

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Mr. GUTHRIE: In 1930 it was 1,245; in 1931, 1,351; and in 1932, 2,348.

The following were the increases:

Engaged constables on the five year term (western territory, formerly provincial)	294
Alberta provincial police, three year term.	135
Alberta provincial police, one year term.	15
Manitoba provincial police, five year term	5
Manitoba provincial police, three year term	55
Manitoba provincial police, one year term	11
New Brunswick provincial police, three year term..	32
New Brunswick provincial police, one year term..	18
New Brunswick provincial police, six months..	1
Nova Scotia provincial police, three year term..	52
Nova Scotia provincial police, one year term..	38
Prince Edward Island provincial police.	8
Preventive service, one year term..	147
Preventive service, six months..	28
Reengaged after leaving..	58
Rejoined after desertion..	2
Engaged special constables..	277
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Discharged through death or expiration of service..	1,176
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Net total..	979

That is found at page seven of the commissioner's report.

Mr. POWER: Is there a system of yearly re-engagement for those employed in the provincial service? Are they re-attested so to speak at the end of every year?

Mr. GUTHRIE: No, they are engaged for definite periods, three and five years.

Mr. POWER: In the preventive service also?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Yes.

Mr. MARCIL: Do the constables serving in the province of Quebec remain under the control of the department as well?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Nominally they are under the control of the Department of Justice, but actually under control of the officers of the force.

Mr. MARCIL: Are there any under the control of the Department of Inland Revenue?

Mr. GUTHRIE: No, none at all.

Mr. MARCIL: They are doing preventive work for that department.

Mr. GUTHRIE: They are doing it for that department but under control of the mounted police.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The minister gave the total as 2,348 but I find that on the 30th of March when the resolution was [Mr. Power.]

being discussed in committee the number was given as 2,402 of other ranks and 98 officers, making exactly 2,500.

Mr. GUTHRIE: The figures I give this afternoon are up to date.

Mr. EULER: Is that portion of the preventive service that serves on the water, say in the gulf of St. Lawrence, also under the mounted police?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Yes, that is under the mounted police also. We have 101 vessels of various kinds including power boats, sea-going and inland. These are manned by men under the mounted police.

Mr. HEAPS: Can the minister give us the cost of the mounted police service for the last fiscal year?

Mr. GUTHRIE: The cost per man over all, that is including all branches of the service, officers and constables, is \$2,250 each, that is the average. In the Hansard report of my remarks last week they had it as \$2,500, or the newspapers had.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Hansard has it correctly, at page 3541.

Mr. HEAPS: What was the total spent in the fiscal year?

Mr. GUTHRIE: I think we spent all of last year's estimate, which was \$5,569,819 and an additional supplementary vote which was passed last month, I think \$375 or \$350.

Sir EUGENE Fiset: May I ask the minister if the men belonging to the customs service have been taken on on probation for six months or a year and if they are going to be re-engaged for the full period of time covered by the regulation?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Yes, some men have been taken on practically on trial. There were some 600 or 700 men in the preventive service in the customs, a selection was made according to merit, I understand, by the officers of the customs department, and from the lists supplied 350 were permanently taken on. A small number I think were taken on on probation for short terms.

Mr. HEAPS: I would like to say a word on this question. It appears that we are spending about \$5,500,000 in providing a police force for the Dominion of Canada on account of the economic conditions that prevail at the present time in many parts of the dominion. Of this \$5,500,000 the major part is spent on that part of the force which is engaged, not in what you might call customs preventive