

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. It is moved by Mr. Drysdale, seconded by Mr. Creaghan, that in respect of the information asked for, it is the committee's view that Mr. Smith secure it personally from Mr. McGregor but that it not be put in the record.

Agreed to.

Mr. CHOWN: What progress are you making in respect of the acquisition of satellite fields, in order to get the smaller aircraft off the major runways at the main stations across the country?

Mr. MCGREGOR: I think I should refer the question to the minister. T.C.A. has nothing to do with airports as such.

Mr. CHOWN: I will write him a letter.

Mr. HEES: We are very anxious to do that. We find it will be much more difficult than perhaps you realize. These satellite fields, as you know, are required in the neighbourhood of large cities. You probably realize when a city has grown to such an extent that it has an airport, it has become overcrowded and it is very difficult to obtain the right kind of land within an approachable distance of the city.

There is also quite a reluctance on the part of the communities to make the land available. We are, however, proceeding with it as quickly as we can. We are anxious to take the pressure off a number of our major airfields. In a number of cases we are looking for satisfactory sites.

Mr. BROOME: May I ask a question supplementary to that since the minister did open up the subject.

Mr. HEES: I did not open it up.

Mr. BROOME: Since a difficult problem is getting the land in order to make an airport, where is your problem in a situation where you do happen to have a satellite airport such as at Boundary Bay?

Mr. HEES: As Mr. Broome knows, our problem there is not one of obtaining land. It is a problem of the Department of National Defence finding another location and vacating.

Mr. FRASER: May I ask one question?

The CHAIRMAN: Of whom; the minister, or the president?

Mr. FRASER: Mr. McGregor. This is a question under the insurance fund provision in the report. We had a Viscount destroyed by another carrier in New York. Is that carried in the balance sheet? Did you receive anything from the carrier?

Mr. MCGREGOR: No; it is not in the balance sheet. The book value of the aircraft has been taken out of the assets of the company. Legal proceedings are being taken jointly against the airline in question and the manufacturer, because it became quite clear we were not going to collect for the aircraft without that.

Unfortunately, this suit—towards which I think we are heading, subject to settlement out of court—is being allowed to go on by what I might call the defendants, simply because there is an argument between the two of them as to the financial responsibility with regard to the difficulty which occurred in the other company's aircraft.

However, there has been no remuneration paid to T.C.A., nor has any deduction been taken from the insurance fund in respect of that.

Mr. FRASER: Do you expect you will get anything out of that?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Yes; at a legal price.

Mr. CREAGHAN: We have not had any information on abandonment. Your parent company is always abandoning lines across the country which causes