

selves, but we can recommend to War Assets that rather than move it away they dispose of it where it is at the present time and where it is required. I would be glad to take the matter up and see if any arrangement can be made on that basis.

Mr. IRVINE: Thank you very much.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): The hon. member also asked whether the R.C.A.F. has taken over the pipeline between Charlie Lake and Fort St. John, and also whether an application has been made to us for the use of some of the water from that pipeline. At present the pipeline between Charlie Lake and Fort St. John is operated by the United States forces and used by the R.C.A.F. There is an understanding that the air force will eventually take it over.

Mr. IRVINE: My information is that the Americans have abandoned it and that the R.C.A.F. have taken it over already. Is that not so?

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): I do not understand that we have actually taken it over yet, but the air force is to take it over eventually.

Mr. IRVINE: When that is consummated does the minister think there would be any hope of the village being able to obtain sufficient water for use in case of fire?

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): That is a matter I shall have to take up with the department, and I will let my hon. friend know if it can be arranged.

Mr. IRVINE: Thank you very much.

Item agreed to.

Flying training contracts, \$1,000,000.

Mr. KNIGHT: I should like some information about the operations of the Northern Saskatchewan Flying Training School Limited. It may take the minister a moment or two to turn this up, because I should like some detailed information. This was a station which operated No. 6 E.F.T.S. at Prince Albert; it is now closed down. I understand it operated there almost all through the war. I wish to make some inquiries about the funds made there as a profit, and as to their disposal. This was an air company, I understand, that had a contract with the government to train fliers. If I am wrong I hope the minister will correct me, because I find it easier to do it in this way than to ask separate questions.

I should be interested to learn, although I am not so very much concerned about this, what were the terms of the contract between the government and the company. I am only

interested in this because I wish to find out something about the disposition of the funds. The basis of the set-up of the company and the services it performed I already know. I discovered in the press an item which stated that \$366,019 was returned to the dominion government after operations at that station ceased. First, I should like to know what was the total profit made by the Northern Saskatchewan Flying Training School Limited during the whole period it was training fliers for the government or performing other services. Then, as to the disposition of those profits, I find some handsome sums of money being handed out, I have no doubt for estimable purposes. As I have said, some \$366,000 has been returned to the dominion government. I do not know where that was obtained, except perhaps through profits of operation. I am not very clear why it should be returned to the government.

I find, too, that there was a benefit fund. I should like to know how the fund known as the station benefit fund was made up, out of which moneys were paid to the Saskatoon and Prince Albert air cadet squadrons, and what was the disposition of the money left in that fund. I find, for instance, that the Saskatoon air cadet squadron was a beneficiary—that is a good word—to the extent of \$2,946, which was stated to be ten per cent of that fund. The Prince Albert air cadet squadron also received \$2,946, and then it was said the balance in the benefit fund of \$23,571 was returned to Ottawa for the R.C.A.F. benevolent fund. I find, too, that as beneficiaries, named by the Minister of National Defence for Air under the flying school contracts, the Saskatoon flying club received \$11,700, and the Prince Albert flying club, \$11,700, making a total of \$23,400. I should like to know from what funds this money was paid.

I am interested, too, in the fact that we had a number of men in charge of this company, the directors. I should like to know the names of those directors and whether they received any money from the company. It would hardly seem reasonable that these men should give their services for the whole duration of the war without remuneration. I should particularly like to know what sums of money, if any, were received by each of these directors. If such sums were paid, were they paid as salary or expenses; and, if as expenses, was it as estimated or actual expenses? I admit there are some difficulties in that connection, but I do not know how to get at the information in any other way.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton West): I can get those answers, and let my hon. friend have them. I believe I can get most of them. May