

The Mounted Police Motto

What is the Mounted Police Motto you ask?
Well it's not that we get our man,
Though we spare not the effort nor will to try
And do just the best that we can.
Nor is it enforcing the laws of the land,
Granted that is important enough
But rather, it is to "maintain the right."
So on that point we really get tough.
Now problems arise in deciding what's right
'Cause for some it's being crafty and smart
Or in bluffing the meek so they cower.
Discretion and knowledge and judgement are tools
That we use to determine each case
And these must be used with precision and skill
For an error is hard to erase.
The problems redouble each decade it seems
As society grows more complex;
And violence and greed become common indeed,
So we surely have reason to vex.
We are getting behind in our efforts, I know
And the reasons — we have quite a few
But chiefly, I think I can quite safely say
It's the shift in the public view.
For many their attitudes change with the times
To increased permissiveness
And apathy when there is trouble around;
Yes for even a friend in distress.
Conditions may worsen much more yet, I fear
'Ere the tide of our battle can turn,
Like a pendulum reaching the top of it's swing,
When the public do finally learn.
In the meantime, you'll find that the RCMP,
Although losing ground now in the fight,
Will keep up the pressure until the tide turns
In the battle to "maintain the right."

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