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Commissioner Perry's Re- port Tells of Work Among Aliens in West

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Ottawa, March 22.—The onerous duties carried out by the officers and men of the Royal North West Mounted Police in the Western Provinces during the war period are told of at some length in the report of Commissioner A. B. Perry for the year ending September 30, 1919, which was tabled in the Commons to-day by Hon. N. W. Rowell.

Commissioner Perry pays particular attention in his report to the work of the Mounted Police during the unrest in the West which culminated in the Winnipeg and other strikes. The sinister purpose behind these demonstrations "was not realized by many who took part in them," the Commissioner writes. "A strike of this nature is fraught with great danger, and, if pushed to the extreme, would endanger the very existence of the State."

Soil for Bolshevism.

Dealing further with the work of the Mounted Police among the enemy aliens in Canada, and particularly in the West, Commissioner Perry reports that many of these men had to be brought to book for refusal to comply with the Registration Act.

Of the aliens in general Commissioner Perry reports: "These people as a body have shown little appreciation of the justice and fair treatment meted out to them by the people of this country. They have shown themselves ready to follow and support extremists who play upon their ignorance and appeal to their natural prejudices and sympathy with the Central powers. Bolshevism finds a fertile field among them and is assiduously cultivated by the ardent agitator."

After making reference to the orders passed providing for the increase in the strength of the force, Commissioner Perry gives the strength at the time of reporting at 60 officers and 1,540 n.c.o.'s and men, and 823 horses. This was an increase of 8 officers and 371 other ranks over the previous year, after taking into consideration the number of men released for service with the two overseas squadrons of cavalry.