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## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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People prick up their ears when they hear of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, for the Canadian Mounties have become the most famous police force in the world. There were only about 150 of them at first. Their job was to maintain peace and justice in Canada's great Northwest. That was back in 1873, when the Northwest Territory was a wild region of more than a million square miles, and wandering bands of criminals terrorized the settlers.

"I'm boss of this here town," boasted one desperado in the early days. "And no tin soldier is going to lock me up." Those were brave words, but that law-breaker and many others soon learned that the red-coated Mounties meant business. The new policemen seemed to be everywhere, enforcing the law and protecting the innocent. They rarely fired a shot; instead, they used their heads and now and then their fists.

Today there are over 4,000 Mounties scattered through all of Canada. In their bright red parade jackets, they make a picture every Canadian loves, for the Canadian Mounties have become a symbol of strength and fair play that has won the respect of people everywhere.

Richard Neuberger, who became acquainted with the Mounties when he was at work on the Alaska Highway with the United States Engineers, has written a stirring and fascinating account of this great police force, from its beginnings to the present day.

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