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NEW MONTREAL AIRPORT

A new international airport, costing some \$400 million, is to be built 26 miles north of Montreal at Ste. Scholastique, Quebec.

In a joint statement on March 27, Mr. Paul Hellyer, Minister of Transport, and Mr. Jean Marchand, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, said that the site, which is 17 miles from the present international airport at Dorval, would "meet the changing patterns in air traffic and technology - including jumbo jets and supersonic aircraft for the foreseeable future". The new airport, which Mr. Hellyer said he hoped to see in operation by 1974, will handle overseas flights mainly, as well as their connections in Canada, while Dorval will handle North American traffic.

The joint statement follows:

...An intensive review of the airport requirements of the Montreal region was begun in December 1966. Following that review, the Cabinet agreed, in July 1968, that the present airport at Dorval could not be expanded economically to accommodate the forecasted growth in air traffic and that a new international airport was therefore required.

Officials of the Department of Transport then met with officials of the Quebec government to review some 20 possible sites in the light of the technical criteria developed in preliminary studies. These discussions led to a substantial reduction in the number of acceptable sites. A task force was then created, drawn from the federal departments of Transport and Regional Economic Expansion, four Quebec government departments and the City of Montreal, to examine these sites from the point of view of their different economic impacts. The aim was to assess the stimulus that would be given to

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regional development, taking into account Canadian, Quebec and regional priorities.

After a careful assessment of the technical, cost and developmental factors identified by these studies, the Cabinet has concluded that the new Montreal International Airport will be built north of Montreal, near the City of St. Jerome.

REASONS FOR CHOICE

This site, 26 miles north of the centre of Montreal and 17 miles from the Dorval Airport, will meet the changing patterns in air traffic and technology - including 'jumbo' jets and supersonic aircraft - for the foreseeable future. It fits with regional development strategies and will provide the greatest benefits for the growth of the Montreal region and of the Quebec economy generally.

The location will provide for safe flight operations without interfering with activity at Dorval. It suffers from no restrictions because of natural or man-made obstacles. The runways can be oriented in the most favourable directions for the prevailing winds, without bad effects on adjoining urban areas. The incidence of fog and freezing rain are less than at other points in the Montreal region.