

Editorial

Quite extensive plans for new buildings for the R. C. M. Police throughout Canada have now been approved. In Edmonton some additional property immediately West of the old "G" Division Barracks has been acquired. On this site an addition to the Barrack Buildings will be commenced immediately. When complete, the new

The Building Programme

Quarters will provide accommodation for all the administrative staff stationed in Edmonton and all the Police offices will be together.

At Regina a central heating plant is being installed from which will be heated all the buildings which constitute the R. C. M. P. Barracks there. An addition is being built to "B" Block to accommodate fifty-five more men.

In Winnipeg the old Salvation Army College has been purchased. This building is admirably suited to serve as an R. C. M. P. Barracks. In it all the Winnipeg staff of the R. C. M. Police will be housed in place of occupying three separate buildings as at present.

In Ottawa, construction of a new block on Wellington Street will commence shortly for the accommodation of Headquarters, "A" and "G" Divisions. Judging by the plans, this new building will fill a long felt want. At present our offices are scattered all over the town, an inconvenient arrangement which results in loss of a lot of time and efficiency.

These plans are being put into effect to provide the R. C. M. Police with much more suitable accommodation at the places mentioned. It is considered certain that these improvements will, in the end, result in economies being effected and general efficiency being increased.

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Bill No. 95 (Chap. 40 of the 1934 Statutes), which passed Parliament during its last session, and which received assent on the 28th June, 1934, is likely to come into force by proclamation on the 1st October, 1934.

Pensions for Dependents of N.C.O's and Constables

By the above mentioned Act the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act is amended to make provision for pensions for widows, children and other dependents of Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables of the Force.

The amendment applies to:—

(a) Every "Constable" (as defined by the Act) appointed after the Act comes into force and

(b) Every "Constable" on the Force at the date the Act comes into force *who elects* to contribute under the provisions of the Act, and those to whom these provisions apply are required to contribute a minimum of five per cent of their pay towards the pension fund. Supplementary (optional) contributions may be made, and are so determined that if paid from the time a Constable joins the Force, together with five per cent of his pay, his widow's pension will be substantially 1½ per cent of final pay for each year of the Constable's service. The standard of Child's benefit is fixed at seven per cent of the final pay of the Constable.

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The Honourable the Minister in control of the R. C. M. Police has approved arrangements being made to have one copy of each edition of the

Free Distribution of the Quarterly *Quarterly* given to every uniformed member of the Force free of charge. This plan comes into effect with this issue. It is the Commissioner's intention to use the *Quarterly* as a means by which instruction and training are to be

imparted to members of the Force. From now on articles will be published dealing with as many phases of Police work as possible. Notes will be compiled on outstanding cases, especially where some important point of law or procedure is brought out. A renewed effort will be made to see that the subject matter is both interesting and instructive.