### MOUNTED POLICE DIRECT EMPIRE

#### Canadian Force Acts for King in Area 1.432.000 Square Miles.

New York .- Lord Byng of Vimy, governor general and commander in chief of the Dominion of Canada, has that brilliant force which has been extends from the temperate to the arctic zones, and from the Atlantic to | manner.' the Pacific, since 1878.

Hon. Ernest LaPointe, minister in control, remarks in a letter of transmittal of less than thirty words that he is forwarding this routine document. Commissioner Cortianut Starnes, in command of the force, is equally terse. But within those pages lie stories of daring and devotion to duty, of death and crime, and of a myriad of prossic deeds faithfully performed by a dwindling body of brave men.

While the duties grew in volume last year the force grew smaller The terms." personnel lost 79 officers and men, and by East September the total strength was 58 officers, 1,000 noncommissioned officers and constables and 543 horses. compared with 1,671 in 1920. Three ized a half century ago-the mainyears before, moreover, there was almost twice as many horses.

But those who are left "carry on." In the 12 months covered by the report, 16,463 cases were investigated and handled, and 2,863 convictions for crimes and misdemeanors were secured. The force handled 3,858 naturalization inquirles, besides a mass of detail for all other parts of the Do- combined minion government.

Enforces Thirty-Five Laws. To a great extent we may be described as a handmaid to other departments," remarks Commissioner assisted in the past year, as in all

Davas act, navigable waters protection cannot be present. act, Northwest game act, Northwest. Such is their work, not to mention neal. territories act, opium and narcotic

whites and Indians under 17 sections bear, the arctic fox, the caribou or sa £d, in his world weary way of the Dominion criminal code; for ofagainst public order, 8; offenses against religions and morals, 7; miscellaneous justice (perjury and conspiracy), 2,

Hand of Law to Everywhere. tale, and in this instance they fall to one at Ballile Island, on the tale, and in this instance they fall to the Arctic ocean. This year, three addian mounted police, better known as the Northwest mounted police. For instance, they protect buildings be dence and Fort Hope. longing to the Dominion government; post guards on the offices of the renished escort for harvesters' excur rive until August 31. They got back toba and Alberta control the fits der escort of our heroes, and the crew like Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax and corum of a Supreme court in civiliza-St. John, which are out of their ad- tion," and every step was carefully exministrative sphere, in their fight plained to the native Indians. sgainst bootlegging, the narcotic drugs traffic, and white slavery, and a little matter like taking 131,369 finger prints population outside the detachment. in the course of a few years.

mational bureau for the suppression of ernment, that they could expect kindthe white slave traffic, and assist Rev. ness and protection from the police if John Chisholm in his system of they behaved well, but if they com-"strangers' secretaries," etc., which mitted any crime they could expect to guides young women to safety when be punished. They all immediately they arrive from abroad, and in other afterward joined in three generous ways field him, the report says.

"In combating the attempt by harples of society to recruit dens of in-

Sergeant Blakeney tells of a thrill-Ing adventure he and Corporal Caldwell and Constable Fahle had in cow-Tue the captain and crew of a liquormanugeling craft who greatly outnumpered them. And yo ho! 1,700 gallons pin were sequestered—but the coup has party, who spent a lonely winter at lonely turned that there were at Craig Barbor. Their ship left them "dead men's chests" for any jolly with supplies on August 28, 1922, and cutthroat to alt upon.

"An American seems to have been The supply of game was inadequate, the principal behind the captain of the and no Eskimo would live there. So: wessel," Blakeney says virtuously.

There was also the liquor seizure effected almost single-handed by De- ruary 18, a period of 109 days of darktective Sergeant F. Lucas, aboard the ness and intense cold. Severe bliz-Takish steamship Bally Gally Head.

preceding paragraphs, are increasing, a gale; in a period of 304 days the This is also true of counterfelting, and wind blew strongly for 221 days, frethe widespread conspiracies to de quently compelling the men to remain Traid the government through the ma- indoors for days at a time. The coldmipulations of exchange have caused est temperature was 51 degrees below an instens, amount of extra work. sero. Patrolic for a distance of 75 A good example of typical British miles were made on foot. The dis-

e Sergeant L. McLauchlan. The WHY: 5,3410 package was stolen on June 30 : tergreant McLauchlan took the case on July 3; two days later the guilty derk confessed and the following day te was sentenced.

The standing of the police is reealed by this court incident in Monreal. Staff Sergeant E. C. P. Salt testified. Sergeant S. W. Zaneth came next:

"Sergeant Zaneth corroborated the previous witness. When cross-examined by Mr. Monette, Justice Wilson declared: 'I do not know whether it is absolutely necessary to cross-examjust released the 1923 annual report line the witness if he corroborates the the royal Canadian mounted police, previous evidence en bloc. My experience of the royal Canadian mounted guarding a geographical empire which police is that they have always given evidence in the most loyal and upright

> "'Certainly, your lordship,' repiled counsel for the defense, 'I am of that opinion myself and gladly abandon the cross-examination.

Nor is there lacking a ceremonial duty now and then. We read:

"On the occasion of the visit to Vancouver of the late President Harding. in July, 1928, mounted escorts and orderlies were provided and other measures taken for the welfare of the party. Our services have been ac knowledged in the most complimentary

in Bitter Reaches of the North.

All of the foregoing achievements by the royal Canadian mounted police This gives a personnel of 1,148, as for which they were originally organhave been in addition to the purpose tenance of law and order in the bleak and trackless Northwest, where even to this day there are but 20,000 inhabitants scattered over an area of Milwaukee, Wis. 1,432,000 square miles. That means a

There the force is seen at its best, Stationed in lonely units of a little corporal's guard, and even less, these Starnes. Yes, verily, 20 of them were strategic points across that broken the they stood awestruck in the pres-The statutes which the royal Cana- bare that only moss and lichens grow, ocean, some parts of the region so overcame all other emotions. dian mounted police help to enforce they perform the duties of police offithroughout the Dominion, and uphold cers, magistrates, coroners, marriage they wept as human being would. single Handed in the North, are as fol- license clerks, postmasters, veterinary meaurning their mother. Reproschfulty Animals contagious disease act, toms officers, collectors of royalties, eye or aller tabor act, air board act, bank- mining recorders, timber and land the tiling. inspectors, immigration officers, cuscontagious disease act, toms officers, collectors of royalties, eye of the trapper who had made the rupley act, Chinese immigration act, agents, fishery inspectors, game war customs act, Canadian temperance dens, inspectors of weights and meas which the bunter sat, pullits foreact, forest reserve and parks act, explatives act fisherios act, Indian act, fur, administer estates of decedents, regised Its heard to look into his face. inland revenue act, income tax act, guard criminals and insane persons. Before long tears were co-ursing down live stock pedigree act, militia act, minister to the sick, and even officiate the man's cheeks. migratory birds act, naturalization act. at funerals when dergymen and priests. But it was too late. The hear moth-

drug act, post office act, penitentiaries the snows, across great stretches of act, pension act, railway act, radio water like Great Benr luke, or Great telegraph act, secret commissions act, Slave lake, each covering more than soldiers' settlement board act, special 10,000 square miles; or down mighty war revenue act, seed control act, rivers like the Mackenzie, the Arctic said to be as tender as the skin you war revenue act, seed control act, rivers like the Mackenzie, the Arctic ticket-to-leave act, war measures act.

Red and the Hare Indian. Traveling sk epitc heard of them—a man who For offenses against the person the absolutely alone, hunting down mur dereis, for days meeting only the polar mur dereis a string to it," he

#### Undergo Hardshipe.

Here statistics, however, tell a dull gulf in Bassin island, and a temporary meat for butter. one at Baillie Island, on the coast of ditional detachments will be located, up the kraife. Then It all became clear. it is hoped, at Fort Rae, Fort Provi-

To hold murder trials great distances must be traveled. One judicial plant patrons, bilasfully ignorant, con sions; assisted Nova Scotia in raising October 4. Judge, prosecutor and couna provincial constabulary; help Mani- sel for the defense made the trip untrade; act as game wardens; co-op- of their vessel became the jury The erate with the civilian police in cities trial "was conducted with all the de-

"After the termination of the trial, the judge addressed the entire Eskimo telling them what they had to expect The police co-operate with the inter- from the representatives of the govcheers for the judge.

It is mentioned quite casually that the force has not overlooked a report of the alleged murder of an Eskimo north of Repulse bay in the winter of 1920, and that the inaccessible region will be penetrated as soon as possible. It is fitting to conclude this summary with an account of the experience of Enspector C. E. Wilcox and im were sequestered—but the coup his party, who spent a lonely winter did not get back until August 6, 1923.

"The sun was last seen on October 25 and did not again appear until Febzards were frequent and during Janu-The report pates with reprot the are the ment him for 21 days without such crimes, and those mentioned in a break, at times with the violence of colority in handling crime is shown in cipline was excellent, and the men post since their handled by Detec were cheerful throughout."

#### Tropical Plants More Deadly Than Snakes.

In some tropical jumgles there are plants whose stings are dreaded quite much as the bite of a poisonous make. In Central America there is terrible nettle which is a distant msin of that which grows in our n hedges.

The stem, leaves and flowers are wered with long, sharp, stinging airs, really tubes made of very britde tissue. When one of these is ouched it breaks diagonally, leaving kind of sharp-pointed funnel. The point penetrates into the flesh

and the poison is posited into the yound from a gland in the plant. The "cruel nettle," as the plant is called, does not often cause death, though its stings result in sores that are painful for a long time. But there are other plants in South America and in the East whose poison is so deadly that it will kill human be-

ings in a very short time. In every case nature has devised the sting as a protection. The plant as juicy, and but for its poisonous weapons would be eaten by insects and animals; as it is, it is allowed & to grow undisturbed.

#### Why Cubs Wept When Hunter Killed Mother

Illustrative of family affection among hears a story was related by E D Crabb, associate lecturer at the Fublic museoum, in an fillustrated tecture in the museum lecture ball, at

An expedition of scientists hunting land, including the Yukon, half the bear specimens in western Canada size of the entire continental United shot a huge female grizzly. When States and ten times as great as New they reached the careass the faces of York, New Jersey and New England two cubs were seen staring in great samprises from among the rocks. Fearless, the timy cubs slowly went to their dead mother.

There they smelled the blood from men uphold the majest, and dignity the bear's wound and seemed to of the British empire. Isolated at realize what had happened. For a plain which drains into the Arctic ence of death. Finally their grief

> Tears welled slowly from the eyes of the cubs and soon, grief-stricken, looking about, one of therm caught the

The cub walked to the rock on

er was a specimen. - Milwaukee Jour-

#### Why Steak Was Tender

"Well, go and see for yourself," they toEd him.

These artic detachments are gradu- deared a minute steak and attacked it So out of curlosity he went. He orally being strengthened. In 1923 new easerly. And sure enough the knife ones were established at Cumberland slashed through as though it mistook

Still he wasn't satisfied and began to examine everything Again he took

The blade was sharp as a razor.

On the "Plains of Abraham" The Plains of Abraham, near Queber overlooking the St. Lawrence river. took their name from Abraham Marting a Camadian pioneer of Scotch descent who was a pilot on the St. Law cenace in the time of Sanauel Champlain, founder of the city

By a deed a uthor; zed by Champlain draself Abraham Martin, who was affectionately known as "Maitre Abraham," obtained a homestead on the heights of Quebec Hisherisof sheep and cattle grazed on the table land aloung the St. Lawrence, which became known armong the inhabitants of the town as the Plains of Abraham.

In 1908 part of the Heights of Abraharm was converted into a Canadian national park.—Detroit News.

Why Indians Are Beardless Most Indians would have a slight to moderate growth of beard and grow. Beards are not wholly unknown. Some of the Mexican Indians have full beards. The Guarayas, Bolivia, wear long, straight beards and the Cashibas of the upper Ucarl are bearded.

Why Mistletoe Grows High? Mistletoe requires a great deal of sundight. For this reason in bottom land forests of the East mistletoe is confined to the highest branches of the tallest trees, but in the intensity of Fursaight so the Southwest mistletoe spreads over the entire tree.

#### Why Dealer Offers Box

The bureau of internal revenue ligar has been removed from the box t cannot be returned. It is, therefore, then a customer is purchasing cigars. Eighteenth century.

#### 0000000000000000000000000000 HOW=

ORANGE INDUSTRY BOOMED CENTURY AGO AT BAHLA .-About a century ago at Bahia in Brazil, a new orange appeared. The fruit was a freak, without seed. To the knowing in orange growing, however, this \(\frac{\pi}{2}\)

orange suggested much. Nevertheless it was fifty years before William Saunders, chief of the government's propagating station in Washington, got twelve of the trees producing this fruit into the country. These died, but others were reproduced, and two trees were sent to California in 1873.

Rich in romance of its settlement, California can number these trees as two of the most important things that ever crossed the continent. They gave birth to the entire navel orange industry of the western state. Still alive today and bearing fruit, these trees are responsible for a large percentage of the groves which cover nearly 200,000 acres of California's soil.

Florida was the early center of the orange industry of the United States. It rapidly advanced to contend at home with the fruit from the Mediterrancan.

Just as it was threatening invasion of the markets of Europe came the freezing winter of 1894-5. The crop failed. For the next decade it was an uphill battle to repair the loss Confidence restored, however, the orange industry of this southern state is again on a firm basis. Louisiana's groves suffered also from the cold winter and the state has only recently come forward again.

In California a citrus industry representing more than two hundred million dollars of capital and employing nearly 50,000 people was built up. Oranges are the most important figure in it. The western state came forward to supply four-fifths of the home demand for the yellow fruit and to compete in foreign markets. Nature Magazine.

#### How to Start Avalanche

Avalanches are sometimes started by trivial causes. Even a whisper has Then three-quarters of the earth's erland often inquire what purpose is served by the little barriers dotted possibly some 1,000 miles in diameter.

The portion term from the Atlantic was Flue Welding, Electric and possibly some 1,000 miles in diameter.

Acetylene Welding and Cutting the avalanche breakers, without which May Day to Be Festival and passes would be impossible for part of the year It would be futile to place obstructions across the foot United States the governors of all the of the track taken by an avalanche Once the mass has gained momentum states, together with city binding of fa- East Avenue Drug Company Inc. it sweeps all before it. So thick stone thers and mothers, are to unite on

### How Depth Is Measured

ured by a long, thin wire, which is the American Child Health associa wound on a drum so that when wound flon, have been established at 370 Now he walks past the restaurant up it is like the thread on a spool. Seventh avenue, New York city without stopping But inside the reg At the end of this wire which is lowceiver general in Toronto, Winnipeg, Party, for instance, left Quebec for tinue to order the tender minute tached. The ship must be perfect. American authorities on social probly still so that the wire will go di lems, May day will be observed in New rect to the bottom and not at an York and all over the country as a fesangle. The leaden weight pulls the tival day for children, with special wire off the spool until it hits the emphasis on health. President Coolbottom. There is a counter arrange lidge, in a cordial letter, gave his apment on the spool which shows the proval to the plan. number of times the lengths of the wire have been taken off the spoot. U. S. Bluejackets Now and thus indicates the entire length of wire which has descended. In this way the depth of the ocean at that point is ascertained.

#### How an Alligator Breathes

that if an alligator has been in a quiet leases. mood and the blood is well aerated This is different from frogs and toads, and redistributed the pictures. which actually hibernate under water, but these creatures are provided with own film exchange some time ago. aerated blood through the skin, while There now are complete exchanges. the alligator is covered with scales four on the Pacific coast, one each in mustache if they allowed the hair to or plates and must depend upon the Manila and Honolulu and one floating

#### How Many Generations? Q.—How many generations have

there been since the people in the Mayflower landed? A.-A generation is reckoned by

some as thirty-three years, and by others as twenty-five years. Actually the cowcatcher of a Northern Ohio there might be quite a variation in the number of generations of descend- a fatal mistake of flying into the arms ants in the different Mayflower fam- of James French as he alighted from illes. In 300 years there might be from the car. French gave the bird-a fat eight to fifteen generations.

How Sixes and Sevens Started The original form of the expression

"sixes and sevens" was "to set on six and seven." It is based on the lanlays that the law states that after a guage of dicing, and is probably a corruption of "to set on cinque and sice," hese being the highest numbers. The customary for a dealer to offer the box present form has been used since the

## CLAIMS MOON IS

Scientist Says It Was Part of New Zealand.

London.-The secretary of the Royal oclety, in his discourse at the Royal institution, has made another notable contribution to astronomical theory. According to the well-known nebular

hypothesis of Laplace it was supposed Main 2428 hat the solar system was originally a very extended rarefled gaseous mass -what we now call a nebula, though Laplace had no knowledge of the actual existence of nebulae—and that, as it contracted through gravitation, it Right Service at the Right Price threw off successive rings of matter from its edge which ultimately conlensed into the planets.

Theory Long Under Suspicion. This theory has been under grave suspicion for some time and Doctor Jeans gave what appears to be conclusive reasons for finally rejecting it. He has previously shown that stars BRIGHTON PLACE DAIRY CO. are probably born in a manner very similar to that imagined by Laplace, but smaller bodies, like the planets,

require quite a different explanation. A discussion of the various possibilities leads to the conclusion that so far as our present knowledge goes. there is only one method left for their origin, and that is the disturbance of the sun in its infancy by the close approach of another sun. The gravita tion attraction of the visitor would draw matter out of the sun by tidal action, and this matter would finally condense into planets

Such an event would be exceedingly rare in the history of the universe, owing to the great distances separating the stars from one another, and this consideration, coupled with the fact that at least half of the stars appear to be double or multiple suns, makes it very probable that our solar system is almost a unique structure. Science is tending to the conviction that our earth may be the only inhabited body Heating, Gas Fitting and Repairs

#### Torn Away in South.

Prof. W. H. Pickering has been ex tending his study of the mode in which \$27 North St. the moon was separated from the earth, and he believes that when that monstrous birth took place 7,000 mil lion years ago the earth was not liquid out solid, and had a period of rotation. δοσοσοσοσοσοσοσοσοσο a day, of three to four hours. The moon tore itself away in the south; proba bly the northern part of New Zealand

been known to set them off and lives surface to a depth of 35 miles was have been lost by a climber shouting carried away in a trailing mass of to his companions when crossing a ruins. New Zealand was just saved to his companions when crossing a ruins. New Zealand was to have shown the starting of an available by the Straits of Gibral lanche which a few years ago over tar diametrically opposite, another Signey Hall'S Sons was attributed to the out into the Atlantic almost necessarily tinkle of sleigh bells, and ever since followed the rest, and a ring of debris the use of bells on this route has surrounding the earth and analagous Boilers, Tanks, Stacks, Breechings been prohibited. Newcomers to Switz to the rings of Saturn was thus formed. We also do Repairing, Forging.

### Day for U. S. Children

New York-The President of the states, together with city officials and Stone 2098 barriers are built on the slopes of the May day this year in dedicating the 35,000,000 children of America to health and happiness.

Headquarters for the great under-The depth of the ocean is meas taking, which is under the auspices of

Led by officials of the association

## See Movies on Cruises

Los Angeles, Cal.-When the battle fleet sailed from San Pedro for maneuvers in the Caribbean, it took along a four months' supply of motion The New York Zoological Park says picture films, including the latest re-

Before leaving San Pedro each ship and there is steady respiration, it was given 12 complete shows for the might be possible for the animal to trip by the fleet movie exchange offiremain under water for half an hour's cer, who distributes his films from the time. In hihernating these animals flagship Procyon. At regular intervals, go into holes, where they can breathe, during a cruise the exchange collected

The navy department established its exchange which accompanies the fleet on vovages.

sel with enough films for a show a day.

Rooster Makes Fatal Mistake Oak Harbor, O.-Running away from his farm home by hopping onto Electric interurban car, a rooster made one to a falleriy suggested by the rellef agency here. It provided a feast soon afterward.

#### **Ancient Ring Found**

Christiania.—A massive neck ring of solid gold, believed by experts to date back to 1200 B. C., was found recently on a farm in Norway. The ring, of artistic though barbarian design, has been placed in the museum 188 North St. of Christiania university.

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