

Senator LAMBERT: Take a building like the Winnipeg post office which will cost some \$10 million or \$12 million. I suppose the actual total cost of the building is considered very definitely before the plans are gone ahead with?

General YOUNG: Yes.

Senator LAMBERT: It is considered by the Cabinet as a whole as well as by your department?

General YOUNG: That is right, sir.

Senator LAMBERT: And it is considered very fully as to whether or not it is in keeping with the ability to pay?

General YOUNG: And requirements.

Senator LAMBERT: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps I should not be talking in this way because I live in Winnipeg and I may not be welcomed back there, but I have heard criticism from some sound businessmen in Winnipeg that the expenditure for the post office in that city is one that could very well have been done without for another five or ten years. Now, is there anything to the report that has been circulated in Winnipeg that the post office there is going to be equipped with helicopter service from the roof of the building to the air field?

General YOUNG: I could not answer that. I did read in the newspapers that the Postmaster General said something about it. We know nothing about it.

Mr. GARDNER: It is designed so that if it is ever required it could be used.

The CHAIRMAN: I hope that will not take place, for I do not think you could bring the mail in from the airport by helicopter any more cheaply than you could by truck.

General YOUNG: That is right, except if Stevenson Field is moved farther out.

The CHAIRMAN: There is not much sign of that, because the air field is being enlarged almost every year.

Senator ISNOR: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask General Young a question. We look on the Public Works Department as having jurisdiction over all buildings, from a construction standpoint, and particularly is that true because of the reorganization which has taken place in the past two years. How many departments continue to carry on their own activities in building planning, engineer and architect services, and lay out their own plans for their buildings?

General YOUNG: I would say practically all the departments do. In the case of Citizenship and Immigration we are arranging a transfer of their technical people. In Unemployment Insurance we are arranging a transfer of their technical staff. But I would say that nearly every other department, in varying degrees, has its own engineering and architectural set-ups. In the case of Northern Affairs, when Mr. Winters was transferred to Public Works, he took over Trans-Canada Highway and structural divisions; so that now we are doing most of the engineering work for Northern Affairs and National Resources.

Senator ISNOR: Let us get something definite on the record. I understand National Defence has its own complete set-up.

General YOUNG: That is true.

Senator ISNOR: Do they have one or three?

General YOUNG: I don't know what their present organization is, and I should not attempt to answer. They have three set-ups, but most of their work is done through Defence Construction.