

Newfoundland and Irish from Newfoundland to Ireland; it is one company, but there will be three or probably four countries concerned. I understand that England is taking care of Newfoundland's share and that probably Newfoundland will also have an investment, but the four countries will all be shareholders in an operating company which will carry out the whole of the operations.

Mr. LENNARD: When the minister speaks of "Ireland" I assume he refers to Northern Ireland?

Mr. HOWE: No.

Mr. LENNARD: Well, the other part has changed its name.

Mr. HOWE: Eire.

Mr. MacLEAN (Prince): Perhaps the minister can give us some information about the situation in the maritimes. We understood that Shediac was to be one of the terminals on this side. Has the minister any information that the company wants to come straight through from Newfoundland to Montreal, or does it not prefer to having a landing at Shediac or Moncton?

Mr. HOWE: In the test flights of last year Imperial Airways terminated all air flights at Montreal, but, I think, stopped on two occasions at Shediac. Pan-American Airways made Shediac their American base on each flight, although their contract provides, as does the Imperial contract, that Montreal shall be an alternative base for them as well as Shediac. Nothing is yet determined, I believe, as to which will be finally adopted.

Mr. DUPUIS: Have many students enlisted in the Winnipeg school for aviation and radio engineering, and if so, how many are from the province of Quebec?

Mr. HOWE: I have not that information. I know that various branches of the school have supplied about ninety men, but I have no knowledge where they came from or who they are. I have not had a hand in any way in the selection of personnel for trans-Canada airways.

Mr. DUPUIS: Are there now qualified radio engineers, and men qualified in meteorological operation, in the province of Quebec? If so, how many are employed at St. Hubert in radio and meteorological operations, and are they all from Quebec?

Mr. HOWE: I am sure that I cannot inform the hon. member. I have not taken the slightest part in the recruiting of the technical staff of Trans-Canada airways or of the St. Hubert airport. I placed a man in

charge of that service who I believe is competent to sort out the material, and I have left it completely to him as to where these pilots are obtained.

Mr. DUPUIS: I wish the committee to know that the youth of our province is anxious to find a place in the activities of this country. I am not raising this as a parochial question; I am simply interested in helping the youth of the province of Quebec, because I am sure that if they were given an opportunity to study these things the minister would find as large a number of qualified young men in that province as in any other. I am trying only to encourage the youth of that province because I am afraid that at present the minister is under the impression that there are not a sufficient number of qualified persons in the province of Quebec to fill these positions. I should be glad if we could help them to fill these positions in connection with the airport in that province.

Mr. GREEN: Will the north Atlantic route be flown the year round, or will there be a different route in the winter?

Mr. HOWE: As far as we know, it is the intention to fly the north Atlantic route twelve months in the year. The service there is in the experimental stage, but that is the intention.

Mr. BENNETT: Is the agreement referred to executed?

Mr. HOWE: The agreement among the four countries? No. A conference was held in Canada two years ago and an agreement was arrived at and initialled, but it has never been carried beyond that stage. Each government approved the agreement as initialled, but no formal agreement was ever signed.

Mr. BENNETT: I ask only for the reason that it might be laid on the table if it were in shape to be seen, since reference has been made to it. If it is a confidential document it need not be.

Mr. HOWE: I have here a document which is not confidential, so far as I am aware. I will lay it on the table.

Mr. DUNNING: It is not signed.

Mr. STIRLING: Do I understand the minister to say that in the ordinary course of events there will be a non-stop flight from Southampton to Montreal?

Mr. HOWE: Not a non-stop flight. The flights are Southampton to Foynes, Ireland, thence to Botwood, Newfoundland, and from Botwood to Montreal.