

Scientists, Cigaret Smugglers Headaches for Canadian Mounties

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—Mad trappers, treacherous Indians and jumping gold prospectors aren't causing the Royal Canadian Mounted Police much trouble these days.

But scientists are. "They go into the wilds to study the caribou or the habits of the natives," said Inspector William Dick. "Often they don't have the proper gear, and when they get lost we have to go and get them out."

Inspector Dick is here with 32 of his Mounties to put on a riding demonstration at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden.

The Canadian Mountie of fact today leads a busier but less romantic life than the Mountie of fiction.

There are only 3,500. And they have to enforce Dominion law over a tremendous area of 3,462,102 square miles with a population of more than 12,600,000.

It isn't easy to be a Mountie. "Of the last 6,000 applicants only 357 were accepted," said Inspector Dick, a rugged veteran of 40 who spent six years with the Canadian army overseas.

"We get them from all walks of life, but some of our best Mounties have been farmboys. They seem to know how to take care of themselves better."

Must Rent Horses

Every Mountie still has to learn to ride a horse and shoot a gun, but he also has to study some 65 technical subjects during his eight to nine-month training course. He starts his career at \$3.50 a day plus food, clothing and quarters. There is an extra allowance for married men, and they get a pension after 25 years.

Most Mounties now travel by patrol car. If they need a horse

in the field they rent it—from a farmer or a riding academy.

"We have 183 horses, but they are used only for training purposes," smiled the inspector.

"We still place much importance on equestrianism. A man finds his own level on a horse. If he's timid the horse will show it up. And riding helps build a man's self-confidence."

Foot Travel Extensive

Only volunteers are accepted for the arduous two-year tours of duty on far northern patrol. A Mountie gets 50 cents a day extra on such a job and may travel 2,000 miles a year by foot, canoe and dog sled.

"His chief duties are to collect fur taxes, enforce game laws, look after the welfare of the natives and supervise the \$5 a month payment every child in Canada gets until he is 16," said the inspector. "There isn't much crime up there."

The R.C.M.P. also has six airplanes and 82 vessels for customs patrol work and rescues at sea. There are a number of Mounties stationed abroad to screen prospective immigrants.

Smugglers Worst Headache

The biggest problem along the international border? Cigaret smugglers from the United States.

"Cigarets sell for 35 cents a pack in Canada," Dick said. "Mounties also do highway patrol work—but they don't set traps for speeders."

"That would be unpopular," the inspector grinned.

One sign that Canada has tamed down—just like the American Wild West:

"We haven't had a mad trapper case since 1931," said Inspector Dick, "but in that time three babies have been born in the back seat of my car as the mothers were being taken to a hospital."

And he brought 'em all in alive, too. The Mounties get their man.

Welfare Patients Granted Increase For Hospital Pay

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—(AP)—The State Public Welfare Commission agreed yesterday to pay \$1 a day additional to hospitals for care of welfare patients.

The Oregon Association of Hospitals had asked a blanket increase of \$3.10 a day—a jump the Commission said it could not afford. The \$1 increase would up average payments to \$7.50 a day, plus 40 cents for drugs.

State Budget Director George K. Aiken told the Commission that a \$45,422,000 budget has been approved for public welfare during the next biennium.

The Commission reported Oregon's average old age assistance payments are \$44.02 a month, third in the nation. The top state is Colorado, which pays \$78.51.

Oregon ranks sixth nationally in average payments to families. That sum in Oregon is \$100.19, compared to \$109.94 paid in California, the highest-paying state.

Spokesmen from private welfare agencies asked the Commission to support their request for more funds from state funds. The private agencies received \$700,000 from the state during the current biennium, and—because of rising costs—want \$875,000 in the next biennium.

Bartenders Available As Baby Sitters Nov. 2

DECATUR, Ill., Oct. 30.—(AP)—About 100 Decatur union bartenders will be available for baby sitting jobs next Tuesday, election day.

Mothers wanting a sitter so they can go to the polls can get a bartender as baby sitter at Local 23, Bartenders, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.

The bartenders agreed to offer their services because they will be idle. By state law saloons are closed in Illinois during the time the polls are open on election day.

Young said the union has not decided on wages for the bartenders. But they won't be much, he said.

Community Chest Drives Scheduled In North Douglas

Community Chest drives will get started in Yoncalla, Drain, Elkton, and Oakland next Wednesday, it was announced by Benton O. Wilson, campaign chairman for the Douglas County Chest.

A breakfast meeting of campaign workers was held at Yoncalla Friday morning, where Mrs. Bernice Mideke is chairman, and a luncheon at Drain at noon, where Mrs. Jack Merrill will direct the drive.

Wilson attended both meetings, then proceeded to Elkton, where he announced that Bob Cowbrough will head the local drive which will "aim for \$300." The Elkton Chest drive will start Nov. 3.

At Oakland, Wilson announced, Ted Rohwer will head the Chest drive which will open with a breakfast meeting Wednesday.

The Oakland community hopes to raise \$700. The Drain and Yoncalla sights are set \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, with their drives opening at the same time, Wilson said.

Autograph Seeker Fails In Try to Reach Truman

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—(AP)—A man, who tried yesterday to shove past a police barrier assertively to obtain President Truman's autograph, was released last night after being held several hours.

Police arrested him outside the Biltmore Hotel when he tried to push his way toward Mr. Truman just as the president was entering an automobile to go to a rally in Queens. The man was carrying a rolled piece of paper. He said later he had bought a picture of the Battleship Missouri and wanted to get the president to autograph the picture. He was not identified.

Carloadings of Forest Products Show Big Gain

SEATTLE — (AP) — Forest products carloadings in the Pacific Northwest during the first nine months of the year were the

highest for any similar period since 1942. The Pacific Northwest Advisory Board said the 305,977 figure compares with 283,787 for the same period in 1947. The board's figures cover Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho.

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"In the 20's the Forest Service . . . adopted the policy of withholding the stumpage on the national forests from sale in order that private enterprise might have an opportunity to safeguard the integrity of its own investment.

"I applaud that decision on the part of the federal government. That was sound thinking."

* From a speech by Cordon printed in the Proceedings, American Forest Congress, 1946, pp. 115-116.

In plain language Cordon applauds the policy which is chiefly responsible for present shortage and excessive high price of lumber. He thinks it was "sound thinking" to permit billions of feet of choice timber to die and rot to waste on the public forests. He praises the action of big business controlled politicians for leaving private forest owners to destroy their forests with no government effort to help those owners put their forests under sustained yield.

Cordon, moreover, is one of the originators of the present monopoly plan for government timber which has aroused small business, farmer, labor, and public protest throughout the West. Cordon prepared that plan when he was attorney for the Western Oregon counties. He lobbied to get it through congress. That plan makes no provision for logging roads and provides for monopolistic cooperative sustained yield agreements. He has publicly admitted that the plan was suggested to him by lumber interests.

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"I likewise deplore the present plans for special privilege and for monopoly of government timber. That evil plan is being sold to the public under the good name of sustained yield. If we let a privileged few get away with that plan, Oregon's future will be dark indeed. But we don't need to let them get away with it.

"Small business, farmers, sportsmen, veterans, and labor organizations have already started a great fight to prevent them from getting away with it. The surprising degree of harmony among these diverse and broadly representative groups in this timber fight is one of the most significant things that has ever happened in Oregon or anywhere else. I am referring especially to the unanimity of these groups on what ought to be done to preserve our forests. There is today in Oregon, a united voice of the public saying: 'Put the government timber under real management with a complete system of logging roads, and equality of opportunity, under free competitive enterprise. Provide incentives and assistance available to all private owners to encourage and aid them in practicing conservation on their own lands.'

"I am proud to campaign for office on that forestry program of the people of Oregon. It is the main issue of my campaign. It is an issue that is vitally important to the welfare of all the people of Oregon. It will be my main objective when I am in the U. S. Senate, to get the timber monopoly laws off the books and to replace them with the forestry program that has been hammered out cooperatively by small business, labor, sportsmen, veterans, and farmers, in our great State of Oregon."

(signed) MANLEY WILSON.