

EXTRA MOUNTED POLICE NO LONGER NECESSARY

Effective Handling of Alien Population in West — A Quiet Year

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The annual report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, tabled in the Commons to-day, is a tribute to the very effective way in which the force handled the alien enemy situation in the Prairie Provinces since the outbreak of the war. As a precautionary measure, owing to the large percentage of persons of enemy nationality in the west, the force was increased by 500 men when the war broke out. The report declares that "the fair and impartial treatment of this population by the authorities, and the admirable self-restraint on the part of the loyal population toward the enemy aliens, and the recognition by these nationalities that as long as they pursued their ordinary vocations and refrained from inimical acts they would not be arrested or interfered with," produced a singularly quiet and orderly year in the west. It has now been found to be unnecessary to keep the extra 500 men, and nearly all of them have taken their discharges in order to join the overseas forces.

The present Northwest Mounted Police force consists of sixty officers and 869 non-commissioned officers and constables. By a redistribution of the force the strength has been increased in Alberta and decreased in Saskatchewan. During the year arms were seized from 350 aliens, 396 were interned and 326 paroled. There were 32 murders during the year, and every one of the accused, with one exception, was lauded by the police and brought to trial. The total number of crimes reported last year was the smallest since 1912.