

are not permitted to marry for five years. After completing this initial stage, they may be granted the privilege by the Commissioner, provided they are 24 years of age, are free from debt and have cash or convertible assets to the value of \$1,200. As the enlistment period is five years, they must re-enlist at the expiration of each term to become eligible for a life pension which is granted under the provisions of the RCMP Act. Careful selection at the recruit level is followed by periodic interviews conducted by the Personnel Branch throughout the entire career of the policemen. The recruit's six months initiation included drill, horsemanship, shooting, study of criminal law, aids to investigation, public relations and much else, including swimming and life saving.

Riding is a very minor and emergency aspect of actual police work but an important item in training. The riding school, with its gruelling routine, is a splendid form of physical culture and of character development. In order to maintain high morale in the Force and to perpetuate in its personnel a model Canadian youth, equitation is retained as an incomparable school of audacity, calmness, perseverance, mental alertness and sportsmanship. L'esprit cavalier helps to maintain l'esprit de corps.

The educational programme of the Force embraces a wide scope. Equipped with modern scientific apparatus, the Canadian Police Colleges at Regina and Ottawa have held many classes since their inception less than a decade ago. A graduate course in advance police work and refresher courses are open to selected RCMP personnel of all ranks, members of provincial, township and municipal police forces of Canada and to members of organized police forces abroad.

The Force could have no better publicists than these missionaries and the dignified RCMP Quarterly, which has become Canada's most-quoted magazine. That famous display of fine horsemanship known as the Musical Ride has been acclaimed in London and the major cities of North America. The present RCMP Band, the eighth to be formed since 1876, ranks among the best on this continent.

Despite its extracurricular activities the RCMP remains the "Silent Force", unpretentious and unobtrusive. Quietly, and without fanfare, it lives up to its motto: "Maintiens le droit".