

for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. It was made, in fact, on October the 10th, the day on which I made an identical announcement in Canada. Sir Kingsley Wood's statement contained no figures and had no reference whatever to anything considered prior to the war. In his anxiety to condemn the present government, Dr. Manion overlooked the dates, he misinterpreted the situation, failed to realize to what scheme Sir Kingsley Wood was referring, and misapplied the British minister's speech.

Dr. Manion's Study Not Sufficiently Close.

The figures Dr. Manion quoted, as being Sir Kingsley Wood's, were not used by Sir Kingsley Wood at all. Quite evidently, Dr. Manion had confused Sir Kingsley Wood's speech with a speculative statement that accompanied the press report. The Canadian Press despatch from London, reporting Sir Kingsley Wood's statement, added the following paragraph:

"The scheme will mean that many thousands of pilots and airmen will be trained in Canada, but no accurate estimate of the total could be obtained. It was thought likely the number would exceed 25,000 annually."

Apparently, Dr. Manion's close study, which gave him such a shock, was not close enough to enable him to distinguish between the Minister's speech and the reporter's guess.

Does Dr. Manion really believe that Sir Kingsley Wood, or the British government, had ever, at any time, any idea of establishing air training schools in Canada, in peace time, to train 25,000 British pilots a year? This figure will, I believe, be found to represent more than ten times the number of pilots trained in the United Kingdom in peacetime in any

year prior to the war. Moreover, Dr. Manion's statement implies that the British government intended to abandon all the air training in the United Kingdom, and transfer the whole of it to Canada. Does he believe any such scheme would have met with approval either in the United Kingdom or in Canada?

Complete Misrepresentation Respecting Establishment of Aircraft Industry.

This is the mythical scheme which was never advanced and could never have been advanced by any man in his senses. Nevertheless, Dr. Manion, in his speech in Parliament on January the 25th, went on to say, and continues today to say, that this scheme would have secured for Canada a great aircraft industry. This industry, he and others are now saying, has been lost to Canada and is being developed instead in the United States and in Great Britain.

Just listen to this. I quote Dr. Manion's exact words: "The Prime Minister had this proposal put up to him by the British to come to their aid in their distress. He refused and the British started then to do what he refused to do. They built up manufacturing plants for the manufacture of planes in their own country, manufacturing plants which they came over here to establish in Canada. I learned, when I was in England not long ago, that on one occasion they came over here with one hundred million dollars worth of orders for Canadian plants, but they received from the Prime Minister of Canada such a cold reception to this request that they refused to give any contracts at that time."

The statement that, as a result of the alleged refusal of training facilities, the British did not set up manufacturing