

the Yukon, and it has three posts within the Arctic Circle. It will be distributed as follows:

	Men.
Manitoba and N.W. Ontario . . .	250
Saskatchewan	370
Alberta	250
British Columbia	250
Yukon	50
Northwest Territories	30

Total 1,200

Some of the recent exploits of members of the force in the far north, recounted by Mr. Rowell, deserve to be permanently recorded because of the exhibition of heroic endurance matching that of some of the early explorers whose deeds have been blazoned by the historians. The romance and bravery of the **Mounted Police** have made a great Canadian tradition, and there will be general rejoicing that it is to remain a living one.

CANADA'S SPLENDID **MOUNTED POLICE.**

Every Canadian is proud of the story of the Royal Northwest **Mounted Police.** The narrative is one of the epic chapters of Canadian history, and there would be a wave of sentimental regret if this splendid force were to disappear. It nearly extinguished itself during the war through the eagerness of members to go to the front, but it will be revived to a strength of 1,200 men, who will be distributed from the international boundary to the Arctic, and from northwestern Ontario to the Pacific coast.

Created in 1873, it was the only police force performing general police duty in the Northwest Territories until the erection of Alberta and Saskatchewan into Provinces. It continued to exercise police jurisdiction within the Western Provinces, by agreement with the latter, until November, 1916. Before the United States entered the war the force was needed to patrol the border as a protection against pro-German activities to the south, but not less than 1,000 men resigned to serve overseas, among them the famous Michael O'Leary, one of the first winners of the Victoria Cross. In 1918 the Government felt able to accede to the request of the force, made in the previous year, to be sent overseas as a unit. In the crisis of the great German offensive a call was made for 500 volunteers, and all the men of military age, and many above it, offered their services. Twelve officers and 736 men of other ranks constituted the regiment which proceeded overseas in June. The corps completed its training at Shorncliffe and took part, in various branches of the army, principally the cavalry, in the closing weeks of the war. Another detachment of six officers and 181 men went to Siberia last year as volunteers. The men are now returning from Europe and Asia.

In a eulogy of the services and spirit of the **Mounted Police,** the Hon. N. W. Rowell, head of the Department, told the House of Commons that the Government had not decided whether the force should form the nucleus of a permanent Federal police force for the Dominion, or constitute one of the cavalry units in the permanent military force. But it had been determined, in order to preserve its morale, that it should be continued and assigned important duties. It will be engaged in policing of the Dominion parks, patrolling the boundary, enforcing the customs, inland revenue, and immigration laws, and supervising matters under Federal jurisdiction. In addition it will be available at the call of the Provincial Governments for the maintenance of law and order. It will still be the only police force looking after the administration of justice in the Northwest Territories and