

The loss to the Crown was \$15,200, of which \$14,800 was recovered from the service members concerned and steps are being taken to recover the remainder.

Another case involving 12 out of 15 members of an Armed Forces group involving a sum of \$875 for fraudulent travel claims, resulted in recovery of the money. Fines and reprimands were imposed on the service personnel involved.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the Department has stated that it has rewritten the travel regulations which tightens up the procedures to some degree.

PARAGRAPH 130—RECONSTRUCTING OF AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON.

In August 1962, Defence Construction (1951) Limited awarded a contract for the construction of runways, taxiways and asphalt overlay of a hangar apron at Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan. This work was completed in November 1963 at a cost of \$3,679,000.

Prior to the completion date, depressions caused by the wheels of parked aircraft appeared in the asphalt overlay of the hangar apron. Since the contractor had applied the overlay in accordance with the specifications, he was not held responsible.

By the summer of 1964 it was evident that a strip adjacent to the hangars had to be replaced to allow the hangars to be used. A contract was awarded in the autumn of 1964 for the replacement of a strip 50 by 1,500 feet which was completed in November 1964 at a cost of \$53,000.

An engineering consultant was then employed to determine the underlying cause of the depressions. His initial report indicated that the base over which the asphalt had been laid was not stable enough to carry the load of parked aircraft and that the overlay itself had not failed. In early 1965, after conducting aircraft wheel load tests under maximum summer