

convenience, was later renewed for a further period of five years.

The original strength of the force was 300 officers and men. This number was increased to 500 in 1882, and to 1000 in 1885. Reductions have been made since 1885, and the authorized strength in 1911 was 700.

The departmental head of the Mounted Police force, under the prime minister, bears the title of comptroller, and is the deputy head of the department. Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick White has filled this office practically from the creation of the force, and his unwearied labours to maintain the high efficiency of this remarkably fine body of men have been recognized and appreciated by successive administrations. He is aided in his work by an assistant comptroller and a staff of clerks. The commanding officer is styled the commissioner, and under him in 1911 were 2 assistant commissioners, 12 superintendents, 33 inspectors and 5 surgeons. The headquarters of the Royal North-West Mounted Police Force are at Regina, with 10 divisional posts scattered throughout the North-West, and about 175 smaller detachments. In 1903 His late Majesty King Edward VII granted to the Mounted Police the privilege of using the prefix 'Royal.' Lord Minto, for six years governor-general of Canada, and more recently viceroy of India, is honorary commissioner of the force.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR

In the year 1900 parliament passed a statute (63-64 Vict. cap. 24), known as the Conciliation Act, to aid in the prevention of industrial disputes, and to provide for the publication of statistical industrial information. The administration of this act was vested by order-in-council in the postmaster-general, who was empowered by parliament to 'establish and have charge of a department of Labour.' Under this authority a department was organized, and in a short time demonstrated its usefulness by successfully meeting the conditions it was created to serve; so much so that in 1909 (8-9 Edw. VII, cap. 22) a cabinet portfolio was constituted and filled by the