

Mr. JACKMAN: And you haven't got those back yet?

Mr. SYMINGTON: We will never get those back.

The CHAIRMAN: Next item, please.

GENERAL

Special War Activities:

The company has undertaken on a considerable scale the repair and overhaul of military aircraft, including engines, propellers and instruments. Throughout the year the volume of work produced has shown a consistent increase. Women have displayed particular aptitude for certain types of work and an increasing number are being trained. The company's shops are on a three-shift basis and full use is being made of all facilities.

Maintenance and Overhaul of Aircraft Employed in Atlantic Return Ferry Service:

An agreement was entered into with the British Overseas Airways Corporation, under which Trans-Canada has undertaken the repair and overhaul of aircraft employed in the Atlantic Return Ferry Service operated by the Corporation. A maintenance staff, the nucleus of which was provided from the Winnipeg repair base, has been organized at Dorval. The company will shortly undertake the necessary servicing requirements in Newfoundland in connection with this service.

Service Extensions:

Recent negotiations have resulted in an arrangement for Trans-Canada to establish an air service to Newfoundland. It is anticipated a regular daily passenger, mail and express schedule will commence on May 1 next.

Because of this new service, and in view of the extent of the company's existing operations in the Maritime Provinces, a divisional headquarters and dispatch centre has been established at Moncton, with jurisdiction over operations east of Montreal, including Newfoundland.

Transportation difficulties and unseasonable weather combined to delay the completion of airports and other facilities on the airway being constructed by the Canadian Government for military and commercial aviation between Edmonton and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. The airway will be completed and suitable for main line operation in the autumn of 1942 and Trans-Canada will then extend its services to that territory, thus providing a direct main line service from the United States and Canada to Alaska.

Outlook for 1942:

The outlook for 1942 contains many uncertainties. There is every indication of a further increase in traffic on the services now operated and of a substantial volume of traffic from the extension of services planned. Work on direct war contracts for the overhaul of military aircraft, engines, instruments and accessories will expand considerably and place additional burdens on the supervisory and skilled personnel of the company, but these will be accepted cheerfully. The company's equipment and plant have been well maintained and are in good condition.
