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EARLY in 1940 a prairie radio system—the nucleus of the present much-enlarged R.C.M.P. network—was installed in the Force's "D" Division (Manitoba). It consisted of a radio station several miles west of Winnipeg, ten cars fitted with radio-telephone two-way apparatus and three with receivers, and 20 radio-equipped detachments. So effective was the innovation in increasing efficiency and reducing crime within its purlieus that the Commissioner decided it should be expanded at the first opportunity to embrace a large part of the settled area in the three prairie provinces.

The war delayed this expansion, but in the summer of 1946 a survey was made of R.C.M.P. communication requirements, and a plan based on much study and investigation was drawn up which the Commissioner approved. Work on the undertaking started immediately and by last summer enough equipment had been received to begin installation. As the summer drew to a close the various systems in the three

R.C.M.P. radio transmitting station near Winnipeg. This installation was made in 1940.

