

Your Committee is of the opinion that these facilities must adequately meet the requirements of maritime transportation while favouring the transportation of goods coming from the port of Sept-Iles and destined for the distant cities of the Lower North Shore.

Furthermore, the port facilities must be designed in such a manner as to favour and meet the requirements of modern maritime transportation, either by containers, or by ships loading and unloading laterally, or by ships using the roll-on, roll-off system.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Government study the opportunity of putting into effect the following recommendations:

- a) The construction of a new pier, keeping in mind the data mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.
- b) A complete study of the bed of the Bay of Sept-Iles in order to prepare for and meet all future requirements.

IV. AIR TRANSPORTATION

In view of the geographical situation of the cities of Baie-Comeau, Sept-Iles, Schefferville, Labrador City, Wabush and Goose Bay, and more particularly of the large distances that separate these cities from other large centers in Canada, air transportation occupies a place of prime importance in the life of the local population. The efficiency of the existing air transport service and the need to improve it are of great concern to the population of those centers.

Your Committee has heard Evidence to the effect that the air terminal in Wabush is not properly kept. Your Committee feels that the complaints are justified and that it is important and essential that the necessary steps be taken to ensure that the airport facilities are adequate and suffice to the needs of the population not only in Wabush but also at other airports.

Your Committee is also of the opinion that the air navigational aids, and weather reporting services should be improved. Although existing aids provide for safe instrument flying under the regulations as prescribed by the Department of Transport, the weather limits are such as to reduce the number of flights required to render adequate service to the area.

It is therefore urgent and important to improve the navigational aids and weather reporting services at airports to allow planes to land more often when weather conditions are poor.

Your Committee feels that since Air Transportation is the principal mode of travel for the people of Schefferville, Quebec and Wabush-Labrador City in Newfoundland, the existing service to the people of the area can be improved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Committee, therefore recommends that the Government study the opportunity of putting into effect the following recommendations:

- a) To extend the landing strip in the cities of Baie-Comeau, Sept-Iles, Wabush, and the construction of a second runway in Baie-Comeau.
- b) To improve the present aerial navigation facilities used in the cities of Baie-Comeau, Sept-Iles, Schefferville and Wabush by installing much more sophisticated navigational aids and weather