

Editorial

General satisfaction will be felt throughout the Force and by the public that an increase of pay has been granted to personnel of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In the opinion of most people,
Pay Boosts members of this Force have been underpaid and a salary revision was long overdue. Retroactive to April 1, 1941, the Government has passed daily increases in pay as follows:

For Constables and Corporals, 50c per day; Sergeants, Staff Sergeants and Sergeant Majors, 75c; all Officers below the rank of Assistant Commissioner, approximately \$1.25; two junior Assistant Commissioners will get a little less than \$1.00 a day extra. No other Assistant Commissioners or Officer above that rank, will receive increases.

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While in Regina last autumn, Mr C. L. Burton of Toronto, President of the Robert Simpson Company Limited, inspected the R.C.M.P. barracks and expressed great interest in all he saw there. With
Fine Donation to R.C.M.P. Chapel Mr Keenleyside, the manager of Simpson's local branch, Mr Burton visited the Chapel and stated that their Company would take pleasure in presenting a Hammond Electric Organ for use in the Chapel.

His kindly suggestion was gladly accepted by Comm'r S. T. Wood and the work of installation commenced without delay. After acoustical experimentation with various sound boxes, an ideal arrangement was evolved: a small automatically-controlled sound box operating in conjunction with an amplifier in the tower has resulted in perfect tonal achievement. The organ has been in use since February 2 and the change is most pleasing and satisfactory. The gift is a wonderful improvement over the former instrument and a magnificent acquisition for the Force's Chapel.

Arrangements are now being made to dedicate the organ in a service on April 27, 1941, that will be conducted by the Rt Rev. E. H. Knowles, LL.B., D.D., F.R.G.S., Bishop of Qu'Appelle and Chaplain of the Force. Mr Burton and other prominent officials of the Robert Simpson Company plan to attend. His Honour, Lieutenant Governor A. P. McNab will read the Petition for the Dedication; he will also present Long Service Medals to several Officers and to Bishop Knowles.

The R.C.M.P. Chapel holds a special place in the hearts of veterans and present-serving members of the Force. Made in sections in Ontario and shipped to Regina in 1883 on flat cars of the then year-old Canadian Pacific Railway, the original structure was erected on its present site as a recreation room. Two years later it was converted into a Chapel. Since that time, particularly of late years, several changes have taken place. The many people who visit "Depot" Division invariably show deep interest in the now famous shrine.

For it is a shrine. One feels the spell of the ghostly cavalcade of those who have gone before. Plaques commemorating the spirits of the Force's gallant sons who have fallen in the line of duty adorn the interior walls; the glorious courage of that procession lives on within this hallowed space,