

# AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM RESPECTING DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Signed in St. John's, April 8, and in London, May 3, 1946

The Governments of Canada, Newfoundland and the United Kingdom, having examined the various problems relating to defence installations constructed in Newfoundland under various agreements and understandings made during the recent war, and having considered their respective interests in Western Hemisphere defence, have agreed as follows:—

## ARTICLE 1

In this Agreement the expression "Newfoundland" shall mean Newfoundland and its Dependencies and the territorial waters thereof.

## ARTICLE 2

(a) The Government of Canada shall re-transfer control and operation of the Newfoundland Airport at Gander and the seaplane bases at Gleneagles and Botwood to the Government of Newfoundland as of March 31, 1946, and the obligations of the Government of Canada under the Air Bases Agreement of April 17, 1941, between the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland shall thereupon cease and shall be deemed to have been discharged.

(b) In order to assist the Government of Newfoundland in maintaining the continuous operation of the Newfoundland Airport, a progressive withdrawal of Canadian personnel from March 31, 1946 to May 31, 1946 may be arranged between the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Newfoundland Director of Civil Aviation.

(c) With a view to facilitating the development of the Newfoundland Airport as a civil airport, the Government of Canada forgoes its rights with respect to a lease at the Newfoundland Airport under Article VII of the said Air Bases Agreement of April 17, 1941.

(d) The Government of Canada shall transfer to the Government of Newfoundland all the buildings, hangars and works constructed by the Government of Canada at the Newfoundland Airport, and all the equipment and supplies of the Government of Canada at the Airport, excluding stocks of solid and liquid fuels, oils and lubricants and the equipment and supplies of the Department of Transport of the Government of Canada, and the Government of Newfoundland shall pay therefor the sum of one million dollars in such instalments and at such times as may be agreed upon.

(e) The Government of Newfoundland shall provide at the Newfoundland Airport such accommodation as may be required by the Canadian Armed Forces during the period of progressive withdrawal from the Airport and for the storage of such supplies as remain after March 31, 1946.

(f) During the provision by the Government of Canada of the Meteorological Service and Radio Range Service at the Newfoundland Airport the Government of Newfoundland shall maintain suitable office and living accommodation for the necessary staffs of these Services, the location, type and standard of this accommodation to be agreed between the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland.