

His Majesty's government in the United Kingdom by the Canadian Prime Minister through the United Kingdom High Commissioner. A reply has been sent expressing warm appreciation of the offer, and arrangements are being made in accordance with a suggestion of the Canadian Prime Minister for an officer to be sent immediately to Canada to explore, in co-operation with the Canadian government, the possibility of working out such a scheme for training facilities in Canada."

Dr. Manion has always found it convenient to ignore this official and appreciative acknowledgment by the British government.

Agreement Respecting Joint Training Between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada.

An expert from the British Air Ministry came to Canada almost immediately thereafter. He was cordially welcomed. There was the closest co-operation between him and our own officials. On the basis of a joint survey, an agreement was reached between the two governments. It covered a period of three years. Under the agreement, we undertook to expand our own services and provide facilities necessary for the joint advanced training of British and Canadian pilots.

The British undertook to send to Canada fifty Royal Air Force pilots a year. The number of fifty, was fixed not by us; but by the British government. That number represented as many pilots as the British government, at that time, was prepared to send to Canada for training. For the express purpose of providing the necessary facilities and expansion of our own services, we asked and received from Parliament a

special appropriation of six million dollars. This was over and above the greatly increased amounts for the Air Force for which provision was being made in the general estimates.

Dr. Manion Confuses Two Wholly Different Matters.

All these facts are on the records of Parliament. They were given in reply to questions raised by Dr. Manion himself. Notwithstanding his prior knowledge of these matters, Dr. Manion, speaking in the House of Commons on the 25th of January of this year, said: "All we were going to permit the British to send across were fifty a year. . . . Yet Sir Kingsley Wood, the head of the air defence force in Britain, made the statement in October—I believe it was on October 9th, because I have been studying this matter, and getting thoroughly shocked as I studied it—that what the British had hoped was that there would be 25,000 pilots trained a year. And we are going to train fifty."

Dr. Manion went on to say—"Let us see what would have happened if the right honourable gentleman (that is myself) had said "yes" to them at that time; as I say he should have done. They would have come over here and established their air training schools. They would have brought over their British young men to train at the rate of 25,000 a year. If that figure is an exaggeration, it is Sir Kingsley Wood's exaggeration, not mine."

Dr. Manion, in support of his allegation, if not as evidence of his study, was referring to a statement by Sir Kingsley Wood which was made more than a month after the outbreak of war. In this statement, Sir Kingsley Wood was announcing, in the British House of Commons, the proposal