

Mr. HAMILTON (*Notre-Dame-de-Grâce*): Would you be hopeful that there will be some reduction in those landing fees shortly?

Mr. MCGREGOR: From the standpoint of the airline's operation I would be hopeful; from the standpoint of the economics of operating airports I would be pleasantly surprised if reductions could be made.

Mr. HAHN: I was wondering, Mr. Chairman—if we are going to bring in the Royal Commission's report for discussion—whether we shall be studying it here at the same time as we consider the other reports.

The CHAIRMAN: I think the report was only brought in as an aside to the questions that was asked. I don't think we could allow a general discussion on the Gordon commission because that is dealing with another aspect of the matter.

Mr. HAHN: We are privileged to make reference to it.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, as explanatory of some point, or of any matter that is to be discussed. But I do not think that it is the purpose of this committee to review all of the individual evidence submitted by the T.C.A. to the Gordon commission.

Mr. HAHN: You will probably find that you will have the whole report discussed.

Mr. HAMILTON (*Notre-Dame-de-Grâce*): Perhaps I should have asked Mr. McGregor the questions on my own authority; but then I would have had to dig up the information myself. Perhaps Mr. McGregor would also comment on the question of hangar space and things of that type. Are those charges comparatively high here in Canada?

Mr. MCGREGOR: No. The hangar charges are comparatively low. We rent hangar accommodation in many centres. At others, such as Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, we own and maintain hangars.

Mr. HAMILTON (*Notre-Dame-de-Grâce*): Have your charges gone up in that field in recent years?

Mr. MCGREGOR: They have, but they were extremely low six years ago.

Mr. HAMILTON (*Notre-Dame-de-Grâce*): In the present year they are substantially higher than they were six years ago, may I assume that?

Mr. MCGREGOR: That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN: Page 4?

Mr. HAHN: I think Mr. McGregor mentioned that the wage rate was somewhat lower.

The CHAIRMAN: We shall be coming to that subject later on.

Mr. KNIGHT: I have a question on page 5.

The CHAIRMAN: If there is a question on page 5 shall we first carry page 4? Carried.

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Mr. KNIGHT: I was thinking about mail revenue which is down by one per cent and volume is up by 11 per cent.

Mr. MCGREGOR: That is correct.

Mr. KNIGHT: Does that mean that you have given better contracts, from their point of view, to the post office department, and that the mail service is costing less as far as the public is concerned?

Mr. MCGREGOR: The overall carriage per ton mile is discussed later on in the report.

Mr. KNIGHT: Is there any other consideration which makes that discrepancy as high as that?