

## 1,268 IN MOUNTED POLICE: INCREASE 505 IN YEAR

### CONTINUED SERVICE IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES NOT YET SETTLED.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The annual report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police tabled in the Commons to-day by Sir Robert Borden gives the total strength of the force on September 30 last at 55 officers and 1,213 men. Compared with last year this is an increase of 505 officers and constables.

The report states that shortly after the outbreak of the war instructions were issued to increase the strength by 500 men, in order that peace and good order might be assured. This was considered necessary in view of the fact that there are 173,568 Germans and Austrians in Saskatchewan and Alberta alone.

Comptroller Fortescue, in his report, points out that the arrangements between the Government of Canada and the Governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta for the services of the force will terminate on April 1, 1916. He suggests that it would be in the interests of the force and the country if the question of the continuance of the services of the force could be definitely settled. The arrangement for the policing of northern Manitoba has expired, but the Comptroller has been notified by the Manitoba Government that it desires to continue the arrangement for another five years.

## FIVE BIG MEAT FIRMS ARE HEAVILY FINED

### MISSOURI CONVICTS THEM OF VIOLATING HER ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 9.—The packing firms of Armour & Company, Swift & Company, the St. Louis Dressed Beef & Provision Company, the Hammond Packing Company, and Morris & Company were found guilty of violating the State anti-trust law by the Missouri Supreme Court to-day.

An order of ouster was issued, but the companies are allowed to remain in the State on payment of fines.

Each company was fined \$25,000. To stay in the State each company must pay its fine by March 11.

The ouster suit against the so-called "Beef Trust" was filed in June, 1910. It was charged that the companies had formed a pool to regulate prices paid for beef and beef products, to regulate the amount of beef and beef products sold or offered for sale, to limit the trade, and to limit competition in purchase and sale.

It was charged that Armour, Morris and Swift had organized the National Packing Company, and through it and subsidiary concerns had regulated prices and maintained a monopoly. The Supreme Court to-day held that the constitutionality of the Missouri anti-trust law had been upheld in previous decisions.

### DEATH OF MRS. E. S. BROWN.

St. Thomas, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eliza Sinclair Brown, wife of ex-Sheriff Dugald Brown, died at the family residence, Wellington street, last night, of pneumonia, at the age of seventy-three. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, E. S. Brown, barrister, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Elliott, Port Burwell; Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Locke, St. Thomas; Dr. C. E. Sinclair, Aylmer; Dr. M. C. Sinclair, Dr. D. S. Sinclair and Archibald Sinclair, Grand Rapids.