.

Few changes in organization took place during the year, apart from the setting-up of an inspection team. The function of this team is to visit all Divisions once annually and to examine all phases of administration and operations. Its command alternates between the Deputy Commissioner and Senior Assistant Commissioner. The various directorates and branches of Headquarters continued to perform as before.

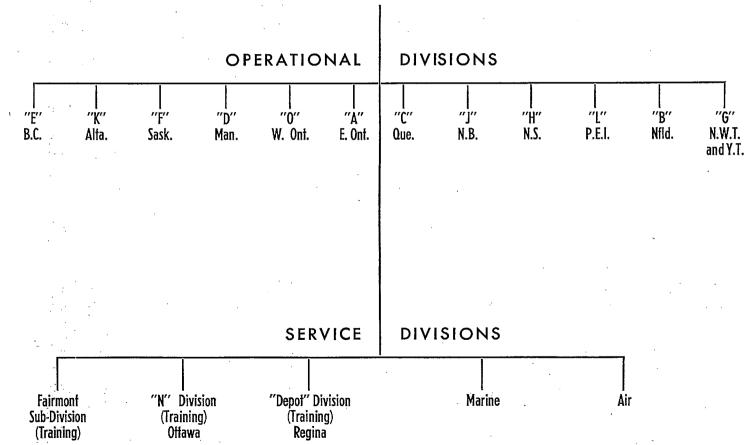
Within most of the police divisions are small commands known as subdivisions. Within the sub-divisions are still smaller units, the detachments, which cover local areas under sub-divisional control. There were no major changes in the method of maintaining divisions, sub-divisions and detachments.

Minor changes were made during the year in the distribution of our detachments. At the end of the period they numbered 616, an increase of six over last year. A list of these is given in Appendix B.

From the viewpoint of jurisdiction the Force's authority was not appreciably expanded. It is especially empowered to deal with all breaches of the Federal Statutes in every province and territory in Canada.

In the Northwest and Yukon Territories the Force is the sole police body and has jurisdiction to investigate all categories of crime. In Ontario and Quebec, which maintain their own provincial forces, investigations have been carried out under the criminal code in some instances where the local police has been unable to act in matters that are the direct concern of a federal government department.

## **HEADQUARTERS**



IL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

As well, the Force acts as the provincial police in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland under agreements made between the Government of Canada and the Governments of the Provinces concerned. In effect, this means that the Force is employed in these provinces to aid the administration of justice, to enforce the laws of the provincial legislatures, and to carry out such other police duties that are agreed upon between the parties involved.

The Force acted as the municipal police, under contracts in six of these eight provinces, in 124 cities, municipal districts, towns and villages. In three towns in Nova Scotia—Windsor, Pictou, and Inverness—the Force assumes the duties of municipal police under the terms of the existing provincial agreement. A list of the municipalities policed appears in Appendix B.

The policing agreement with Saskatchewan was renewed from June 1, 1953, on a continuing term basis. The contract calls for the new rate of payment per man per annum of two thousand dollars, this cost to be reviewed every two years.

Supplementary agreements that brought the new rate into effect were signed by all other contract provinces. The new rate applied as well to all municipal policing agreements renewed or entered into after April 1, 1953.

#### Crime

The year's work shows a further increase in the number of criminal investigations the Force has been called upon to make. This follows the trend indicated in the annual reports for the past several years, although this year there has been a 4.7 per cent decrease in the number of Federal Statute cases as well.

Investigations totalling 170,224 were made under the Criminal Code, Federal Statutes and the Provincial and Municipal Laws and Territorial Ordinances. This exceeded the previous year's total by 2,870 or 1 7 per cent.

Of the 117,886 cases prosecuted, 97·1 per cent resulted in convictions and 2·9 per cent ended in dismissals. Of the cases investigated 19,335 or 11·3 per cent were successfully concluded by handing over to various departments. 1,604 cases are awaiting trial, a further 8,017 are still under investigation and the disposition of the remainder was made under such headings as "Complaint Unfounded", "Complainant Declines to Prosecute" and "Further Investigation Unwarranted".

With figures now available from the Provinces of British Columbia and Newfoundland for a period of three years, it is now clear there is a steady increase in the number of offences reported over all Canada, but not as substantial as in previous years.

We assumed responsibility for police work at the Petawawa Military Camp, including the enforcement of Provincial statutes, in accordance with an understanding reached between the Provincial authorities, the Department of National Defence and the Force. This is in keeping with the policy adopted in policing the Six Nations, Muncey and adjacent Indian Reserves, the Camp Borden Military area and Point Pelee National Park in Ontario.

#### Criminal Code

With the exception of the figures for the Northwest and Yukon Territories, the statistics under this caption do not represent the entire number of infractions committed under the Criminal Code for any province but only those which have come to the attention of the Force as within its jurisdiction in any province. The complete criminal propensity for Canada may be seen only from the statistics compiled by the Criminal Statistics Division of the Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, a tabulation of which appears in *The Canada Year Book* issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Investigations under the Criminal Code totalled 49,471. The increase over last year was 2,562 or 5 · 46 per cent. Tabled below is a five year comparative summary setting forth the incidence of these investigations by province.

Table 2—Summary of	investig	ations U	nder Inc	Crimin	al Code	
	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	Average
British Columbia Alberta Saskatchewan Manitoba Ontario Quebec New Brunswick Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island Newfoundland Novthwest Territories and Yukon	3,952 3,737 609	3,762* 8,214 5,475 3,566 636 477 3,454 3,688 613 1,688*	14, 192 8, 317 5, 499 3, 621 656 236 3, 605 3, 754 591 3, 024	13,475 9,277 6,036 3,961 268 4,125 3,903 698 3,521	14, 447 9, 902 6, 583 4, 148 255 3,872 4, 382 667 3, 691	9,201 8,620 5,806 3,803 4,607 3,47 3,802 3,893 636 2,386
Territory	896	881	1,148	1,124	1,146	1,039
Total	27,229	32,454	44,643	46,909	49,471	40,140

Table 2-Summary of Investigations Under The Criminal Code

<sup>\*</sup> Incomplete figures for period under review.

The total number of offences for the year is approximately 9,300 in excess of the five year average. A partial explanation of the rise is the fact that general enforcement of the Criminal Code in British Columbia and Newfoundland was not undertaken until August, 1950. Notwithstanding this, there has been a steady overall increase over the five year period.

Convictions under the Criminal Code for this period aggregated 24,176 or 48.8 per cent of the total cases investigated, as compared to the 49.7 per cent

registered in the previous year.

Principal offences against the person and property totalled 27,487, an increase over the previous year of 1,999 or 7.8 per cent.

Principal offences against the person.—There were 8,114 cases investigated in this group, an increase of 1,241 or 15.7 per cent from the previous year.

Table	3-Principal	Offences	Against	The	Person
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	1952-53	1953-54
Murder	34	46
Attempted Murder	22	7
Manslaughter	105	. 113
Driving whilst Intoxicated or Impaired	4,253	4,474
General Assaults	3,459	3,474
Total	7,873	8,114

The total of 46 murders is an increase of 12 from the previous year. The number for Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, was greater, while in Nova Scotia, the Yukon and Northwest Territories, it was less. New Brunswick was free from this type of offence.

Table 4—Murder

Disposition	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon & N W.T.	Total
Convicted							1		1	2
Acquitted			2		1			3	2	. 8
Reduced to Manslaughter and convicted	1	1	2		. 1	1	1	3	2	12
Committed Suicide			1		2	2	1	3		9
Insane		,	1			1		2		4
Awaiting Trial		:	1		2	2	2	4		11
Total	1	1	7		6	6	5	15	5	46

There was a marked decline in cases of attempted murder and a slight rise in manslaughter cases.

The incidence of offences coming under Section 285 of the Criminal Code, which deals with offences of 'driving whilst intoxicated' and 'driving whilst ability is impaired', was only slightly higher, being 5·1 per cent.

Offences against property.—19,373 investigations were made into crimes dealing with offences against property, an increase of 1,758 or 9.9 per cent.

Table 5-Principal Offences Against Property

	1952-53	1953-54
Robbery with Violence.	147	150
Theft of Cattle		227
Breaking, Entering and Theft	5,463	6,530
Other Thefts	11,589	12,263
Safebreaking	190	203
Total	17,615	19,373

Cases of robbery with violence, theft of cattle and safebreaking, remained constant, while there was a marked increase in the number of breakings, enterings and theft. and thefts generally.

The steady decline in beef prices discouraged cattle thefts to some extent, although there has been a trend towards the theft of hogs, which are bringing higher prices, particularly in Alberta.

Other thefts, including theft of agricultural machinery, government property, grain, money, motor vehicles, mail, and thefts of a general nature totalled 12,263 an increase of 674 or 5.8 per cent. Over 94 per cent of these investigations came under the headings of thefts of money and securities, motor cars and miscellaneous goods. Thefts involving government property totalled 227. The total convictions obtained for thefts were 3,963.

Investigations into offences of breaking, entering and theft, and shop-breaking aggregated 6,530, being an increase of 1,067 or 19.4 per cent. 3,215 of the cases or 49.2 per cent occurred in the two provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

There was little variation in the number of safebreakings and attempts. The 203 cases represent a 6.8 per cent increase over last year's 190. 168 offences were committed in the four Western Provinces. There were 23 convictions obtained for safebreaking in all.

There was an increase in the total number of juveniles implicated in Criminal Code offences, the year's total being 3,539, which is 712 in excess of the previous period. The over-all picture indicated a marked rise in British Columbia, whose total of 1,254 offenders represented an increase of 45·1 per cent. In contrast, New Brunswick reported a total of 232 cases, a decrease of 62.

Table 6—Number of Juveniles Implicated In Criminal Code Offences

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	Average	Criminal Code Offences by Juveniles 1953-54
British Columbia	383 464 416 270 218 32		823 360 466 333 252 194 47 301	864 312 356 353 294 182 7 422	1, 254 464 408 405 232 231 18 464	980 393 450 376 200 201 27 395	803 225 229 319 183 160 12 359
Total	1,783	1,839	2,812	2,827	3,539		2,329

Crime Conditions in Doukhobor Communities.—Conditions among the Doukhobor people in the West Kootenay area remained unsettled, and numerous fires and explosions on properties of the Canadian Pacific Railway and West Kootenay Power Company occurred.

Sporadic outbreaks continued until September when 144 Doukhobors were arrested when they contravened the provisions of Section 205A of the Criminal Code which deals with parading in the nude. A period of comparative quiet followed until Christmas Day when it was necessary to disperse a group of demonstrators at the Crescent Valley bridge.

The duties of the Consultative Committee were taken over by an administrative committee of Provincial Deputy Ministers in Victoria and a representative subcommittee in the Kootenays. British Columbia legislation granted recognition of marriage rites, and granting of the vote is being considered by the Provincial legislature. Implementation of the sale of Doukhobor lands is delayed pending completion of soil surveys and the setting up of a separate commission to deal with that problem.

S. S. Sorokin, nominal head of the Sons of Freedom Sect, is still in Uruguay and has made no progress in furthering relocation of the group from Canada to that country.

The Provincial Government has adopted a policy which includes the strict enforcement of the Public Schools Act. Several prosecutions have been entered against defaulting parents and in some cases, action under the Protection of Children Act has been necessary.

#### Federal Statutes

The total of 33,384 investigations made under 53 individual Statutes represents a decrease of  $4 \cdot 8$  per cent or 1,686 cases less than last year.

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	Average
British Columbia Alberta. Saskatchewan. Manitoba Ontario Quebec. New Brunswick. Nova Scotia. Prince Edward Island. Newfoundland. Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory. Total.	1,910 1,432 1,335 1,598 4,722 4,367 710 1,143 721  1,093	3,096† 1,759 1,459 1,236 5,772 5,187 763 316† 1,040	8,194 1,695 1,903 1,866 7,126 7,276 953 1,133 604 525 1,295	7,715 3,166 2,772 1,834 6,701 7,655 1,054 1,346 639 750 1,438	7,052 3,381 2,900 1,890 6,893 6,355 904 1,022 549 935 1,503	5,593 2,287 2,074 1,685 6,243 6,168 888 1,203 655 501 1,274

Table 7—Summary of Investigations Under Federal Statutes

Registered convictions totalled 20,958 and another 4,464 cases were successfully concluded by being handed over to the Departments concerned. This represents 76·1 per cent of the total cases handled, with 471 awaiting trial and 2,438 still under investigation. As indicated in the classified summary of the disposition of all offences investigated\*, the major portion of work was under the Indian Act, Income Tax Act, Customs Act, Excise Act, Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, and the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

The Indian Act was again the source of the greatest number of cases under any one Statute. A total of 9,030 being investigated, with 8,606 convictions recorded. British Columbia, with its large Indian population, accounted for

<sup>†</sup> Incomplete figures for period under review.

<sup>\*</sup>See Appendix C.

over half the offences. Prosecutions under the liquor sections totalled 4,514, which is 10 per cent less than last year, the reason for the decline being local economic conditions. Prosecutions in Saskatchewan reached an all time high due to the increasing amount of intoxication, especially among females. In Alberta, the higher incidence of infractions of the liquor sections was attributed to the better financial situation of the Indians there due to the collection of oil royalties on many of the Reserves.

An increase of approximately 600 convictions was recorded for infractions of the regulations governing vehicular traffic on Dominion Government property. This represents an increase of 4.52 per cent over last year's 170 violations and is a result of the added authority given by the provisions of Order in Council P.C. 4076, dated September 17, 1952.

In several important cases where evidence indicated organized crime the criminal law of conspiracy was invoked to reach persons directing such operations. This procedure resulted in the conviction of three persons for conspiracy relative to offences under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, with similar charges against eight others awaiting disposition at the year's end. One conviction was registered in relation to the Customs Act. The provisions of Part X (A) of the Criminal Code were applied in four cases dealing with substantive charges under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act and resulted in three persons being sentenced as habitual criminals. The other case is still pending.

In our responsibility for the enforcement of Part VII of the Canada Shipping Act respecting lifesaving and firefighting equipment as well as the licensing of vessels under ten tons registered tonnage, there has been a general increase in the checks and inspections made. Our assistance to the Department of Transport has also increased in the matter of surveys, policing of regattas, etc.

The 2,200 Customs seizures effected during the year reflects a decrease of approximately 38 per cent in comparison with seizures made in the preceding year, but the total remains at a high level compared with the years prior to 1950 when the sharp increase in cigarette smuggling commenced. This reduction in seizures is believed to be due largely to lower taxes on cigarettes, which, coupled with a cut in retail prices in Canada, has had the effect of reducing the disparity between American and Canadian prices to a point where profits to be realized are no longer attractive to the large scale smuggler.

Another factor which has contributed to the reduction of Customs seizures is the change in Departmental procedure in dealing with "double exemption" violations. Since the latter part of 1952 the majority of such cases are now disposed of by passing a duty entry within the Customs Port. Seizures arising from cases referred to the Force were almost negligible.

Vessels		L	H 11	J	C 49	A 10	O 53	D 2	F		E 6	G	Total
Autos. Beer. Rum. Assorted Liquors. Cigars Cigarettes Tobacco.	9 10 74  359 5	3	215	88 28 7 87 4,308 2,002 122	197 21 21 204 23,063 37,136 90	12  3  9	245 30 15 1,092 904 8	73 8  10 67 33 2	67 10  5  17 2	49 8 5 140 30	95 14 23 46 50 280 4	10 1 1 10	860 131 85 490 28, 820 40, 998 238
Miscellaneous				209	672	47	599	118	89	95	187	18	2,200

Table 8.—Customs Scizures by Divisions—1953-54

Note: Liquids shown in gallons; eigarettes in cartons (200 eigarettes per carton); tobacco in pounds.

The majority of seizures under the Customs Act continues to cover small quantities of goods smuggled for personal use. Favoured commodities in this field include electrical appliances, automobile tires and accessories, sporting equipment, radios and television sets.

In the commercial type of smuggling, cigarettes may still be considered as the predominating commodity. Other commercial smuggling ventures during the year involved costume jewellery, novelties, nylon stockings, sport shirts, used cars of considerable age, watches and oleomargarine.

The following is a comparative summary for a three year period:

1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	
\$290,753 67	\$385,431 95	\$259,177 47	
152	138	158	
982	967	860	
67,570	115, 415	40,998	
	\$290,753 67 152 982	\$290,753 67 \$385,431 95 152 138 982 967	

There was an increase of 16.7 per cent in the number of seizures under the Excise Act. This increase is reflected in the number of small stills seized during the year which exceeded the previous year's total by approximately 34 per cent.

Six commercial or semi-commercial type stills were seized in Quebec while an equal number of seizures were made in Manitoba. In several of these cases seizures were effected before the manufacture of illicit spirits had actually commenced. It is of interest that seizures in these two Provinces accounted for 49 per cent of the stills, 76 per cent of the illicit spirits and 82·8 per cent of the total gallonage of beer and wash.

The illicit traffic in Canadian tobacco, both raw-leaf and manufactured, showed some decrease in quantity, while seizures remained almost on a par with previous years. With two exceptions, seizures were confined to the Province of Quebec.

Table 9.—Excise Seizures by Divisions—1953-54

	В	L	H	J_	C	A	o	D	F	ĸ	E	G	Total
Autos Beer and Wash	<u>.</u>	557	8. 1,539		31 9,872	2	5 74	16 5,281	$\frac{1}{672}$	1 184	1 86		65 18,292
Rum		16	113	4	518		105		79	1		i	1,455
Stills Complete Still Parts Cigars	1 5	13 4	24	$\begin{vmatrix} 1\\2 \end{vmatrix}$	34 6 450	1	18 9	58 14	22 11	8 4	5 2	2 1	187 69 450
Cigarettes		 		· · · · · · ·	36 12,280		247			 			36 12,527
Aircraft		19	40	5	160	5	44	107	48	33	11		482

Note: Liquids shown in gallons; eigarettes in cartons (200 eigarettes per carton); tobacco in pounds.

The following is a comparative summary for a three year period:

		1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
, e.j., .v.		1001 02	1002 00	2000 02
Seizures	•	 435	, 413	482
Convictions		 420	336	470
Revenue Collected		 \$65,319 09	\$69,979 92	\$65,408 83
Stills Seized		 163	139	187
Tobacco (pounds)		 13,668	13,733	12,527
Spirits (gallons)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	 1,954	889	1,458

In accordance with our terms of reference with the Taxation Division of the Department of National Revenue, we continued throughout the year to prosecute persons failing to file Income Tax returns or to supply information on demand. We also continued with the laying of charges against employers who failed to deduct or remit taxes from payrolls.

The following three year table indicates the steady increase in the volume of work under this statute:

	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
Number of prosecutions	4,902	6,099	6,168
	\$	\$	<b>\$</b>
Fines Imposed	135,857 00	175,605 00	190,540 00
Fines Collected	125,327 00	163,171 00	195,405 28

The illicit traffic in narcotic drugs continues to reflect a steady increase. 507 arrests were made this year compared with 495 for the previous period. This total is a record high for several years.

Drug addiction is causing serious concern to enforcement authorities and the problem of the "repeat offender" is giving rise to a growing realization that addiction is the outward manifestation of social and medical conditions which enforcement authorities alone are not competent to cope with. The cycle of periodic arrest, subsequent conviction and imprisonment of the addict, has failed to make any appreciable progress towards correcting this situation and it would seem that any real hope for positive, long term results in dealing more effectively with the drug addict can only be achieved by the combined efforts of medical, social and enforcement bodies.

As a result of the conference in Vancouver during 1952, a psychiatrist specially qualified for the task has been appointed to head a committee which will carry out a study in British Columbia to determine the cause of addiction, with special attention being given to treatment and rehabilitation possibilities. Arrangements for the survey have been worked out jointly by Federal and Provincial health authorities and the committee is being given such assistance by the Force as may be necessary.

# Provincial and Municipal Laws and Territorial Ordinances

The number of investigations increased in line with the trend of previous years and formed a major portion of the work in the eight provinces concerned. Traffic control and enforcement is yearly demanding more time, effort and man power, owing to the ever increasing number of motor vehicles on the highway. In Nova Scotia and British Columbia our duties in connection with the operation of weigh stations for commercial motor vehicles developed considerably.

Enforcement of the Liquor Acts rated second in relation to the volume of work performed in this heading.

Table 10 indicates the bulk of the work under this heading in the Provinces where we are under contract.

Table 10.—Summary of Investigations Under Provincial Statutes and Municipal Laws

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	Average
British Columbia Alberta Saskatchewan Manitoba Ontario Quebec New Brunswick Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island	8,008 6,826 5,760 36 4 5,466 12,652	6,734* 8,020 6,850 5,075 53 1 6,081 11,268 2,155	18,217 14,222 7,474 6,621 64 2 7,196 10,715 1,941	20,594 15,064 9,626 10,828 57 11,152 11,096 2,418	19,718 14,948 10,495 12,598 38 9,936 12,708 2,339	13,053 12,052 8,254 8,176 50 11,688 2,851
Newfoundland	17	1,219* 25	3,202 37	4,417 63	4,566 13	2,235
Total	41,945	47,481	69,691	85,315	87,359	66,357

<sup>\*</sup> Incomplete figures for period under review.

In the other fields of enforcement of Provincial legislation, a great variety of Acts have been dealt with. Action was taken, for example, under 50 Acts in Alberta and 40 Acts in Saskatchewan. In the adjacent part of north western British Columbia, which lies between the Alaska Panhandle and the Yukon, British Columbia Statutes are enforced by our Yukon Territory Detachments. The Haines and Alaskan highways run through this area and a pipe line is presently under construction there.

The work under the municipal laws of the one hundred and twenty-four cities, municipal districts, and towns policed, shows a fractional increase. Most of the by-laws acted upon were those having to do with offences against the traffic and liquor laws.

In the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, the R.C.M. Police enforce by-laws for the municipalities of Yellowknife, N.W.T., Hay River, N.W.T., Whitehorse, Y.T., and Dawson, Y.T., which include by-laws respecting traffic, dogs, curfew and firearms.

While Table 11 includes Municipal laws, the totals are not complete. The majority of these cases are not of sufficient importance to warrant compilation.

Territorial Ordinances.—Our detachments continue to enforce all of the Ordinances, the most important in so far as the number of cases is concerned being the Game Ordinances, the Dog Ordinances, Child Maintenance Ordinances, and Protection of Children Ordinances. The decrease in prosecutions under the Liquor Ordinances more than offset a slight rise in those under the Motor Vehicle Ordinances resulting in the total being less than that of last year.

Province	Liquor Acts			le and y Traffic		rovincial inicipal	Total		
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	
British Columbia	6,463	5,952	10,020	10,787	4,111	2,979	20,594	19,718	
Alberta	5,771	5,203	8,352	8,777	941	968	15,064	14,948	
Saskatchewan	3,353	3,889	4,253	6, 181	2,020	425	9,626	10,495	
Manitoba	2,217	2,363	3,787	4, 132	4,824	6,103	10,828	12,598	
New Brunswick	3,264	3,314	6,973	6,616	915	773	11,152	10,703	
Nova Scotia	7,210	6,990	3,432	5, 190	464	528	11,106	12,708	
Prince Edward Island	1,692	1,665	632	554	94	120	2,418	2,339	
Newfoundland	1,487	1,451	1,787	1,934	1,203	1,181	4,477	4,566	
Total	31,457	30,827	39, 236	44,171	14,572	13,077	85,265	88,075	
	36.8%	35.0%	46.2%	50.2%	17.0%	14.8%			

Table 11.—Provincial and Municipal Laws

Highway Traffic Control.—A heavy increase in our work of traffic law enforcement was reported last year and this trend continued unabated throughout the current period. One encouraging feature has been the reduction in offences under Section 285 of the Criminal Code, which covers dangerous, drunken and impaired driving, the total being down from 6,061 to 5,066.

In Saskatchewan the formation of a highway traffic squad resulted in the increase of the number of Vehicle Act prosecutions, although a steady growth in the number of vehicles operating in that Province in a relatively open winter is also recognized as a contributing factor. In Nova Scotia the enforcement of the Motor Vehicle Act has developed into one of the major problems. Every effort has been made to cope with the situation and special squads are maintained at Halifax. In addition, 15 motorcycles were distributed to the best advantage for exclusive traffic control duties. Also in this Province we continued the practice of conducting a mechanical check-up and a vehicle inspection program. Out of 65,693 vehicles checked, 4,843 were found to be in need of repair. A highway safety program was conducted in New Brunswick, our members being instructed in the testing of prospective drivers and the traffic warning system. Meetings with representatives of the Highway Safety League, Maritime Automobile Association, New Brunswick Publicity Bureau, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and municipal police forces once a month, afforded the opportunity of discussing mutual problems and the formulation of a policy to deal with the problem of vehicular traffic. The highway patrols operating in Alberta covered nearly one million miles, logged by 16 cars employed full time on this duty. The provincial legislature is giving consideration to the problem and has presently before it proposed amendments increasing penalties and adding new offences to the Highway traffic laws. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan the possibilities of radar speed detection devices are being explored by provincial authorities. It is hoped that the adoption of more effective control measures and a stricter policy of enforcement will have the desired effect in reducing the mounting toll of accidents. The effect of a similar program in British Columbia is seen in the decrease of motor vehicle accidents in that Province in recent months.

It will be noted from Table 12 that 44,171 cases were investigated for infractions of various statutes governing traffic. This shows the magnitude of the work done by our highway patrols, but the totals do not include offences dealt with under municipal by-laws, the number of highway patrols made or the number of cars checked.

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Table 12.—Summary of Highway Traffic Offences in Provinces Where Contracts

Are in Force

Province	Provincial Vehicle and Highway Traffic		Section 285 C.C.C. (Traffic)		Fatal Auto Accidents		Non-fatal Auto Accidents		Total	
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54
British Columbia	10,020	10,787	2,094	1,914	116	97	15,920	18,755	28,150	31,55
Alberta	8,352	8,777	1,074	888	135	200	7,552	8,003	17,113	17,86
askatchewan	4,253	6,181	683	820	92	110	7,751	7,888	12,779	14,99
Ianitoba	3,787	4,132	. 393	392	80	68	4,340	4,550	8,600	9,14
New Brunswick	6,973	6,616	736	696	112	111	3,032	3,113	10,853	10,53
Nova Scotia	3,432	5,190	. 609	718	108	. 98	4,555	5,030	8,704	11,03
Prince Edward Island	632	554	201	219	27	13	499	479	1,359	1,26
Newfoundland	1,787	1,934	271	319	28	30	1,364	2,066	3,450	4,34
Total	39,236	44,171	6,061	5,966	698	727	45,013	49,884	91,008	100,74

# Non-Criminal Investigations and Administrative Assistance

An increase was again recorded in the number of non-criminal investigations made by the Force. It will be noted from the incidence of these, set out in Table 13, there was a total of 153,175, an increase of 1,390 over last year's figure. These cases represent investigations that have been made where there were no actual breaches of any Statute. They are classified for the Force's statistical purposes as group two, and range from what might be called very minor enquiries to highly technical investigations. Frequently they require as much time to look into as those cases in which court action is eventually taken. They are also as diverse in nature as they are plentiful in number.

In the federal aspect the Force's work included investigations for other Departments of the Government, such as processing of visa applications, security enquiries, inspections of drug and hardware stores and explosive magazines, assistances to the Post Office Department, Family Allowance and Old Age Security Divisions and the Department of Transport. Field investigations of applicants for citizenship have been practically eliminated under a policy agreed to by the Department concerned. The volume of enquiries made for the general public, other police forces, municipal authorities and foreign agencies, remained constant.

In the Territories and Alberta the work pertaining to estates of deceased and insane persons was quite extensive and enquiries for missing persons contributed to the general increase in this phase of the work.

The outbreak of rabies last year has been reduced to non-epidemic proportions. In British Columbia, the disease was confined to the northern areas and of a number of specimens examined, the only positive findings were on those from the Peace River area. In Saskatchewan, a gratifying response was received from trappers, Indians, and other residents, in rounding up their dogs for mass inoculations in the Ile a la Crosse, Stoney Rapids and La Ronge areas. Rabies was identified by the pathologists in a great number of specimens sent in from various parts of the Territories and members of the Force have been inoculating dogs with vaccine on behalf of the Federal Department of Agriculture. With the decrease in the incidence of this disease in Alberta, controls were relaxed and the designated area is now that part of the province lying north of the 53rd parallel.

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	Average
British Columbia. Alberta. Saskatchewan. Manitoba. Ontario. Quebec. New Brunswick. Nova Scotia. Prince Edward Island. Nowfoundland. Northwest Territories and Yukon Ter-	13,487 11,552 16,826 8,238 5,240 6,039 771 422*	8,741* 18,333 12,039 13,917 15,885 7,193 6,523 7,164 854 2,641*	29,331 17,184 12,757 13,922 14,811 7,829 13,002 7,252 910 6,314	35,400 21,280 14,997 13,701 18,739 11,256 16,987 8,213 912 8,360	36,550 22,816 15,389 13,601 18,487 11,316 14,737 8,300 854 9,362	23,027 19,779 15,734 13,337 16,950 9,166 11,298 7,394 860 5,420
ritories	1,386	1,105	1,344	1,904	1,763	1,500
Total	88,357	94,395	124,656	151,785	153,175	122,466

Table 13.—Summary of Non-Criminal Investigations

<sup>\*</sup> Incomplete figures for period under review.

#### **Administrative Assistance**

In Table 14 will be found a five year summary showing the incidence of administrative assistance given other departments and authorities by the Force. This year a total of 177,659 was reported, an increase of 96,640 over last year. The statistics are misleading since the volume of work did not increase to this extent. The tremendous jump is the result of including cases in British Columbia not heretofore recorded. Some of these are the issuing of motor vehicle and other licenses, conducting drivers' tests, Doukhobor guard checks, checking trucks on highways regarding weights and other work not requiring a detailed report. Actually increases took place in all Provinces and the work remains heavy.

In British Columbia the total of services performed was 124,763, being an increase of over 250 per cent compared with last year's total. In that Province the Force performs duties under the Vital Statistics Act, a variety of licenses are issued and some taxes are collected for the Province. The onerous duty of serving civil processes was alleviated somewhat by amendments to the Small Debts Court Act, but this had no appreciable effect on the overall picture. In addition to regular race track supervision this duty was also performed at harness race meetings in Saskatchewan at the request of the Department of Agriculture. Revenue from issuance of highway traffic board permits, stock inspection fees, liquor permits and fur export permits was collected on behalf of the Provincial Government of Alberta. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick various wildlife surveys were conducted and assistance was rendered to the

British Columbia. Alberta. Saskatchewan. Manitoba. Ontario. Quebec. New Brunswick. Nova Scotia. Prince Edward Island. Newfoundland. Northwest Territorics and Yukon Territory.	1,051 2,762 3,705 3,598 2,535 1,145 1,542 353 9*	1950-51 697* 11,126 3,776 1,730 3,672 3,077 1,548 5,642 353 8* 21,418	1951-52 6,866 9,580 2,929 2,893 3,702 4,112 1,425 936 323 21 19,035 51,822	1952-53 35, 301 10, 797 2, 756 1, 953 3, 015 4, 841 938 748 415 98 20, 157	1953-54 124,763 12,761 3,004 1,832 4,267 5,186 1,643 590 525 51 23,037 177,659	33,689 9,063 3,045 2,423 3,651 3,950 1,340 1,892 394 37 20,990
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Table 14.—Summary of Administrative Assistances

respective Departments in the issuance of Forest Travel Permits and permits authorizing the collection of gull eggs. The sale of hunting and fishing licenses in Prince Edward Island netted that Province \$3,404 in revenue.

The administrative work performed in the Northwest Territories, the Yukon Territory and northern Quebec is extensive and varied. In particular, the work pertaining to Eskimo welfare, which consists of paying family allowances through a trader, issuing rations for the relief of destitute Eskimos, registering Vital Statistics, placing Eskimos for employment with mining concerns, defence establishments, prospectors and survey parties and arranging for payment of their wages for such employment, for their medical attention, for their transportation to hospital and generally safeguarding their interests is the main work performed by our members stationed in the Arctic. Last year families of Eskimos were moved from other parts of Eskimo territory to Resolute Bay on Cornwallis Island, and to Craig Harbour on Ellesmere Island. The Northwest Territories Administration sent them supplies and equipment with which to

<sup>\*</sup> Incomplete figures for period under review.

get established and to conduct trading posts of their own. An Eskimo was appointed as trader at each post under the supervision of the constable in

charge of the Detachment.

The work in Eskimo welfare necessitates long dog team patrols in winter, sometimes of two months duration, and long motor boat patrols in summer, which may take six weeks to complete. Some of the Eskimo camps and trading centres are located at great distances from our nearest Detachment and these patrols frequently travel long distances, often exceeding 1,000 miles a return trip by dog team and up to 600 miles by boat.

At the request of Northern Administration, all Detachments in Eskimo territory are presently compiling questionnaires on male Eskimo between ten and thirty years of age who might be considered suitable for vocational training.

Despite the welfare measures carried out, the Eskimos are still subject to periods of extreme hardship. During the past winter information was received that, due to the poor fish run and lack of caribou, the Eskimos of the Perry River and Garry Lake districts were destitute and on the verge of starvation. Food supplies were sent in by R.C.A.F. aircraft and the situation was brought under control. There were no fatalities among the Perry River natives, but a number of Eskimos starved to death at Garry Lake before word of their plight was received by Baker Lake Detachment. More patrols are being arranged for this area in the future and an additional aircraft is being obtained which will be based at Churchill, Manitoba, to improve our patrol coverage.

Throughout the Territories our members collect fur tax, issue game licenses, attend to the relief of destitute and sick white persons and Indians, collect gasoline tax and poll tax, act as special-mining recorders at certain places, are commissioners for oaths and notaries public, are registrars of vital statistics for the Northwest Territories, inspect weights and measures, measure vessels to determine their tonnage for registration under the Canada Shipping Act, are the postmasters at eight points, are Federal Fisheries officers, collectors of excise at two places, administration and customs officers at several places, are game officers, take water level readings in the regions at designated points, issue business licenses, assist the Indian agents in many ways, such as in Treaty payments and in administering Indian family allowances; serve civil processes for the sheriff in areas distant from towns, and issue automobile permits, all on behalf of the Northwest Territories administration, the Yukon Territorial Government and for various Federal Departments.

During the year an outbreak of polio occurred in the Yukon Territory and our members gave assistance to the doctors in this respect, particularly so in the Indian villages concerned, and helped Indian Health Services to locate and establish suitable isolation wards, and performed other general assistances. In the Maguse River area on the West coast of Hudson Bay, a detachment member established and enforced quarantine following the outbreak there.

#### Other Duties and Services

#### Special Branch and Emergency Planning Branch

The Emergency Planning Branch and the Special Branch continued to keep abreast of the activities in their respective fields.

#### Protection of Federal Government Property

The Force is charged with the responsibility for the security of many Federal Government buildings in several places across Canada.

The services of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires and the British Columbia Corps of Commissionaires have been again utilized for guard and patrol duties relative to the security of public buildings; a considerable saving in manpower has resulted, the role of the Force having been reduced to an administrative and supervisory one.

A total of 125 properties were afforded such protection, 78 being located in the Ottawa area. Contracts with both the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires and the B.C. Corps of Commissionaires were renewed to bring them in line with changing conditions. The relationship between the Force and the two Corps of Commissionaires continued to be excellent.

Distinguished Visitors:—Security arrangements were made, escorts were provided and crowd details were assigned for duty, during the visits of distinguished persons to Canada. These included His Imperial Highness Prince Akihito, the Crown Prince of Japan; His Majesty Norodom Sihamouk, King of Cambodia; Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O.; His Excellency Conrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany; The Right Honourable Sidney George Holland, Prime Minister of New Zealand; General Matthew B. Ridgway, Supreme Allied Commander, Allied Forces Europe; Doctor Sarvepailli Radhakrishnan, Vice President of India; President Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States.

Relationships with representatives of the press, radio and photographic organizations covering these events have been good and the system of issuing accreditation cards is being revised to eliminate as much last minute work and delays as possible.

#### **Publications**

The R.C.M.P. Gazette, a monthly publication, contains details concerning unsolved crimes, notes on recent interesting cases, articles about police work, and other related information of value to police forces generally, and is distributed nationally. Circulation rose steadily during the year and 1,278 copies are now sent out. A Gazette committee, recently formed, will study methods to improve the services provided by this publication.

The booklet Law and Order in Canadian Democracy comprises a series of essays having to do with the fundamentals and development of law and order in Canada. Last year a chapter on war crimes was incorporated and the chapter dealing with Communism was extended. The book was republished and distributed as well as being made available for sale from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, Ontario.

The R.C.M.P. Quarterly is the official general magazine of the Force. The paid circulation stands at 9,697. The year, financially, was a successful one. The Quarterly contains summaries of recent cases, articles of historical and general interest, and educational items dealing with the latest developments in scientific crime detection.

The booklet A Career in Scarlet, published last year for the purpose of giving prospective recruits a broad outline of the background, traditions and duties of the Force, was in great demand and the distribution had to be restricted to those for whom it was intended.

The Current Affairs publication entitled *The Royal Canadian Mounted Police* was reprinted for general distribution by the Force. It contains a fairly concise summary of the Force's history and present duties.

The R.C.M. Police *Tire Tread Book*, a booklet to aid members in the field to identify tire treads, was printed and distributed this year.

Table 15.—Summary of Identification Work

Sections and Nature of Work	1952-53	1953-54
Fingerprint Bureau, "H.Q." Ottawa Fingerprint forms received—Criminal. Fingerprint forms received—Non-criminal. Total Fingerprints forms received Identifications—Criminal. Identifications—Non-criminal. Active Files. Photographs received of persons under arrest or conviction.	61,982 95,199 157,181 44,314 6,220 436,575 19,412	69, 954 89, 206 159, 166 47, 857 6, 368 452, 391 25, 614
Scenes of Crime Fingerprint examinations made. Photography evidence and scenes recorded by. Reproductions for physical comparisons. Deceased persons fingerprinted. Persons fingerprinted for elimination or comparison. Prisoners fingerprinted on criminal charges. Prisoners photographed. Latent impressions identified—Criminal. Latent impressions identified—Non-criminal. Photostats made—general. Photographs made—general. Plans drawn. Unidentified photographic impressions to Ottawa for search or comparison. Visits to court to give evidence: Fingerprint.	1,870 1,968 217 52 8,404 1,692 2,672 652 1,104 61,176 151,719 486 302	2,645 2,447 324 45 5,496 6,382 6,086 824 1,354 87,444 177,537 236
Photography. Plan drawing. Physical comparisons.	488 239 35	55: 25: 70
Known criminals added to index. Additional information on criminals indexed. Unsolved crimes reported. Suggested identifications. Confirmed identifications. Wanted persons received for notation. Wanted persons identified. Case histories of sex offenders supplied to Penitentiaries Branch. Central Document Filing System: Fraudulent cheques, indexed known and unsolved. Fraudulent cheques received unsolved cases. Fraudulent cheques identified, unsolved cases. Anonymous letters received. Anonymous letters identified	2,671 1,379 598 1,328 634 115 2,971 1,003	2,011 868 4,057 2,977 822 2,137 1,111 188 2,683 1,437 900
Firearms Registration Total weapons registered. Weapons transferred Weapons destroyed Enquiries involving weapons Weapons identified.	341,265 5,172 169 6,213 400	349,64 6,53 21 5,97
Ticket of Leave Released on Ticket of Leave during year. Total at large on licences. Sentences completed under licences. Licences revoked for failing to live up to conditions. Licences forfeited for conviction of indictable offences.	$1,243 \\ 747 \\ 14$	81, 1,273 79 1

#### **National Police Services**

Identification Work.—Thirty identification sections were maintained throughout the operational divisions, outside of Ottawa, and staffed by members of the Force who are trained technicians; these sections were located mostly at sub-divisional points. All police departments, upon request, may use the services of the identification sections, which deal mainly with the gathering of evidence at the scene of crimes.

At Ottawa the Identification Branch performs the service of being a national clearing house for all police forces, gaols and penitentiaries in Canada in connection with criminal records, crime index information, firearms registration and ticket-of-leave matters, and advises all police departments through the R.C.M.P. Gazette, previously referred to, and the weekly card index. Furthermore, in those cases where Government employees are fingerprinted for identification purposes by their own departments, the fingerprints are submitted to the Branch for search and returned afterwards to the department concerned.

The Scenes of Crime section catalog the methods used by important criminals. This section also deals with such things as latent fingerprints, photographic data and comparison reproductions. In other words, it is mainly concerned with supplying the police in the field with data concerning unsolved crimes and wanted or suspected persons, and registering details about crime and criminals from reports sent in by police in the field.

The Force is responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Ticket-of-Leave Act. This Act authorizes the Governor in Council, under such conditions as he may deem fit, to grant to any convict a licence to be at large in Canada during all or any part of his unsatisfied sentence of imprisonment, the pertinent details of which are handled by the Ticket-of-Leave section.

Crime Detection Laboratories.—The volume of cases handled by the Crime Detection Laboratories at Regina, Sask., and Ottawa, Ont., increased from 908 to 1,068. Personnel were away on Court and other duties 896 days during which they travelled 301,538 miles. Additions to the staff are contemplated to cope with an expected increase of 10 per cent in work. The program of improvements and advances in techniques progressed favourably and research work continues. Two Seminars were held in Regina, attended by such well-known authorities in the medico-legal field as Dr. Charles G. Farmilo, Food and Drug Laboratories, National Health and Welfare, Ottawa; Dr. H. Ward Smith, Provincial Laboratories, Department of the Attorney-General for Ontario; C. C. Fulton, Ph.D., Chemist in charge of the Narcotic Division, Department of Social Affairs, United Nations, N.Y.; Dr. C. J. Umberger, Chief Medical Examiner's Office, New York; and B. J. White, Ph.D., Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington. Meetings of forensic societies and similar associations were attended both in Canada and the United States by members of the Laboratories.

Table 16.—Work Performed by the Crime Detection Laboratories

Subject	Total	Subject	Total
Serology Toxicology Firearm Examinations Bullet and Cartridge Case Examinations Shot and Powder Tests Ballistics Mechanical Investigations and Applied Physics Restoration of Serial Numbers Examination of Tool Impressions Physical Matching Hair, Fibre and Textile Examinations	50 '	Spectroscopic. Chemical Physical Writings Document Chemical Examinations. Document Physical Examinations. Photography. X-Ray Diffraction Infrared Spectrophotometry. Interchange of Work between Laboratories. Cases to other Federal Laboratories Cases to Provincial Pathologist.	520 11

#### "Marine" Division Services

The "Marine" Division, with headquarters at Halifax, operated 26 ships on the East and West Coasts and the Great Lakes. The distribution of these ships was as follows:—

#### Ships and Locations

Toronto, Ont.

Halifax, N.S. R.C.M.P.S. Irvine R.C.M.P.S. MacBrien R.C.M.P.S. French R.C.M.P. Schooner St. Roch Motor Launch Fort Pitt Motor Launch Fort Walsh Patrol Boat Big Bend North Sydney, N.S. Patrol Boat Brule Yarmouth, N.S. Patrol Boat Slideout Saint John, N.B. Patrol Boat Willow Bunch Quebec, Que. Patrol Boat Grenfell Montreal, Que. Patrol Boat Moosomin Kingston, Ont. Patrol Boat Carnduff Sault Ste. Marie Patrol Boat Chilcoot Sarnia, Ont. Patrol Boat Cutknife

Patrol Boat Shaunavon Windsor, Ont. Patrol Boat Tagish Kenora, Ont. Motor Boat Kenora Fort Frances, Ont. Motor Boat Fort Frances Vancouver, B.C. Patrol Boat Little Bow Ganges, B.C. M/L 6 Campbell River, B.C. M/L9Port Alice, B.C. M/L 10 Prince Rupert, B.C. M/L 15 Port Alberni, B.C. M/L 16 Ocean Falls, B. C. M/L 17 Zeballos, B.C. M/L 1

The "Commissioner" class ships (converted "Bangor" class diesel mine-sweepers) Irvine and MacBrien logged about 27,831 miles, and alternated in carrying out extensive sea patrols along the Newfoundland coast. The Irvine proceeded as far north as Nain along the Labrador coast. Both ships directed special attention to the waters surrounding the Island of St. Pierre Miquelon on Preventive Service duties. On several occasions these ships were diverted from routine patrols to co-operate with the Search and Rescue Division of the R.C.A.F. in aiding vessels in distress.

The motor launches Fort Pitt and Fort Walsh have also been active. The Fort Pitt, patrolling to Grand Bank, Newfoundland, was called upon to assist various detachments in searching ashore and in performing many public services. The Fort Walsh proceeded to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and carried out patrols from Bagotville to Rimouski, P.Q. Crew members of this motor launch also searched sea-going ships that called at Bagotville during the navigational period to load bauxite.

The schooner St. Roch was laid up under care and maintenance during the year.

In New Brunswick a squad of men from the "Marine" Division was placed on command to the land division of the Force in that Province to assist in searching sea-going ships at Saint John during winter operations. Similar assistance was rendered to the land division in Nova Scotia.

The presence of "Detachment" class patrol boats in the waters off the Maritimes, in the Great Lakes, and on the West Coast assisted greatly in the enforcing of the Customs and Canada Shipping Acts. These naval harbour craft have also played their part in giving assistance to disabled vessels, policing aquatic public functions, and transporting supplies and government personnel.

#### **Communications**

The sub-divisions at Dauphin, Manitoba, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and Red Deer, Alberta, were provided with mobile radio networks. At each of the sub-division headquarters a remotely located central station using a 150-foot steel tower antenna was set up as the main control point for the mobile system. Police cars were equipped with two-way radio units as follows: Dauphin—9, Yorkton—14, and Red Deer—10. In addition, detachment installations were made at ten of the more important points in the three sub-divisions. The systems went into operation approximately March 1, 1954, and provide two-way mobile radio coverage throughout practically all of the important areas under the jurisdiction of the sub-divisions as well as reliable communications with the associated divisional headquarters.

As well as the above a total of 39 additional cars were equipped with radio and added to existing systems throughout the Force on a geographical distribution as follows: Newfoundland—2, Prince Edward Island—3, Nova Scotia—10, New Brunswick—8, Ontario (Toronto)—2, Manitoba—1, Saskatchewan—7, and British Columbia—6. Further, five two-way portable units were purchased to fill urgent needs for this type of communication at various points and seven detachment offices were supplied with two-way equipment on the mobile frequencies.

In the Far North the new detachments opened at Sach's Harbour and Alexandra Fiord, together with the two small patrol boats operating out of Chesterfield Inlet and Port Harrison, were equipped with small radiotelephones to communicate with the R.C.C.S., Department of Transport and Hudson's Bay Company posts in the area.

Since 1947 the major portion of the inter-divisional telegraphic traffic of the Force has been handled by the Department of National Defence Communications System; however, during the Fall of 1953 the Department indicated that it would be necessary to discontinue this service as soon as alternative means for communication could be arranged. It was accordingly decided to step up the use of the Trans-Canada emergency radiotelegraphic circuits operated by the Force, passing as much traffic by this means as possible, and to utilize the commercial telegraph facilities only for that portion which could not be otherwise handled. The use of the National Defence System will be terminated on March 31, 1954, and it is estimated that three-quarters of the traffic will be passed via the radio circuits. In this connection two new links were added to the chain of radiotelegraph stations during the year, one at St. John's, Newfoundland, and the other at Fredericton, New Brunswick. The network now services all divisions with the exception of "O" Division, Toronto.

#### **Police Dog Services**

The activities of the Dog Section have increased by approximately 12 per cent as compared to those of the previous fiscal year. The 15 dogs—two Dobermann Pinchers and thirteen German Shepherds—operating across Canada were on call 851 times. It is interesting to note that calls on dogs for liquor and excise work are diminishing from year to year. It is accepted that certain people are beginning to realize that there is no more such a thing as a "safe cache" when the dog is given the command "Booze". On the other hand, calls for tracking of criminals, searching for lost and missing persons and articles are on the increase, with a marked rise in the number of successful cases. The following is the breakdown of 851 cases, on percentage basis:

Tracking Criminals .....26.8% of calls—46.6% successful Lost and Missing Persons 20.0% of calls—33.3% successful Search Articles ......12.2% of calls—45.6% successful Excise and Liquor ......41.0% of calls—15.7% successful

Six new Masters were trained and added to the Section as replacements. Six dogs were struck off strength of the Force, having been retired or found unsuitable. They were replaced with new stock. At present we have six more dogs in training at our training centre, Sydney, N.S.

The training kennels at Sydney have been enlarged and improved during the past year. Replacement of ordinary cars with panel or delivery trucks has resulted in a marked improvement in the transportation of dogs while on duty. The undertaking of breeding our own stock is showing good results.

#### "Air" Division Services

"Air" Division, with its headquarters at Ottawa, operated nine aircraft —4 Beavers, 2 Beechcraft, 1 Stinson, 1 Norseman, and 1 Grumman Goose from nine detachments throughout Canada, as listed below:-

	Detachment		Aircraft	٠.
٠.	Ottawa			
	Regina			
	Edmonton	·	Beechcraft	
1 1,41.	Patricia Bay, B.C		Grumman	Goose
	Winnipeg		Beaver	
	Winnipeg		Beaver	
:	Fort Smith, N.W.T		Norseman	
	Prince Albert, Sask		Beaver	
Tell John	Prince Albert, Sask St. John's, Newfoundlan	d	Beaver	
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These aircraft logged some 517,000 miles. In addition to the nine operational

aircraft a Cornell was used extensively for pilot training at Ottawa.

The services provided by "Air" Division have, as might be expected, ranged widely. They included the transporting of supplies, personnel and prisoners, the conducting of aerial searches for lost persons, escaped prisoners, wanted criminals, stricken vessels in coastal waters, and occasionally stolen livestock and automobiles. They have also assisted in making border patrols on Customs and Excise Preventive Service duties, and generally performed a great number of other police services.

A typical illustration of the use made of aircraft will be found in the case "Willie Petersen, Missing Prospector—Barkerville, B.C." included in Appendix A. and the second of the second o

# Collection of Revenue

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Revenue collected on behalf of federal, provincial, municipal and other authorities amounted to \$2,034,149.28, a decrease of \$155,779.18 from the previous year. These moneys were made up as follows:

# For the Federal Government:

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Revenue—general	\$263,215.95	taray talah ay ay ay a
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For the various	Provincial Gov	ernments:		en de graf Maria (1997) Graf de Graf (1997)
Revenue g	general	•••••••	\$349,435.95 \$27,373.59 \$4,950.61	
Costs			34,950.6	More than the second of the se

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#### For the various Municipal Authorities:

Reven	ue—general	 \$ 50.00

For Others:

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Strength.—The total strength of the Force on March 31, 1954, was six thousand two hundred and twenty-two, which consists of the following classes of personnel:

(1)	Uniform	Strength:
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	124 4,296	Officers Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables 4
4,420	411 456	Special Constables
867		_
		Civil Servants:
	$\begin{array}{c} 162 \\ 773 \end{array}$	Permanent Temporary
935		_
6,222		Total

This is a net increase from last year of 215,, made up as follows: 87 uniformed members, 63 civil servants, and 65 civilians. The Reserve Force stands at 290, a decrease of 30.

Although there were 30 less engagements and 5 less re-engagements this year as compared to last year, recruiting has maintained a steady, consistent pace. This is the first time since the re-commencement of recruiting after the Second World War that the Force has been up to full authorized strength. In the past fiscal year 466 recruits were engaged from a total of 1073 interviewed by personnel officers, and 15 former members were re-engaged. The year before 496 recruits were taken on.

The employment of civil servants for clerical duties releases uniformed members of the Force for general police duties. At present there are 935 civil servants attached to the Force. Other civilian employees work in various special capacities and are deserving of much credit for the manner in which they have performed their work.

During the year five commissioned officers, eighty-eight non-commissioned officers, twenty-one constables and eight special constables were retired to pension.

Promotions affecting commissioned ranks took place as follows: one assistant commissioner promoted to senior assistant commissioner: four superintendents promoted to assistant commissioner: seven inspectors promoted to superintendent: eighteen sub-inspectors promoted to inspector and six non-commissioned officers received their commissions as sub-inspectors.

A recapitulation of the strength of the Force will be found in Table 17.

Pay.—There was a general increase in pay during 1953 affecting all ranks. Table 18 shows the new rates of pay. Due to this increase a revision was made in the salaries of special constables and employed civilians.

Discipline.—A high level of discipline was constantly striven for, and few breaches of the Force's regulations occurred.

<del></del>	Commissioner	D/Commis- sioner	A/Commis- sioners	Superintendents	Inspectors	S/Inspectors	C/S/Major	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Constables	Special Constables	Civilians	Totals	Saddle Horses	Police Dogs	Sleigh Dogs	Aeroplanes	Motor Cars	Motor Trucks	Motor Cycles	Snow Sedans
"HQ" Division, Ontario. "B" Division, Nfld. "L" Division, P.E.I. "H" Division, N.S. "J" Division, N.B. "C" Division, Que "N" Division, Ont. "A" Division, Ont. "O" Division, Ont. "Dt" Division, Man. "Dpt" Division, Sask. "F" Division, Sask. "F" Division, Alta. "E" Division, B.C. "G" Division, B.C. "G" Division, B.C. "MR Territories. —Yukon Territory. "Marine" Division.			5 1 1 1 1 1 1	8 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 2 2 3 2 1	22 1 1 3 3 3 3 2 3 4 4 4 12 2 1 5	.5 1 1 1 1 	1	18 3 1 4 3 3 3 2 3 5 3 8 7 13 3 9 3	54 8 3 15 12 17 2 17 14 23 14 28 34 60 3 11 7	100 22 7 42 34 47 15 34 39 60 11 72 81 130 15 4 17	183 118 33 148 126 185 98 178 139 218 308 274 352 652 73 326 4	29 1 6 7 21 11 9 9 17 32 10 30 38 26 1 152 12	125 5 15 12 29 40 24 17 19 51 12 29 40 24 17 19 51 22 23 40 24 17 19 11 12 12 13 15 15 16 17 17 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	551 160 48 235 198 307 172 226 349 423 412 548 973 125 42 221 30	61	7 2 2 3 1 4	255	10	6 27 18 94 72 90 6 6 37 77 112 9 154 187 233	23 31 44 45 41 67 75 10 21 76 1	7 3 17 17 10 1 5 	1
Totals	1	1	12	25	73	12	1	91	324	732	3,148	411	456	5,287	193	20	272	10	1,134	87	72	5
"Headquarters" Staff. Newfoundland. Prince Edward Island. Nova Scotia. New Brunswick. Quebec. Ontario. Manitoba. Saskatchewan. Alberta. British Columbia. North West Territories. Yukon Territory. On Command—Spl. Duty Abroad.			4  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7 1 4 2 3 3 2	13 1 1 8 4 4 6 5 9 4 13 2 1 2	4 1  1 3  2	1	16 3 1 12 3 13 13 13 13 13 	49 8 3 24 13 17 39 23 45 34 62 3 2	84 23 7 52 34 48 99 57 88 82 137 10 4 7	139 118 32 201 128 189 437 217 579 357 629 67 33 22	23 3 133 15 24 38 17 44 32 52 23 1 6	110 5 3 15 12 29 87 19 69 35 65 2 1	451 163 47 448 210 316 728 346 852 558 974 107 42 45	61	 8 1  2 2 2 4	255	1  2 1 2 1 2	6 27 18 95 72 90 120 112 163 187 233 3	2 3 2 4 10 6 12 10 21 8 5	7 3 17 17 17 5 1 6 5	1 2 1
Totals	1	1	12	25	73	12	1	91	324	732	3,148	411	456	5,287	193	20	272	10	1,134	87	72	5

Table 18.—Rates of Pay of the Force on March 31st, 1954

Rank and Grades	Pay per month	Scale per annum
Commissioner Deputy Commissioner. Senior Assistant Commissioners. Assistant Commissioners.	1,000 00 1,000 00 770 00 616 00 to 671 00	\$15,000 00 12,000 00 12,000 00 12,000 00 9,240 00 7,392 00 to 8,052 00
Inspectors	539 00 to 594 00	6,468 00 to 7,128 00
Sub-Inspectors Corps Sergeant-Major. Staff Sergeants.	517 00 443 00	6,204 00 5,316 00 4,896 00 to 5,136 00
Sergeants	369 00 to	4,428 00 to
Corporals	000 00	4,668 00 4,020 00 to 4,164 00
Constables 1st Class (6th year) (Discretionary).  Constables 1st Class (6th year).  Constables 1st Class (4th year).  Constables 1st Class (3rd year).  Constables 1st Class (2rd year).  Constables 1st Class (1st year).  Constables 2rd Class (Two years in rank).  Constables 3rd Class  Probationary period of one year.  Special Constables.	320 00 310 00 290 00 280 00 266 00 254 00 230 00 (At rates aut)	3,840 00 3,720 00 3,480 00 3,360 00 3,192 00 3,048 00 2,760 00 2,436 00 aorized by the
Civilian Employees.	(At rates auth Min	norized by the ster)

Health and Insurance.—A decrease of three and one-half per cent took place in the number of days lost through sickness. The health of the members of the Force was generally good. Nine deaths occurred. The Department of Veterans' Affairs continued to look after the Force's medical, dental and hospital requirements in a satisfactory manner.

The group insurance plan which came into effect January 1, 1953 now has an enrolment of three thousand two hundred and twenty. Further, 88 per cent of the recruits engaged in the Force since April 1 have applied to take advantage of this group insurance coverage. Seven claims were paid during the year.

Bands.—The bands at Ottawa and Regina played ninety-one engagements during the year which included seventeen appearances by the dance orchestras. Many functions were participated in and school and summer concerts given. Total strength of the bands is sixty-nine, which includes one special constable and two reserve constables, all under the direction of the supervisor of music. Twenty-one members passed examinations of the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. Plans are now being finalized for the tour of British Columbia in the summer of 1954 by the Regina Band.

Training.—With the extra-curricular activities entailed in the preparation of the Coronation contingent\*, the Governor General's Escort, and the Musical Ride, which made appearances at Aylmer, Ont., Sherbrooke, P.Q., New York City, N.Y., Ottawa and Toronto, training facilities at the three schools were taxed to capacity during 1953-54. Urgent repairs to Fairmont Barracks limited its training facilities to one squad (30 men) for a period of approximately

<sup>\*</sup> See Appendix A

three months. Despite the extra assignments and other interferences, results of regular training are closely comparable to those of the previous fiscal year. The following is the recapitulation of the over-all training:

## Regular Training

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Completed recruit training and posted to field duty	450												
Received full training in equitation (recruits)													
Indoctrination of ex-B.C.P.P													
Refresher of serving members													
													Specialized training of serving members
Training of Marine personnel													
Extra-Curricular Training													
Coronation Troop													
Governor General's Escort	18												
Musical Ride	34												

There are at present 414 members undergoing recruit and advanced training started during the year.

The training syllabus is now being revised to include equitation for every recruit. This will mean integrating of academic work with riding. Heretofore as many recruits as possible were given equitation either before or after six months of academic work, or were recalled for equitation at a later stage of their service. Under the new system basic training is being extended and every recruit will be a trained rider when he leaves for field duty.

The year 1953-54 was the first in which three Canadian Police Colleges were held. Circumstances permitting, it is proposed to hold three classes every year from now on. This is necessary to take care of applications from outside police forces, inclusive of foreign countries, and to catch up on the heavy backlog of our own personnel.

Qualifying for their revolver marksmanship badges were 959 members; this number includes two members of the Reserve Force. 345 members also qualified for their rifle marksmanship badges.

Keen interest was again shown in service rifle competitions. A good representation from the Force qualified at various Provincial Rifle Association meets for places on teams taking part in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association meet at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa in August, 1954. Three members won places on the team that is to represent Canada at the National Rifle Association meet at Bisley, England in 1954. 10240, Sgt. C. C. Wilson of "A" Division: 10804, Sgt. J. H. Blais and Spl. Cst. J. F. R. Doucet of "C" Division.

Sgt. Wilson has qualified for the third consecutive year having shot at Bisley in 1952 and 1953. Spl. Cst. Doucet has qualified for the second consecutive year. It is the second time that Sgt. Blais has made the team in recent years.

Horses and Sleigh Dogs.—There are 193 horses, seventy-three at "Depot" Division, sixty-one at "N" Division, and fifty-nine at the breeding station at Fort Walsh, Sask. This is an increase of seventeen over last year's total.

There are 272 sleigh dogs for use in northern areas.

Honours, Awards and Commendations.—Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was graciously pleased to accept the position of Honorary Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The R.C.M.P. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was awarded to 175 members of the Force: twenty-four officers, 114 non-commissioned officers and constables, four special constables and thirty-three ex-members. Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal was awarded to forty-eight officers, 161 non-commissioned officers and constables, five special constables, four employed civilians, seventeen civil servants and four ex-members.

In recognition of his contribution in time and effort to the advancement of first aid, the admission of 12454, Sgt. E. H. R. Nesbitt of "E" Division was sanctioned as Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

17079, 2/Cst. J. L. West of "K" Division was granted a Meritorious Certificate by the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, in recognition of his successful application of artificial respiration to a patient who had been taken from the Drumheller Swimming Pool in an apparently drowned condition, and who was paralyzed from the neck down as a result of two fractured cervical vertebrae.

17343, Cst. R. E. Myles, of "E" Division was successful in effecting the rescue of three boys who were marooned on an island in the flood-swollen Coldwater River at Meritt, British Columbia. This constable received the Commissioner's commendation and a grant of \$25 from the Fine Fund.

15841, Cst. R. G. Moulton of "G" Division was successful in recovering the body of a four year old boy who had drowned in the Alsek River at Haines Junction, Y.T. For his courage and perseverance in this instance, in which he was subjected to a great deal of personal danger, this member received the Commissioner's commendation.

## Supply

Badge of the Force.—For some years it was recognized that the details of the badge of the Force did not strictly comply with heraldic form, and in 1950 steps were first taken to have it properly redesigned following the recommendations of the Honourable Sir George Bellew, K.C.V.O., Garter Principal King of Arms, College of Arms, London, England. More recently, in compliance with Her Majesty's wishes, the Tudor Crown was replaced by a reproduction of the St. Edward's Crown.

The new badge, which is now enrolled in the Archives of the College of Arms, was finished and introduced this year, and is described as follows: A bison's head facing frontwise, in natural colours, on a blue background, surrounded by a blue band, with a gold border, inscribed with the motto "Maintiens Le Droit", in gold, surrounded by twelve green maple leaves. Under the device, a gold-edged blue scroll bearing the legend: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in gold. Above the device, the St. Edward's Crown in the proper colours and metals. Under the crown, on a blue scroll, the name Canada.

Uniform.—Several changes in the uniform of the Force were adopted. The style of the officers' brown service dress now follows the military officers' pattern and the cloth, formerly a brown serge, is brown barathea. For all ranks a well-tailored and lighter coloured brown shirt made of poplin was introduced and will gradually replace the heavier khaki broadcloth shirts presently in stock.

New parkas of blue aerocord, lined with red quarter inch pile, were issued to members in outlying detachments for trial as to suitability and durability.

Summer weight breeches have been approved for issue. These will consist of a lightweight whipcord cloth. Worsted shoulder badges are to be worn on brown jackets, brown battledress and parkas and will replace the present metal badges. Civilian chauffeurs were issued with a special uniform consisting of brown battledress, great coats and special cloth caps, for which a special badge was made.

General Supplies and Equipment.—No serious difficulty has been experienced in the procurement of general supplies, clothing, kit and other equipment. Deliveries were much more satisfactory than has been the case in previous years. At the end of March, 1954, the quantities of clothing and kit remaining undelivered were much smaller than in any recent year. Generally speaking, supplies were of good quality, although, as in a previous year, some complaints were received on the scarlet serge tunic, which is apparently the most difficult of our garments to manufacture.

Prices for wool and cotton goods remained about the same as in 1952-53.

The Force purchased 433 new units of motor transport, the great majority of which were, of course, replacements for old vehicles. The mileages at which old cars were replaced, decreased slightly and averaged 72,300 against 73,000 in the previous fiscal year. The average net cost of units of motor transport remained approximately the same as the fiscal year 1952-53 and on the whole, the service obtained from the fleet of cars owned by the Force was satisfactory in all respects.

A new workshop has now been established in Ottawa to handle all repairs to arms, east of Winnipeg. A shop has been set up in Regina for the purpose of repairing all arms in the western divisions.

A revolving fund has been established for the purchase of cloth for making up uniforms.

The system of centralization followed by the stationery section, whereby all stationery supplies and office equipment are distributed direct from Ottawa, continues to function satisfactorily. Approximately 275 tons of stationery have been shipped from central stores this year.

The cost of stationery and printing supplies has shown an overall increase although certain items have decreased in price. Paper and paper products have remained firm, but printing charges have increased.

A concerted effort is being made to replace the large number of old and worn-out typewriters on distribution throughout the Force, all of which are from 20 to 30 years old. Some three hundred units will have been replaced by April 1, 1954. This procedure will continue through 1954-55, until 325 more machines are replaced.

Quarters.—The sum of \$3,869,819 was voted for new construction in 1953-54, but only sixty per cent of the building programme planned was completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Over half a million dollars was set aside for that purpose in Newfoundland, but only two buildings were finished, at Twillingate and Glovertown; the contracts for these projects had been awarded in 1952. The delay in construction in this Province was caused by the difficulty in obtaining a building suitable for the particular areas concerned. It was intended to erect detachment quarters at Burgeo, Baie Verte, Harbour Breton, Ferryland, Port Saunders, Fogo and Springdale but, with the exception of Springdale, it was found that the sites chosen were not practicable for the standard type of police dwelling usually built. Several plans were drawn up by the Department of Public Works, and finally, a building plan designated as the one-storey type, was selected. This design can be adapted to meet the varying conditions peculiar to the country. The one-storey type will be used at Battle Harbour, Cartwright, Hopedale and Nain in Labrador.

On the mainland, standard type detachment buildings were erected at Kentville, N.S., Ste. Rose du Lac, Man., Uranium City, Sask., Lake Cowichan and Salmo. B.C.

Detachment quarters are nearing completion at Glace Bay, N.S., Norway House and Churchill, Man., Osoyoos and Red Pass in B.C. Contracts have been awarded at Alberton, P.E.I., Newcastle, N.B., Tisdale, Sask., Alexis Creek and Port Edward in B.C.

The policy of purchasing quarters, in preference to building, is being followed wherever possible. Detachment quarters were purchased at Minto and Grand Falls, N.B., Borden, P.E.I., Spiritwood, Sask., and living quarters for the married N.C.O. at Hay River, N.W.T.; also officers' quarters at Lethbridge, Alta., Halifax, N.S. and St. John's, Nfld.

It is expected that the construction of detachment buildings planned for Newfoundland in 1953 will be completed next year, and that quarters will be well under way at Alert Bay, Burns Lake, Fort Nelson, B.C.; Broadview, Estevan, Cumberland House, Sask.; Russell, Man.; Moose Factory and Windsor, Ont.; New Glasgow, Shubenacadie or Stewiacke and Amherst, N.S.; Campbellton, Newcastle, Edmundston, N.B.; Souris, P.E.I. and in the northern sections of Canada at Fort Chimo, P.Q.; Arctic Red River, Resolution, Clyde River, N.W.T.

It is intended, also, to construct quarters for married men stationed at points where rented accommodation is either impossible to obtain or extremely high. Married quarters are planned at Grand Falls and St. John's, Nfld; Prince George and Prince Rupert, B.C. It is intended as well to purchase officers' quarters at Prince George, where a suitable residence cannot be rented. Quarters for officers will be erected at Sydney, N.S. and at Fredericton, N.B.

Major construction projects, such as alterations to the subdivision headquarters building at Vancouver, B.C., installation of new water mains and sewers at Regina, Sask., alterations and improvements to Spadina Avenue Barracks, Ottawa, Ont., and repairs to the heating and lighting system at Fredericton, N.B., are progressing.

At Rockcliffe, the new feed storage building was erected and the addition to the present barrack building is nearing completion.

At Regina, the new "C" Block is almost finished. The new Riding School was completed and the old building converted to a drill hall. Plans are being prepared for a barracks block ("B") and a division mess at Regina, a combination garage and a storage and artisans building at Edmonton, Alta. Plans are being prepared, also, for the new division headquarters at Charlottetown, P.E.I.; and subdivision headquarters at Moncton, N.B. and Lethbridge, Alta. In the Northwest Territories, negotiations are being finalized for the purchase of a hangar at Fort Smith, N.W.T., for the use of the "Air" Division, and plans are being made for the erection of a building there so that the technicians can be cared for.

Rentals have increased by ten per cent over the past year. Even so, rented accommodation is becoming more difficult to obtain since landlords wish to sell their property in preference to leasing.

No serious damage to government owned property was experienced this year, but in rented quarters a tornado destroyed the Sarnia detachment and in Hamiota, Man., the roof of rented quarters was damaged by fire resulting in a loss of \$250.00. At Keno, Y.T., fire destroyed the rented garage valued at \$500.00.

## Conclusion

No outstanding changes occurred this year, though certain progress was made in setting up in draft form a new and detailed establishment of the Force and by improving and adjusting our operating methods.

As already pointed out, the strength of the Force reached the maximum authorized, and it is hoped that this level can be maintained in the future. I feel sure that the pay increase authorized from December 1 has had much to do with this satisfactory condition.

The co-operation received from the Organization and Methods Division of the Civil Service Commission has again been of marked value. The survey conducted of certain functions of our office layouts and procedures, and the changes adopted as a result of this, have plainly increased the efficiency and economy in the sections concerned. The survey has been broadened to include other administrative facilities, the results of which it is hoped will bring about similar improvements.

In June I attended the session of the Northwest Territories Council at Fort Smith, as well as the session held in Ottawa in December. In the fall I addressed the annual meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police held at Detroit. Earlier I attended the annual meeting of the Chief Constables Association in Vancouver.

I have been appointed Commandant of the Canadian Bisley Team for 1954 and, with approval, will be leaving Canada early in June for England with the Team, which I am pleased to say includes three members of the Force. In April, 1954, I plan on accompanying a regular police patrol from Coppermine to Cambridge Bay, travelling by dog team.

The friendly co-operation received from all Government departments and agencies is gratefully acknowledged. Moreover, the support given to us in those Provinces where we act as the provincial police and in the many towns and cities that we are under contract with has once again been encouraging. And I am pleased to say that the close co-operation between other Canadian law-enforcement bodies and the Force, a mutually vital link in the country's policing system, remained on a high level.

The many special consultants and advisers that we have called upon from time to time in assorted professional fields, some from the Government service and others from outside agencies, have again proven most helpful, and to them I wish to extend my thanks. My thanks are also due the Press for accurately reporting the work of the Force and for their consideration shown at other times.

I must also express my special thanks to all members of the Force, regular and reserve, civilian employees and civil servants for the splendid co-operation and loyalty so keenly displayed throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

L. H. NICHOLSON, Commissioner.

## Appendices

## Appendix A

Selected from the medley of cases and events that occurred this year, the following are included in this report because it is felt that each illustrates certain features of the Force's work that may be of interest to the public and other police forces.

Soo Wing Chor-Opium and Narcotic Drug Act

Heroin, one of the deadliest narcotic drugs, is a white crystalline powder so fine in texture it will almost disappear when rubbed into the skin. The proper name of the drug, which is processed chemically from morphine, the principal alkaloid of opium, is Diacetylmorphine. But heroin is a more powerful drug than morphine. To the addict, one unit of morphine is equivalent to one-third of a unit of heroin. And of all the narcotics, heroin has the severest habit-forming qualities.

Despite the fact that both morphine and opium cost less, heroin has become the most popular drug of addiction in use in Canada. Calculated on the requirement of three to four grains of heroin a day at \$5 per grain, which is the average minimum street price, the daily cost to the addict is \$15. This amounts to about \$5,400 yearly, or some \$16,200 in terms of stolen goods, since the buyer of such articles seldom pays more than one-third value. It is therefore not surprising to find among the criminal element of any large city—the shoplifters, prowlers, forgers, prostitutes, pimps, gamblers and thieves—a high incidence of drug addiction.

Early in 1952 R.C.M.P. investigators in Vancouver stopped and searched a man whom they believed was carrying narcotics. They found none. But while they were searching him, he dropped a vague but significant piece of information, information that was to lead to the largest seizure of heroin in western Canada up to that time. Why, he asked them, were they bothering with him. He was just small time. Why didn't they get Joe, the "Chino", and his woman who had a whole pound of "H" and who were "capping up" on a farm near Haney. In the clipped, curious jargon of the underworld, "Chino" refers to a Chinese, "capping up" to the method of packaging certain narcotics for sale to addicts on the street, "H" to heroin.

With the purchase price of bulk heroin on the illicit market ranging from \$400 to \$700 per ounce, depending on the quality (compared with \$10 when purchased legally from wholesale druggists), and the average street price of \$5 per grain—a profit to the peddler of some \$1,785 for each ounce sold, and considerably more since it is usually adulterated at least seventy per cent—it was taxing the credulity of even these experienced policemen to ask them to believe that a pound of heroin could be found in any one place. Their experience, however, told them how valuable a scrap of information like this could be. If there was a pound of heroin and if they could get it, then they might have some one bigger than a mere street peddler. A "back-end" man, a supplier perhaps, or better still, the "connection" himself, the man next up the line who receives the bulk drug and distributes it to peddlers.

Unfortunately, they could get no more information from their man, and what little they had was extremely vague: a Chinese named Joe, a common name among men of this race in Canada; a farmhouse at Haney, B.C.; an unidentified woman.

Local enquiries made immediately through the underworld channels available to the police brought out further bits of information. There was a farm, a new house was being built on it, but exactly where at Haney the sources didn't or couldn't reveal. The woman was likely Catherine Couturier, known to be a former peddler of narcotics, and to have served a prison term for prostitution.

Now the investigation swung to Haney. Enquiries at the land registry offices to establish the location of the farm proved fruitless. Then a highway patrol constable operating out of Mission recalled having recently served a summons on a man who was building a new house on a farm near Ruskin, ten miles out of Mission. He took the investigators there.

It wasn't long before their enquiries in the neighbourhood had unearthed further interesting facts. A woman resembling Catherine Couturier's description lived on the farm with a Chinese known by the name of Joe King. They were away in Vancouver and not expected back for two or three days.

When they returned, the police had the farm under observation from the basement window of a house in the district. They kept watch for fortyeight hours, and what they saw in that time left no doubt in their minds that Joe King was the man they wanted. His movements followed the pattern of most narcotic traffickers in their attempts to outwit the police.

Late on the second night, in a cold driving rain, the investigators crawled on their bellies over the one hundred yards distance to the King house. They dug out the glass sealers they had seen being buried near the outbuildings. They found that these contained several ounces of white powder, undoubtedly heroin, and a quantity of gelatine capsules, which, with each holding approximately one grain of heroin, have become the standard unit in the illegal street traffic, since the capsule lends itself to rapid disposal by swallowing should the police come on the scene unexpectedly. They retained a large portion of the drug to safeguard it and substituted lactose (milk sugar), and reburied the sealers.

At five o'clock the following morning they raided the house and arrested Joe King, whose real name was Yip Yee Fong, and Catherine Couturier. More capsules with heroin were found, as well as the usual addict's paraphernalia belonging to the woman. The total amount of heroin seized was almost fourteen ounces, enough to supply the needs of a score of addicts for many months.

Both Yip Yee Fong and Catherine Couturier were later sentenced to terms

of imprisonment in the penitentiary.

But the way in which the narcotic was packaged showed only too clearly that Yip and the woman were operating close to the street peddlers, at the lower end of the nefarious distribution system. This was the aspect of the case that gave the police the least satisfaction. Where was Yip getting the drug? Who was the man higher up?

In Vancouver the underworld channels again supplied a possible answer. Yip, it was learned, was connected with a Chinese named Soo Wing Chor. Soo had an interest in a cafe on Vancouver's Powell Street, a favourite type of rendezvous and a mode of cover for traffickers and their dupes. A close watch was kept on this place. The months passed without anything concrete coming to light.

Meanwhile, as a result of a separate investigation by the narcotic squad, thirty-one traffickers were brought to Court, twenty-six of them being sentenced to penitentiary terms of imprisonment. This occurred early in 1953, and was to play its part in closing the circle around Soo.

In August, 1953, Soo Wing's cafe went out of business and was re-opened the following month as a Chinese gambling house known as the "J.C.S. Club". The same month a report reached the police that Soo was selling high quality heroin direct to peddlers. If this was so, the police reasoned that Soo was taking this chance because the round-up of peddlers earlier in the year had

cut off his middle men. It was known, too, that he had suffered heavy financial loss in his venture into the cafe business. He needed money and was therefore becoming careless. He was exposing himself, and the police were quick to take advantage of this.

Working undercover a member of the Force went into operation. This is a necessary and often dangerous assignment in drug work. It is difficult especially when dealing with Orientals, whose language, ethics and mode of living differ so greatly sometimes from the Western way of life.

In November a critical hurdle of this phase of the investigation was met and overcome. The carefully laid plan to have the undercover, posing as a prospective buyer, strike up an acquaintance with Soo Wing Chor was accomplished. Soo accepted him without apparent suspicion.

After this, several test purchases were made from Soo, each following the same pattern. The undercover would hand over the money to the Chinese, who would then tell him to pick up the drug later under a small platform supporting garbage tins in a lane behind the "J.C.S. Club".

Sufficient transactions had now been made to set up a plan to secure the evidence that would lead to Soo's prosecution. A "meet" was arranged for November 9. The transfer of money took place. Later the undercover proceeded to the lane where he picked up the narcotics he had paid for. This time, however, his movements had been witnessed by other plainclothesmen of the drug squad.

The police could have acted at this point, but rather than have the success of this vital case hinge on this one transaction, arrangements were made for another purchase the next evening.

In a cafe on East Hastings Street the plan was again carried out, with one slight but important difference. The undercover, when he handed the money to Soo, and Soo made a motion to put it in his pocket, insisted that the Chinese count it. Soo obligingly did so. The bills had been previously dusted with fluorescent powder, some of which the police hoped would adhere to Soo's hands.

The undercover then left the cafe. Soo left soon after, followed by another member of the narcotic squad who saw him enter the "J.C.S. Club". About nine o'clock Soo came out and placed a cigarette package under the garbage platform. The investigators now on the scene checked the drug contents of this package and replaced it before the undercover came to pick it up.

It had been obvious all along that Soo was caching his supply of drugs at the Club, and now the last stroke of the plan was carried out. The Club was raided.

Six plainclothesmen were used for this operation, one a member of the Vancouver City Police. Three remained outside to cover the doors and windows. Three entered the building.

As the investigators stepped into the gambling room, the scene they saw was one they encounter frequently in their work. The room was smoke-filled and dimly lit. Some sixty Chinese were grouped around green baize tables, faces impassive, heads and shoulders bent low over their cards. The single light above each table brought out sharply the features of the "houseman" sitting by his wood rack holding the counters for the "oomgaw" players.

Hardly a glance had been given the police as they had entered, but now there was a gradual, almost imperceptible change in the low, musical hum of their conversation, enough to tell the police their presence was well known. They saw Soo Wing Chor standing behind one of the tables and moved quickly to his side. They took him to a small office adjoining the gambling room.

In his profession, which exposes him to much of the sordid side of life, the peace officer seldom finds much cause for laughter. When he does he finds it sometimes under the most unusual circumstances. The powder used to

mark the bills in this instance doesn't react to daylight or tungsten illumination, but fluoresces strongly when under ultra-violet rays. As the lights were flicked off, the investigator plugged in a portable ultra-violet lamp and directed its rays at Soo's hands. It was difficult for the police to keep from smiling at the expression of utter astonishment that spread over his face when his hands flared out in an eerie, yellowish-green glow.

When he had been searched, the currency found in his possession was also placed under the lamp. Strangely, it did not show any trace of fluorescence. It was realized then that he had had ample time to dispose of the marked money either by hiding it or, more likely, by distributing it at

the gaming tables.

Through the co-operation of one of the younger Chinese of the Club, who was its secretary, a few of the sixty now solemn-faced players were asked to display their money under the lamp. At first there was some hesitancy, but when, to their similar amazement, they saw the money of their less timid friends glow magically before their eyes, they entered the game with enthusiasm.

This unprecedented operation had not been anticipated, but it produced worthwhile results in that some \$40 of the marked money was recovered from players who claimed to have won it at a table where Soo had been gambling. The serial numbers of the bills, which had been listed before the undercover had given the money to Soo, checked with the bills recovered and provided further evidence of its origin.

The search of the Club premises revealed eighty-one capsules containing heroin. One of the packages wrapped in tissue paper revealed under the lamp

a fleck of fluorescent powder.

Though he was represented by counsel at his trial, Soo Wing Chor pleaded guilty to the charges laid against him. He received concurrent sentences of seven years hard labour, the maximum, a fine of \$200 or in default an additional two months imprisonment on each offence, of which there were two, unlawfully selling a drug and the unlawful possession of a drug.

During the time he was awaiting trial it was possible to take a thorough look into Soo's background, and this definitely established that he was related by marriage to Yip Yee Fong and had given financial backing to him in his narcotic deals. This confirmed the police's suspicions of the previous year. Like so many others who thrive on the avails of this evil traffic, he himself was not a "user".

An examination of his papers disclosed that his status in Canada was that of an alien and at the conclusion of his term of imprisonment he will be turned over to the Immigration Branch for appropriate attention, as the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act provides for the deportation of such persons.

### Gerald Rowe, Riceville, Ontario-Livestock Pedigree Act

The Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada was incorporated in 1901, and its by-laws are pursuant to the Livestock Pedigree Act, which is a Federal Statute. The purpose of this Association is to maintain records of pure breeding of Holstein-Friesian cattle, and to improve and extend this breed. The membership of this organization now exceeds 12,000, and its headquarters is in Brantford, Ontario. The by-laws stipulate that members will record with the Association all progeny of their registered herd; actual registration of such progeny is, of course, optional.

During the latter part of 1952 the recording officer of the Association had occasion to check his records respecting the herd of one, Gerald Rowe, a breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle at Riceville, Ontario. The records showed an extremely high conception rate in the Rowe herd, resulting in the registration of a phenomenal number of calves, all heifers. Although this birth rate of

heifer calves was possible, it was thought highly improbable and, together with the fact that a rapid enlargement of a herd by natural increase is unusual, it was considered to be a matter worthy of investigation. At the request of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, investigation was initiated and carried out by the Force.

Most purebred Holstein cattle are bred by means of artificial insemination, and in Eastern Ontario this service is provided by the Eastern Ontario Cattle Breeders Association. The area covered by the E.O.C.B.A. is divided into units, and a technician qualified in artificial breeding is stationed in each unit. The technician receives a constant supply of semen from the E.O.C.B.A. head-quarters at Kemptville, Ontario, and he performs service at the request of the farmers within his area, for a nominal fee. The technician essentially maintains an accurate record of all cattle that he artificially services, particularly respecting the names and registration numbers of the dam and sire, and the date of insemination.

From this investigation it appeared that Gerald Rowe was "vealing" his purebred Holstein bull-calves and substituting grade Holstein heifer-calves, some of which he purchased and others which were natural increases in his small herd of grade cattle. Sufficient evidence could not be obtained to establish such substitution.

The gestation period for cattle is approximately nine months. A considerable number of the Rowe herd were serviced naturally and the date of service could not therefore be established. The records of the technician were examined together with the registration records of the Holstein-Friesian Association. It was found that certain cattle had calved after very short gestation periods, according to these records. In one instance the technician's records showed an artificial service on January 4, 1951, and the calf from this animal was registered as born on May 8, 1951, showing a gestation period of about four months. In other instances a similar comparison of records revealed respective gestation period of 49 days, 44 days, two months, four days, and other impossibly short periods. At this time it was the contention of veterinarians, and also Gerald Rowe, that such births may have been the result of a former unidentified natural service. This gave rise to the following questions, which much professional controversy failed to definitely solve at this time; (a) Would it be possible for a technician to artificially inseminate a cow without being aware that she was already with calf and approaching her (b) Would it be possible for a technician to artificially inseminate a cow without noticing at such time whether she was in her heat period, which would indicate whether the animal was "open" or not? (c) Could a technician perform the operation of artificial insemination on a pregnant animal without causing the animal to abort?

In further endeavours to establish false registration of parentage, blood samples were taken for analysis. To perform such tests blood is required from the dam and sire, and the calf which results from the mating. This is a negative test since it will show that either the alleged dam or the sire, or both, cannot be the parents of the calf in question. In other words this test can deny, but not confirm, parentage. In only one case could blood samples be obtained from a calf then in the herd, and from its designated sire and dam. The other cows involved had been disposed of or destroyed by Rowe, or the sires had been destroyed by the E.O.C.B.A. The blood samples were forwarded to the Haemological Laboratory, Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario, for analysis and a parentage test. The result of this test established that the calf in question could not have been born as the result of the mating of the sire and dam, as designated in the registration of said calf.

Investigation was also pursued respecting the false registration of birth of cow, "Dot Veeman DeKol", Registration No. 549787, ear-tag No. 717030. This animal first appeared in the Department of Agriculture Inspector's report on area T.B. test, dated May 18, 1938; she was designated only as a "Holstein", two years of age (Born 1936), listed as a natural increase and bearing ear-tag No. 717030. The technician's breeding records of 1950, 1951 and 1952 identified ear-tag No. 717030 as being that of Dot Veeman DeKol. The Holstein-Friesian Association records showed that Dot Veeman DeKol was registered by Gerald Rowe as being born on August 3, 1941. This false registration of birth was traced by means of the ear-tag which is supposedly tamper-proof.

On August 5, 1953, prosecution was entered on five counts by the investigator, on behalf of the Crown, against Gerald Rowe, charging in each case that he "... did knowingly sign an application for registration to the recording officer of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada respecting (name of calf) containing a material false statement relating to the birth of the said (name of calf), contrary to Section 17-1a of the Livestock Pedigree Act, Statutes of Canada 1949, Chapter 28, and amendments thereto."

The trial under this Act is by way of summary conviction. The first four charges dealt with calves which were allegedly born after extremely short gestation periods, according to the records. The fifth charge dealt with the false registration of birth of Dot Veeman DeKol.

The Crown proceeded on charge number one, and the objective was, briefly, to prove regarding Calf—Mary Bess Supreme; Dam—Lady Bess Rene Echo, that the calf was falsely registered as born on May 8, 1951, because dam was artificially serviced four months previously when she could not therefore have been pregnant.

Crown witnesses, including leading Veterinarians and Doctors on the staff of the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario, established that: (a) It would be impossible for a technician to perform the operation of artificial insemination on a cow after her fourth or fifth month of pregnancy without being aware of such pregnancy. (b) It would be possible for a technician to artificially service a cow without noticing at such time whether she was in her heat period. (c) A technician could not artificially service a cow that was more than four or five months pregnant without causing the animal to abort. This established the facts that the dam was not pregnant at the time of artificial service on January 4, 1951, and that she could not have given birth to a calf four months later as shown by the accused in his application for registration.

Two Doctors from the Haemalogical Laboratory, Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ontario, testified respecting their analysis of blood and parentage tests. This evidence revealed that the dam and sire designated by the accused in the registration certificate of this calf were false.

Having shown how in this first case the accused had "signed an application containing a material false statement", it was still necessary to prove that the accused, "did knowingly" sign the false document, and that he did not sign it merely in error.

To do this, evidence of "similar acts" was introduced to the Court by submitting all evidence on the other four charges. The handwriting on all documentary exhibits had been analyzed by the R.C.M.P. Crime Detection Laboratory and the Document Examiner gave testimony proving that the signatures appearing on the exhibits were those of the accused, Gerald Rowe. The Crown had then established its case respecting charge number one.

Almost all the evidence in this case was of a highly technical nature. And to reach his decision the Magistrate had the evidence transcribed, which consumed 700 typewritten pages.

On February 25, 1954, the Magistrate found the accused guilty as charged on count number one and Rowe was sentenced and given the option of paying a fine of \$500.00 and costs of \$560.70, or two months imprisonment. The fine and costs were paid.

When imposing sentence the Magistrate said that the evidence in this case established that for a considerable number of years, the accused had been falsely registering grade cattle as purebred Holsteins, which was a grave offence in an agricultural country such as Canada, and that the accused had therefore defrauded members of his community, the Holstein-Friesian Association, and the country generally. He went on to say that Canadian pedigreed cattle were used for breeding purposes in foreign countries (by artificial insemination), and were also exported, and that such false registration of cattle could cause an eventual serious deterioration in registered livestock, reflecting upon Canadian cattle breeders generally. He had therefore imposed the maximum penalty provided by the Statute.

The other four charges were remanded, and are still in abeyance.

This is the first such occasion that research in blood factors relating to parentage has been recognized and accepted by the Courts in Canada. Moreover, the scientific evidence given in this case answered other questions that were formerly controversial subjects among cattle breeders and Veterinarians.

This is also the first contested prosecution under Section 17-1a of the Livestock Pedigree Act, and the force of this Act has now been demonstrated. The officers of the Holstein-Friesian Association had suspected that, before this prosecution, false registration of cattle was becoming widespread, and departmental officials now believe that the new and conclusive methods of investigation which have been established will afford adequate protection to Livestock Associations and the Department of Agriculture.

## Willie Petersen, Missing Prospector, Barkerville, B.C.

It was on July 26 that Willie Petersen, an elderly prospector, left the town of Wells, in the interior of British Columbia, with Sigurd Hortness for a trip to Hortness' trap-line. Hortness wanted to repair his line and finish the building of a new cabin at the north end of the Crescent Lakes.

The two men stayed the night and the next day at a base cabin on the Willow River. Then they continued north to another cabin on Big Valley Creek, where they spent a further two days. About 2.00 p.m. on Thursday the two men reached the new cabin site at the Crescent Lakes, and made camp.

After a leisurely lunch, Petersen took off his hip boots and put on a comfortable pair of oxfords. Hortness and he then left the lake and moved up towards a small stream known locally as North Creek, which flows in a northeasterly direction into Stony Lake, eight miles away. Hortness carried fishing gear, and after selecting a suitable spot on the bank of the creek was looking forward to providing a dish of fried trout for their evening meal. Petersen, confident that his partner's angling skill would produce enough fish for both, set off with his prospector's shovel and gold pan in his pack board for a reach of higher ground.

The isolated country in the region of Wells and Barkerville is famous in British Columbia history. Long before the turn of the century these two communities had become thriving mining towns following the Fraser River gold rush. While their population has long since decreased to a few hundred, it is known that there is still placer gold to be found in many areas.

At 55, Willie Petersen was an old-time prospector for whom the lure of gold had never lost its appeal. He had spent many years in the Barkerville district and knew much of the wild country well. He was not familiar, however, with the extremity of Hortness' trap-line, where they were now camped.

Yet he knew that he was a very short distance away from the cabin and would not likely be out of hailing distance. Petersen selected a suitable spot and began panning for gold.

Towards 5.00 p.m., Hortness, glancing over his shoulder, saw the fringe of a rapidly darkening sky. A storm was obviously brewing, so he collected his gear and started retracing his steps to the camp. He saw Petersen a short distance away panning gravel in one of the smaller creek beds and called out to him that he was returning to camp to make supper, feeling that Petersen would also see the approaching storm and would follow on right behind him. Petersen, although deaf in one ear, apparently understood and waved an acknowledgement. The storm broke as Hortness reached the cabin site, and in a short time hail to a depth of about three inches covered the ground. With the storm came premature darkness.

Knowing Petersen's ability for living outdoors, Hortness was not overly anxious about his partner even though there was no sign of him when he was ready to retire for the night. When, at dawn, Petersen still had not shown up, Hortness became worried. He spent the entire day combing the immediate area but could find no trace of him at all. Hortness realized now that Petersen had undoubtedly moved far from the site at the creek where he had last seen him, and that he would need help in any far-reaching search. Hortness left camp for Barkerville to get police assistance.

Fortunately, Const. B. R. Braden, in charge of the R.C.M.P. Barkerville detachment, was a competent bush man. Having only been stationed in Barkerville for a few months, however, he didn't as yet know the district intimately, but he knew well enough the difficulties of a search on foot in any country like this with its profusion of swamps and timber and myriad creeks making their way into the larger streams that feed the Fraser River and with each tributary so resembling the other that a man lacking a thorough knowledge of the ground could easily get "turned round" and lost. His first move, therefore, was to put in an emergency call for an aircraft. The reply came back that the Vancouver based R.C.M.P. Beaver was grounded for the purpose of a routine but mandatory inspection check. It would be made ready as soon as possible. Meanwhile, he was to begin the search on foot.

In the late afternoon, having driven as far as they could go on a side road, some thirty miles, Hortness and Braden took the trail leading up the Willow River. They arrived at the first cabin site about 9.30 p.m. thoroughly wet from wading the numerous streams they had encountered. Hortness reckoned the distance they had come on foot to be approximately five "Caribou" miles, something like the "Irish" mile, computed by Braden to be about eight actual miles.

Early the next morning they set out for the Big Valley cabin. They followed an old blazed trail, the greater part of which led through willows and grass and many water traverses, and arrived at the cabin about noon, once more wet from the shoulders down. They had travelled about six miles. It was late in the afternoon when they arrived at the cabin site at Crescent Lakes, after a five-mile trek over a tortuous trail. They paused for lunch, and then began looking for signs of Petersen.

Near the place that Hortness had last seen Petersen, they found the ashes of a smudge fire, which they presumed he had lit to discourage the flies and mosquitoes, which were thick. But they could find no footprints indicating the direction he might have taken. They decided to concentrate on two contributory creeks running in an east-west direction.

After four days, with their food running dangerously low and Petersen now missing for more than a week, Constable Braden decided to return to Barkerville. Arriving there, he learned that police aircraft "Wren" was now at Quesnel ready to take part in the search. The constable, realizing that the

main effectiveness of the air search would be in spotting Petersen, felt that additional experienced help was needed for any further foot patrols that might be required. He contacted the local game warden and a former partner of Hortness', both of whom agreed to assist.

The take-off from Quesnel the next day was delayed by poor weather, but at 2:30 p.m. the "Wren" landed at Jack of Clubs Lake near Wells. With the pilot briefed on the territory to cover, the aircraft took off again with Game Warden E. Holmes, trapper Arnold Olson, and Braden on board.

Less than 20 minutes later, as the plane was flying in a northerly direction over a creek leading to Stony Lake, Petersen was spotted standing in a small meadow waving a make-shift flag. A landing here was impossible; so a parcel of food with a note enclosed was dropped, and fell 300 feet north in the bush. A second parcel landed 150 feet to the south. Petersen, now seen lying down, made no effort to retrieve either, and it was assumed that he was too weak to do so. The plane returned to Wells. There two civilians, Sid Danhower and Alec Grady, who had some experience in an R.C.A.F. para-rescue unit, volunteered their services when they heard of Petersen's plight.

The Crescent Lakes, bordered as it is with tall trees, prohibited the plane landing there. Stony Lake, seven miles away, was therefore the nearest point to Petersen where the "Wren" could set down. The passengers were soon ashore, and base camp quickly made.

Grady and Danhower were anxious to start immediately, realizing the possible effect a further night alone might have on Petersen. Since both men had considerable bush experience it was felt safe to let them go. They were soon making their way into the gathering darkness down what was the old Barkerville pack trail. The "Wren" returned to Quesnel for supplies.

Next morning the remainder of the party took to the trail. Six hours later, about noon, having travelled the rough and dangerous country with the aid of directions from the aircraft, Holmes, Olson and Braden emerged from the bush and into the meadow where Petersen lay.

Petersen was in the first stages of delirium, and he said later that he saw his old friend Olson coming towards him walking about ten feet above ground. He had been severely bitten by flies and mosquitoes; his feet were so swollen he could not put on his shoes. He was lying on the only dry spot in the small clearing, the land around being water-covered or damp moss; in fact, the rescue party had to stand. He had been there for three days too weak to crawl to the creek for water and had resorted to drinking the seepage from the moss. Petersen was carefully fed and made as comfortable as conditions would allow.

Meanwhile, the aircraft, still circling overhead, saw that only three of the search party had arrived. The pilot turned the "Wren" north and soon observed Danhower and Grady as they entered a clearing from high timber. By manoeuvring the "Wren", he was able to direct them to the others, whom they joined about an hour later. Both Grady and Danhower themselves had got turned around and had been travelling all night.

On the "Wren's" return to the scene the pattern of symbols laid out by the ground party appeared to signal the messages "unable to proceed", "doctor required". The pilot headed immediately for Stony Lake and Quesnel, and was shortly on his way back with Dr. J. A. Aikins and Mr. L. Godfrey, another civilian volunteer, who was an ex-member of the Force as well, and Constable W. D. Pooler, from Quesnel detachment. At Stony Lake they promptly set out to reach the main party but they, too, got turned round in this wild country and by morning found themselves far south and east of the creek they had wished to follow.

The night at the encampment around Petersen was a long one with no sleep for any except the sick man because of the lack of dry land around the fire. Early in the morning the party began to thread its way at a snail's pace back to Stony Lake with Petersen. Clouds of flies and mosquitoes were with them at every step. Insect repellent, though applied liberally, was washed off by sweat. Grady and Danhower, still comparatively fresh in spite of their all-night hike, went on ahead to base camp and returned a few hours later with extra food. On the way they had met the doctor, Godfrey and Pooler. Doctor Aikins, learning that his services were not immediately required, had returned to Stony Lake. Godfrey and Constable Pooler had continued south hoping to meet the main party, which they were to miss; fortunately, they were later spotted by the aircraft and directed to safety.

Walking and resting, constantly supported by his companions, Petersen's small store of renewed energy began to flag. Towards late afternoon he could not go on. The others were almost as exhausted. One and one-half miles from Stony Lake the group had to camp for a second night. The next morning—following the trail blazed by Game Warden Holmes that marked the easiest and most direct route—they arrived at base camp where Petersen was rested and cared for in greater comfort until he had regained sufficient strength to be flown out.

Petersen's story of his near fatal adventure was similar to that of many others who have become lost in this rugged area. After seeing Hortness returning to camp that afternoon, Petersen said, he started soon afterwards. Then it began to hail and grow dark. Somehow, during this, he got turned around and didn't know which way he was going.

He had matches with him but they got wet and he was unable to light a fire. He couldn't remember how many days he was lost and the only thing he could find to eat was wild berries. He spent the last three days in the one place, unable to move through weakness. He said that one day, as he lay there, a grizzly bear came along, sat down a little distance away and began staring at him. He didn't know what the bear had in mind, but the way he felt he didn't particularly care since he couldn't possibly have done anything about it anyway. After staring at him for some time, the bear rose lumberingly and ambled away.

## The Coronation Contingent

A representative Mounted Troop formed part of the Canadian Contingent that went to England in June for the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. This marked the fifth occasion that this Force participated in Royal processions in London.

The Troop comprised forty-six men and horses, which included an escort for the Canadian Prime Minister, and was under the command of Asst. Commr. D. L. McGibbon with Insp. R. J. Belec as the second officer. The men were quartered at the Union Jack Club in the Waterloo district, and the horses stabled in temporary lines in Hyde Park, where further training was carried out.

On May 30 the Troop's first public performance was given when the Musical Ride appeared at the London Caledonian Games at White City Stadium.

Early on the morning of Coronation Day the four N.C.O's chosen to escort the carriage of Prime Minister St. Laurent were first to move off to take up their position in the fore-court of Buckingham Palace. Around noon, the thirty-six man Troop joined in at the head of the Canadian Contingent that took up its position on Birdcage Walk. At 2.30 p.m. the Royal procession moved off past Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey to begin the five-mile journey.

The day after the Coronation the entire Troop marched from Hyde Park with the Canadian Contingent and other troops from the Commonwealth to Buckingham Palace. There, with Prince Charles and Princess Anne and other members of the Royal family looking on, the Queen inspected the troops, drawn up on the lawn in front of the Palace, and afterwards decorated the senior commanders of the contingents, and through them, each member of the parade. The Duke of Edinburgh took the salute on the march past.

On June 10 the Musical Ride moved into Earls Court Arena for the Royal Tournament, an outstanding military and inter-services display. Performances of the Ride were held twice a day for ten days. At the last appearance, Mr. Clement Attlee took the salute, the members of the Ride were thanked by a member of the Royal Tournament and, at his request, the audience of 15,000 stood for the playing of "O Canada", a splendid and moving tribute to the Force.

On June 20 the Musical Ride entrained for Alloa, Scotland, where it appeared twice daily at the Royal Highland and Agricultural Show. Alloa is a town of 15,000 people about thirty miles from Edinburgh, and here the members of the Force experienced a real taste of Scottish hospitality.

On the Troop's return to London, shortly before embarking for Canada, a Command Parade was held for, and at the request of, Her Majesty the Queen. History repeated itself here in that it was the same Elizabeth who as the little Princess prompted her mother to hold a Command Parade on the occasion of the Coronation ceremonies for her father, King George VI. Accordingly, on the afternoon of July 7, forty-one men and horses rode from Hyde Park to the Buckingham Palace Mews where they were first given an opportunity to inspect the State Coach at close range. At 4 p.m. sharp the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, rode by car from the Palace to the Mews where the Troop was drawn up. The men were dismounted as the Royal Party passed through the lines, and both the Queen and her husband spoke to several members of the contingent. It was a most informal and almost casual Parade, and obviously enjoyed by the little Prince and Princess. For the members of the Troop it was a memorable day that climaxed their very pleasant stay in Britain.

## Appendix B

List of Detachments and Municipalities policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as of March 31, 1954.

## Ontario

## "A" Division

### Headquarters: Ottawa

#### Detachments

Belleville Brockville Cornwall Kingston

Ottawa Town Station

Pembroke

St Regis, (Que.)

# Newfoundland "B" Division

#### Headquarters: St. John's

#### Detachments

Baie Verte
Battle Harbour
Bell Island
Bonavista
Bonne Bay
Botwood
Buchans
Burgeo
Burin
Cartwright
Channel
Clarenville
Corner Brook

Fogo
Ferryland
Gander
Glovertown
Goose Bay
Grand Bank
Grand Falls
Hampden
Harbour Breton
Harbour Grace
Hopedale
Lewisporte

Deer Lake

Nain
Placentia
Port Saunders
Red Bay
Springdale
St. Anthony
Stephenville
Stephenville Crossing
St. George's
St. John's

St. George's
St. John's
St. Lawrence
Twillingate
Whitbourne

## Quebec

## "C" Division

Headquarters: Montreal Sub-Divisions: Montreal Ouebec

#### Detachments

Amos
Bedford
Bersimis
Cabano
Camp Valcartier
Caughnawaga
Chicoutimi
Coaticook
Drummondville
Granby
Hemmingford

Huntingdon
Joliette
Lacolle
Megantic
Montmagny
Montreal
Noranda
Quebec
Restigouche
Rimouski
Riviere-du-Loup
Roberval

Rock Island
St. Georges de Beauce
St. Jean
St. Jerome
Seven Islands
Sherbrooke
Sutton
Three Rivers
Val d'Or
Valleyfield

#### Manitoba

## "D" Division

Headquarters: Winnipeg

Sub-Divisions: Brandon

Gimli

Dauphin

Winnipeg

### Detachments

Amaranth Arborg Ashern Beauseiour Berens River Bisset Boissevain Brandon Camp Shilo Carberry Carman Charleswood Churchill Crystal City Dauphin Deloraine Elphinstone Emerson Ethelbert Flin Flon Fort Frances, Ont. Fort Garry Fort William, Ont.

Gladstone Gretna Hamiota ... Headingly Hodgson Kenora, Ont. Killarney Kississing Lac du Bonnet Lynn Lake Manitou McCreary Melita Minnedosa Morden Morris Nipigon, Ont. Norway House Oak Point Portage la Prairie Reston Roblin

Russell St. Rose du Lac Selkirk Shoal Lake Snow Lake Souris Sprague Steinbach Swan River Teulon The Pas Transcona Treherne Tuxedo Virden Wabowden Wasagaming Whitemouth Winnipeg Winnipeg Beach Winnipegosis

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## **British Columbia** "E" Division

Headquarters: Victoria Sub-Divisions: Chilliwack

> Fairmont Kamloons Nelson

Prince George Prince Rupert Vancouver Victoria

#### Detachments

Abbotsford Agassiz Golden Alberni Alert Bay Alexis Creek Haney Armstrong Hazelton Ashcroft Hedley Afilin Hope Bella Coola Blue River Kaslo Boston Bar Bralorne Kemano Britannia Beach Burnaby Burns Lake Campbell River Kitimat Castlegar Chase Langley Chemainus Lillooet Chilliwack City Lumby Chilliwhack Municipal Lytton Clinton McBride Cloverdale

Maillardville Colwood Copper Mountain Massett Merritt Courtenay Cranbrook Mission Crescent Valley Nakusp Creston Nanaimo Dawson Creek Natal Duncan Nelson Enderby New Denver Essondale Falkland Ocean Falls Fernie Oliver Field Osovoos

Parksville

Penticton

Port Alberni

Fort Nelson Fort St. James Fort St. John Fruitvale Ganges

Gibsons Landing Port Alice Port Coquitlam Grand Forks Port Edward Greenwood Powell River Prince George Prince Rupert Princeton Qualicum Beach Invermere Queen Charlotte Quesnel Kamloops Red Pass Kelowna Revelstoke Richmond Keremeos Rossland Kimberley Salmo Salmon Arm Ladysmith Sechelt Shawnigan Lake Lake Cowichan Sicamous Sidney Smithers Sooke

Terrance Trail Ucluelet Union Bay New Westminster University North Vancouver Vancouver Vanderhoof Vernon 100 Mile House Victoria Westview Williams Lake Zeballos

Spences Bridge

Summerland .

Telegraph Creek

Squamish

Stewart

Sumas

## Saskatchewan

## "F" Division

Headquarters: Regina

Sub-Divisions: North Battleford

Prince Albert Regina Saskatoon Swift Current Yorkton

#### **Detachments**

Assiniboia Imperial Avonlea Balcarres Ituna Bengough Biggar Big River Broadview Cabri Canora Kyle Carlyle Carnduff Carrot River Climax Consul Leask Craik

Cumberland House Cutknife

Delisle Elbow Esterhazy Estevan Eston Fillmore Foam Lake Fort Qu'Appelle Fox Valley Glaslyn

Gravelbourg Green Lake Gull Lake Hafford Hanley Hudson Bay

Goodsoil

Humboldt Ile a la Crosse Indian Head Kamsack Kelvington Kerrobert Kindersley Kipling La Ronge Langenburg Lanigan Leader

Lloydminster Loon Lake Maidstone Maple Creek Mayfair Meadow Lake Melfort

Moose Jaw Moosomin Morse Mossband Naicam

Melville

Milestone

Napawin North Battleford North Portal Onion Lake Outlook

Pelly Ponteix

Porcupine Plain

Prince Albert Punnichy Radisson Radville

Regina Town Station

Rosetown Rose Valley Rosthern St. Walburg Saskatoon Shaunayon Shellbrook Spiritwood Stony Rapids Strasbourg Sturgis Swift Current

Tisdale Torquay Unity Uranium City

Val Marie Vonda Wadena Wakaw Waskesiu Watrous Weyburn Wilkie

Willow Bunch Wood Mountain

Yorkton Young

## North West and Yukon Territories "G" Division

Headquarters: Ottawa

Sub-Divisions: Aklavik

Fort Smith Whitehorse

#### Detachments

Aklavik Frobisher Bay Port Harrison, Que. Good Hope Alexandra Fiord Port Radium Arctic Red River Haines Junction Providence Baker Lake Hay River Rae Herschel Island Cambridge Bay Reliance Chesterfield Inlet Lake Harbour Resolute Bay Clyde River Liard Resolution Simpson Coppermine Mayo Spence Bay Craig Harbour Minto Teslin Moose Factory, Ont. Dawson Eskimo Point Norman Tuktoyaktuk Fort Chimo, Que. Old Crow Watson Lake Fort McPherson Pangnirtung Whitehorse

Pond Inlet

## Nova Scotia "H" Division

Fort Smith

Guysboro

Headquarters: Halifax Sub-Divisions: Halifax

> Sydney Truro

#### Detachments

Halifax Amherst Antigonish Ingonish Inverness Arichat Kentville Baddeck Barrington Passage Liverpool Lunenburg Brigetown Meteghan River Bridgewater Chester New Glasgow Cheticamp New Waterford Dartmouth North Sydney Digby Parrsboro Eskasoni Pictou Glace Bay Port Hawkesbury

Port Hood

Pugwash Sheet Harbour Shelburne Sherbrooke Shubenacadie Springhill St. Peters Sydney Tatamagouche Truro

Windsor

Yarmouth

Yellowknife

## New Brunswick "J" Division

Headquarters: Fredericton Sub-Divisions: Fredericton Moncton

#### Detachments

St. George
St. John
St. Leonard
St. Quentin
St. Stephen Grand Falls Albert Grand Manan Jacquet River Bathurst Buctouche McAdam Campbellton Minto Moncton Newcastle Caraquet Chipman Shippegan Dalĥousie Sussex Tabusintac Doaktown Perth Petitcodiac East Florenceville Plaster Rock Port Elgin Richibucto Tracadie Edmundston Fredericton Woodstock Gagetown

## Alberta

"K" Division

Headquarters: Edmonton Sub-Divisions: Calgary Edmonton Lamon... Lethbridge Peace River Red Deer

## Detachments

Fort McMurray Pincher Creek
Fort Vermilion Ponoka Andrew Athabaska Provost
Red Deer
Redwater
Rocky Mountain H
Ryley
Slave Lake
Smoky Lake
Spirit River
St. Albert
St. Paul
Stettler Banff Gleichen Provost Grand Prairie Barons Hanna Hardisty Bashaw Bassano Rocky Mountain House Beaver Lodge High Prairie High River Blairmore Bonnyville Hilda Innisfail Irricana Breton Brooks Jasper Lac la Biche Calgary Stettler Stony P Strathm Camrose Lamont Stony Plain Strathmore Canmore Cardston Leduc Claresholm Taber Lethbridge Magrath Manning Three Hills Cochrane Manning Trouchu
Manyberries Turner Valley
Mayerthorpe Two Hills
Malennan Varrehall Coronation Coutts Crossfield Vauxhall Vegreville Vermilion Derwent Drumheller McLennan Medicine Hat Mercoal Nanton Vermilion East Coulee Viking Edmonton Nordegg Vulcan Edson Wainwright Okotoks Entwistle Fairview Olds Waterton Park Westlock Oyen Peace River Foremost Fort Chipewyan Fort MacLeod Wetaskiwin Picture Butte

## Prince Edward Island

"L" Division

#### Headquarters: Charlottetown

Detachments
Charlottetown Souris
Montague Summerside Alberton Borden

## "N" Division

## Ontario

# "A" Division

Camp Borden Manitowaning Sault Ste. Marie
Cobourg Muncey South Porcupine
Fort Erie Niagara Falls Sudbury
Guelph North Bay Toronto Town Station
Hamilton Ohsweken Walpole Island
Kirkland Lake Orillia Windsor Kirkland Lake Leamington London

"Depot" Division

Fort Walsh

## Ottawa, Ont.

#### Headquarters: Toronto Detachments

Orillia Owen Sound

Windsor Sarnia

#### Regina, Saskatchewan Detachments

## Cities and Towns Policed by R.C.M.P. By Provinces, March 31, 1954

Gravelbourg

Prince Edward Island Souris

New Brunswick Campbellton Chatham Dalhousie Newcastle St. Andrews
St. Stephen

Nova Scotia Windsor Inverness Windsor

## Manitoba

Beausejour Carberry Carman Charleswood Dauphin Flin Flon Gimli Gimli Killarney Lynn Lake Manitou Melita Minnedosa Portage la Prairie Russell Selkirk Swan River Tuxedo Virden Winnipeg Beach

#### Saskatchewan

Assiniboia Biggar Canora Craik Delisle Eston Foam Lake

Hudson Bay Humboldt Indian Head Kamsack Kinderslev Leader Lloydminster Maple Creek Meadow Lake Melfort Melville Moosomin North Battleford Outlook Radville Rosetown Shaunavon Tisdale

Watrous

Wilkie

Weyburn

Yorkton

## Alberta

Brooks Camrose Claresholm Drumheller Gleichen Grande Prairie High River Innisfail Macleod Nanton Okotoks Olds Peace River Red Deer Stettler St. Albert St. Paul Three Hills Vegreville Vermilion Wetaskiwin

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British Columbia Alberni, City of
Armstrong, City of
Burnaby, District of
Chilliwack, City of
Chilliwhack, Twp. of
Courtenay, City of
Cowichan, Dist. of North
Craphyrole, City of Cowichan, Dist. of North Cranbrook, City of Duncan, City of Enderby, City of Fernie, City of Grand Forks, City of Greenwood, City of Kamloops, City of Kaslo, City of Kelowna, City of Kent, District of Kimberley, City of Kitimat, District of Ladysmith, City of Langley, District of Maillardville Maple Ridge, District of Maillardville
Maple Ridge, District of
Matsqui, District of
Matsqui, District of
Merritt, City of
Peachland, District of
Penticton, City of
Pitt Meadows, District of
Port Alberni, City of
Port Coquitlam, City of
Prince George, City of
Prince Rupert, City of
Revelstoke, City of
Richmond, District of
Rossland, City of
Salmon Arm, City of
Salmon Arm, District of
Spallumcheen, District of Salmon Arm, District of Spallumcheen, District of Sumas, District of Summerland, District of Surrey, Munic. of Trail, City of Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, Dist. of North Vernon, City of

Appendix C

Classified Summary of the Disposition made of all Offences Investigated under the Federal Statutes in all Provinces from April 1, 1953, to March 31, 1954.

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Federal Statutes	Complainant Declines to Prosecute	Complaint Unfounded	Further Investigation Unwarranted	Handed Over to Depart- ment Concerned	Warrant Unexecuted	Withdrawn	Convicted	Dismissed	Awaiting Trial	Still Under Investigation	Total	British Columbia	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Quebec	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Prince Edward Island	Newfoundland	Northwest and Yukon Territories	Total
Aeronautics Act. Animal Contagious Diseases Act. Bank Act. Canadian Wheat Board Act. Canal Regulations Act. Canada Grain Act. Canada Shipping Act. Customs Act. Defence Production Act. Dominion Elections Act. Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act. Excise Act. Excise Act. Excise Act.	i	1,534	·····	1,912 1	i	14 12 45 14 19 19 2	19 39 7 900 14 1,313 247 470 18	·····	40	1	1 150 5,593 1 1	18 430		3 461 i 102		299 1 2 1 50 1,309 3 1188	3 3 5 5 2,020 1	618	268 268 111 3533	1 4 471	1 8 2 522	33	282 2,413
Explosives Act Extradition Act Financial Administration Act Family Allowance Act Federal District Commission Act Finance Act Fisheries Act Fisheries Act Food and Drugs Act Immigration Act Income Tax Act Income Tax Act Juvenile Delinquents Act Livestock Pedigree Act Lord's Day Act Meat and Canned Foods Act Meat and Canned Foods Act	5	4 8 3 3	11 64 22 9 27 7 9	80 4 8825 466 188 100 1	2 8 7	766 57 12 23	3 71 466 1 84 2 9 5,669 8,606 1 269 1 85	3 5 2 42 124 6 35	12	24 2 1 1,072 132 69 19 3 20	1 3 186 485 2 94 6	1 1	48 2 501 876 33 102	30 16	223	32 472	147 13 13 1 2,631 640	1	3 9 195 92	21 38	332	10 12 10 10 11 446 23	1 3 186 485 2 94
Meat and Canned Foods Act. Migratory Birds Convention Act. National Defence Act. Northwest Territories Act. Old Age Pensions Act. Opium and Narcotic Drug Act.	1	4 1 1 37	2 1 9	28 1 . 46 3 414		3 1 53	68 18 311	12	39	21 21 212	113 21 402 7	10 10 513	11	i	5 47	40 1 2 394	31 4 194	16	6	3	8	2 10 402	113 21 402 7 1.297

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Totals	13	3,284	300	4,464	21	1,063	20,958	382	471	2,438	33,394	7,052	3,381	2,900	1,890	6,893	6,355	904	1,022	549	935	1,503	33,394

