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THIRTY MURDERS LAST YEAR REPORT OF MOUNTED POLICE AN UNDUE PROPORTION OF CRIME IN WESTERN PROVINCES IS COMMITTED BY ALIEN POPULATION—INCREASED POLICE FORCE IS WANTED.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The report of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police for the year 1912 was tabled in the House by Premier Borden yesterday afternoon. The report shows that on September 30th the strength of the force consisted of fifty-four officers and six hundred non-commissioned officers and constables, an increase of four officers and twenty men, compared with the force for the year ending September 30, 1911. Eleven divisional posts and 185 detachments have been maintained. Alberta with five posts and eighty-two detachments has 252 of the members of the force; Saskatchewan, with four divisional posts and eighty-seven detachments, 335; the new portion of Manitoba, with one post and six detachments, 22; the Yukon Territory, with one post and eight detachments, 40 of the force, and the Northwest Territories, with two detachments, 5 of the force. During the year, 13,391 cases were entered by the police. Of these 11,435 resulted in convictions; 1,307 were dismissed or withdrawn, and 249 were awaiting trial on September 30th. Compared with 1911, these figures show an increase of 3,973 cases and an increase of 360 convictions. The cases include thirty murders, seventeen in Alberta, twelve in Saskatchewan and one in the Yukon; twenty-one cases of attempted murder, eight in Saskatchewan and thirteen in Alberta, and eight manslaughter cases, two in Saskatchewan and six in Alberta. In twenty-one of these cases convictions were secured and seventeen remained to be tried. In 1905 there were twenty-three cases of these kinds and eight convictions, but the report sets forth that "in proportion to population there is little increase, and the same result will be obtained if compared with statistics the twelve years." Another interesting comment made by the report is that "names of the accused indicate an undue proportion of our alien population responsible for these crimes of violence, and the west is paying the penalty for drawing a large immigration from Central Europe." Commissioner Perry advises that substantial increases be made to the force, which has increased duties to perform owing to increase of population and the opening up of new territory.

OVER ONE DOLLAR PER CAPITA SPENT FOR DEFENCE LAST YEAR PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF THE YEAR'S WORK—CANADIANS ENCOURAGING A RUDE AWAKENING.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The people of the Dominion spent \$7,558,284 for military purposes last year, according to the annual report of the Militia and Defence Department, laid upon the table in the House of Commons by Colonel the Honorable Sam Hughes. This is slightly over one dollar for every man, woman and child in the country. It is an increase in expenditure of \$791,947 over last year. Thirty-eight thousand nine hundred and ninety men received efficiency pay aggregating \$174,053. Apart from a number of appointments no important changes respecting mobilizations were made during the year. "Preparedness of war," says the report, "has been the object of the year's work; the power to mobilize at short notice a force of adequate strength, well trained and fully equipped." Inspector General Otter takes occasion to utter a warning to Canadians of their unpreparedness for war and tell them that they are "encouraging a rude awakening and irreparable loss some day." "The main obstacles to our efficiency," writes General Otter, "present themselves in two forms—lack of money on the one hand and a profusion of it in the form of successful enterprises on the other, the former militating against the provision of armories and equipment of rifle ranges and training grounds, and the placing of obstacles in the prosecution of effective training in its full significance, the latter preventing individuals from sparing the time necessary to fit themselves for the military duties they have assumed." General Otter concludes by asking if it is not imperative that Canada should possess a military force "adequate to bear the first brunt of conflict, or at any event cause the invader to stop and think on the threshold" and by expressing the belief that the plaudits of church or ceremonial parades have lulled Canadians into the belief that we are fit and capable for any invasion. The men weighed a fraction more than 132 pounds at 9:45. They were to weigh in at 133 ringside. That it is just as well to remember not to enquire too deeply into things is aptly illustrated by the story which Clifton Crawford, of "My Best Girl" company, is now telling: "Old Aunt Sally, the highly esteemed cook in a southern family, was frequently praised for her culinary skill, and on one occasion when a number of guests had been to dine with the family a remark was made touching the beautiful appearance of Sally's pie, which showed a very pretty scallop on its edge. "Inquiry was made as to how the old lady managed to get such an even design. Sally was summoned to the dining room and the question was duly put to her. "The emotion of the guests may be imagined when the old lady replied: "'Oh, dat's easy; I jest uses my false teeth.'"—Youth's Companion.

RIVERS OUTPOINTS CROSS Mexican Lightweight Has Better of Ten Round Bout with Dentist.

New York, Jan. 18.—Joe Rivers, the Mexican lightweight, outpointed Leach Cross of this city in a ten round bout a few nights ago.

Cross had the better of the first two rounds. While the New Yorker was showering rights and lefts to the head in the first the Mexican slipped to one knee at the ropes, but was up in an instant. He blocked cleverly, and proved Cross' superior in infighting. In the second round Cross scored the only real knockdown of the bout with a left hook to the jaw. From that time on Rivers fought cleverly and was so fast that Cross missed frequently, becoming decidedly wild at some stages. Rivers' showing in the last eight rounds earned him a victory by a comfortable majority.

Rivers became steeper as the fighting progressed, while Cross grew wild and became worried under Rivers' constant shower of left and right uppercuts. Cross backed away from the assault at times. In the eighth the Mexican fell again, tripping over Cross' foot in breaking from a clinch. Rivers then landed four rights and lefts to face and head without a return and followed up with hard right shifts to the body.

In the last two rounds Rivers did practically all the fighting. In the tenth he rocked the local man's head with a hook to the

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