HAITI

GENERAL

Area .................................................. 26,418 sq. km.
Population (1927) ............................ 2,000,000
   Per sq. km. ................................... 75.7
Length of railway lines (1926) ......... 183 km.

The armed forces of the Republic of Haiti are known as the "Haiti Constabulary." There is also a coastguard service. The latter forms part of the Constabulary.

The constabulary is under the President, whose orders are transmitted to the Commander through the Secretary of State of the Interior.

The constabulary has a general headquarters and is divided into departments, districts and subdistricts.

A department includes one or more districts, each of which is usually under the command of a captain and is subdivided into one or more subdistricts.

A subdistrict, which is usually under the command of a lieutenant, includes the communes, quarters and islands attached to it, together with stations of minor importance.

The following are the effectives of the constabulary for 1928–29:

155 officers,
23 staff officers (Staff of the President),
135 non-commissioned officers (excluding corporals),
2,402 corporals and other ranks (including 40 bandsmen).

Total 2,715

The establishment of the coastguard service is 41.

A supplementary force for the constabulary up to a maximum of 467 may be enlisted for one year, and this engagement may be renewed for a further six months.
The following is the establishment of the Constabulary as prescribed by the Law of October 25th, 1928:

- Generals: 2
- Colonels: 6
- Majors: 13
- Captains: 26
- First Lieutenants: 53
- Second Lieutenants: 59
- Cadet Officers: 11
- Sergeants: 135
- Corporals and other ranks: 2,402 (including 40 buglers)

Total: 2,707

The Military Household of the President of the Republic includes 7 officers.

**Budget Expenditure on National Defence.**

The gross expenditure on the constabulary, the coastguards and the general staff of the President is included in the budget of the Department of the Interior. During the past two fiscal years (October 1st to September 30th) the expenditure has been as follows:

- 1925–26: 6,062,000 gourdes
- 1926–27: 6,496,000 gourdes

The estimated expenditure for 1927–28 amounts to 5,303,000 gourdes and for 1928–29 to 5,665,000 gourdes.

These figures do not include pensions, which are charged to the Department of Finance jointly with civil pensions.