

## Editorial

There is in the Accountants Branch a simply wonderful machine. If spoken to nicely and touched gently on the right spots this mechanical marvel will in a moment of time reveal a strange assortment of figures such as the amount of coal used at Edmonton during January, 1934; the quantity of oats eaten by the horses in Regina during April, 1933, or the cost of telegrams at Winnipeg during any particular month.

The other day the keeper of this bewildering collection of statistics ascertained that during the fiscal year 1933-34 members of the Force travelled by various modes of transport 13,511,632 miles, particulars of which are as follows:—

	<i>Mileages</i>
By police owned motors.....	5,380,580
" railway and steamboat.....	6,278,997
" privately owned motor cars.....	1,317,055
" hired airplanes, approx.....	50,000
" fresh water transport, police owned, approx.....	10,000
" Marine Section transport, approx.....	300,000
" Marine Section aircraft (detail loaned from National Defence), approx.....	120,000
" dog team, approx.....	50,000
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The distance members of the Force have travelled on foot in the performance of their duties is not recorded.

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At a Headquarters dinner held at Standish Hall, Hull, on 26th April, the Commissioner announced that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the institution of a medal for award to officers, non-commissioned officers and constables of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who have completed twenty years' service and who bear an irreproachable character.

This medal is to be known as the "Royal Canadian Mounted Police Long Service Medal". It is to be a circular medal of silver, one and a half inches in diameter, with the effigy of His Majesty King George V on the obverse, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police crest and motto on the reverse, surrounded by the legend "For long service and good conduct". The riband of the medal is to be of royal blue with two yellow stripes, one-eighth of an inch wide and one-half of an inch apart.

This medal will be struck in the Government Mint at Ottawa, and will be prized highly by those who are privileged to wear it.

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The Editorial Committee has been asked to appeal to any members or ex-members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who may have any of the old N. W. M. P. badges or helmet plates which they could spare to write to the Commissioner at Ottawa. Efforts are being made to collect for the Museum at Regina a complete set of badges, buttons, etc., which have been worn by members of this Force. Any contribution will be received gratefully.