

The Supervisory Board will be under the Chairmanship of the Minister of National Defence. It will also include the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Transport, Representatives of the Governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, the Deputy Minister for Air of the Department of National Defence, and the Chief of the Air Staff. Contact with the Government will be maintained by the Board through its Chairman, and with the Royal Canadian Air Force through the Chief of the Air Staff.

The Representatives on the Board, of the Governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, are to report to their own Governments regarding the progress of the Joint Training Programme. They will also have authority to visit, at any time, any stations or units, and to make criticisms or suggestions to the Board. It is expected that they will assist in keeping the Royal Canadian Air Force advised as to new developments in training technique which may come to their notice.

*Co-operation in the provision of instructors*

All four Governments will co-operate in the provision of staff and teaching personnel. The staff officers and instructors from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand will, during their period of service in Canada, hold temporary appointments in the Royal Canadian Air Force. This further co-operative arrangement should go far to assure the successful working of the Joint Air Training Programme.

*Pre-war discussions on air training in Canada*

It is desirable, at this point, to clear up a misconception which has become current through frequent repetition, but which is wholly without foundation.

It has been asserted that the Air Training Plan would have been in existence before this had the present Government not declined to meet an earlier request of the United Kingdom Government for the training of British pilots in Canada. Within the past week or two, it has, for example, been said: "Had we agreed to the British proposal of two years ago for the establishment of air training facilities in Canada, to-day, Canada would be, in reality, the air training centre of the Empire".