

# 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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