

under the direction of the anti-sabotage division totalled 347.

In 1943 an aircraft detection corps was organized in the St. Maurice valley region by Shawinigan's anti-sabotage division. Two regional directors were appointed, one for the upper St. Maurice valley, the other for the lower part of the valley, and all guards were trained to act as observers. Some of the companies in the St. Maurice valley, in desperate need of man-power, employed prisoners of war to assist in logging operations. Representing as these prisoners did a menace to the Shawinigan system, they eventually were removed after protests had been lodged with the Department of Labour in Ottawa. That year marked the peak of the company's anti-sabotage activities, there being in June 379 guards employed.

Due to the improved war situation in Europe, in 1944 it was suggested to the Security Branch of the R.C.M.P. and to the Director General of Industrial Security that the number of guards be reduced, but as both parties were definitely opposed to such a course no change was effected until very late in the year. The stand taken seemed to be vindicated that summer when ships were torpedoed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Late in December, however, the picture bright-

ened and, by Jan. 1, 1945, largely because entrance gates were now electrically controlled, the total guard strength was lowered by more than 50 per cent.

The surrender of Germany in the following May saw the amount of guard duty rapidly decline until it stopped altogether at the end of August. On Sept. 1, 1945, the anti-sabotage division ceased to exist; its arms and equipment were disposed of and the special constables' commissions cancelled, their badges being returned to Provincial Police headquarters.

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SUCH is the story of the precautions taken by The Shawinigan Water and Power Company to guard against acts of sabotage by enemy agents. The entire cost was borne by the company, its subsidiaries and associates. On the whole the duties constituted a monotonous routine, with little variation or excitement, and the efficient and patient way in which they were discharged reflects much credit on all concerned. As a consequence, control of the company's properties has vastly improved and some personnel have been retained permanently as special constables to guard vulnerable points and for use in any emergency the future may hold.

## *Remembrance*

by J. C. MARTIN

O Canada, let not the memory die  
Of valiant sons in far-off graves who lie;  
With gallant hearts themselves they gave,  
In air, on land and sea,  
And stood on guard, O Canada, that still thou might be free.  
O Canada, thy destiny  
Was sealed by those who died on guard for thee,  
By those who, nobly daring, died for thee.

This beautiful verse by Police Magistrate Martin, K.C., Weyburn, Sask., is reprinted with permission from the October issue of *The Legionary* whose editor in a foot-note expressed the view that these lines could appropriately be incorporated as the second verse of "O Canada".