

NICARAGUA

GENERAL

Area	128,000 sq. km.
Population (XII. 1919)	638,000
Density per sq. km.	5.0
Length of railway system (1928) (excluding some industrial lines).	267 km.

Army.

Secretariat of War and Marine. — This Secretariat, which was attached in March 1930 to the Ministry of the Interior, includes :

- Departments of War and Marine ;
- Auxiliary Service of the General Command ;
- Departmental Military Government.

The Departmental Military Government is composed of the different military corps and of the whole garrison.

The military corps are as follows :

- The Guard of Honour for the President of the Republic ;
- The Fortress of the Campo de Marte.

The garrison troops are distributed among a number of fortresses.

Effectives. — The effectives of the army for 1923-24 were 48 officers and 289 other ranks.

Police.

The Police effectives for 1923-24 were 51 officers and 777 other ranks.

Budget Expenditure on National Defence.

The fixed expenditure on the army and navy, including military pensions, amounted to 132,571 cordobas during the fiscal year 1925-26 (July 1st to June 30th), and was estimated at 133,000 cordobas for 1926-27, at 85,343 cordobas for 1927-28 and at 77,687 cordobas for 1928-29.

The expenditure on Police was 194,704 cordobas.
