

# **MOUNTED POLICE 1,268 STRONG TO CONTROL 173,500 GERMANS**

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## ***West Never More Under Thumb of Authority***

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**From a Staff Reporter.**

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The annual report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, tabled in the Commons yesterday by Sir Robert Borden, gives the total strength of the force on September the 30th last at 55 officers and 1,213 men. Compared with last year, this is an increase of 505 officers and constables. The strength of the force in the different Provinces has been increased as follows: Alberta, 14; Saskatchewan, 480; New Manitoba, 4; Northwest Territories, 3; and Yukon Territory, 4.

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.

### **Reserve Force at Regina.**

All divisions of the force now approximate 100 men, and a new division called the Reserve, 150 strong, has been organized and stationed at Regina. Comptroller Fortesque, 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 1st, 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.