

is to be transferred to the new ministry of transport, but can the minister tell us what provision is made for research work in connection with civil aviation?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The technical officers are continually in touch with all modern developments in flying not in this country only, but in other countries. The mere following up of what is being done nowadays is research work of the most extensive kind.

Mr. GREEN: Would that be under the Department of National Defence?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): The technical officers will be with the Department of National Defence, but actual civil aviation will be under the department of transport.

Mr. STIRLING: How far has my hon. friend got in negotiations with Newfoundland and developments there in connection with transatlantic flight?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): A delegate from Newfoundland was present at the conference to which I referred and took part in the discussions, and naturally they are cooperating in every way in reference to the development of transatlantic flight.

Mr. STIRLING: Is land set apart in Newfoundland for the purpose?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I think so; I think the matter has all been surveyed.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: Last year there was a conference in Newfoundland. Has there been one in Canada since then?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Yes, last December, headed by Sir Donald Banks of the British civil service and several eminent aviation experts from the united kingdom, two delegates from Canada, one from Newfoundland, and three of our permanent officials. They met here for about a week and drew up a provisional agreement which was to be ratified by various governments, and afterwards they went to Washington and consulted with the American officials with reference to cooperation with Pan-American Airways and Imperial Airways.

Mr. CAMERON (Cape Breton): Who was the representative from the Irish Free State?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): There were two. I regret that I cannot recall the names at the moment but I shall be glad to get them.

Mr. McCANN: Is there any provision in this appropriation for an airport in the county of Renfrew?

[Mr. Green.]

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I understand there is no provision for an airport; there is provision for intermediate landing fields only.

Mr. McCANN: Will there be further expenditure on the present airport at Killaloe?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I am informed that will be completed.

Mr. McCANN: What is the amount likely to be expended upon it during the coming year?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): It is difficult to assess that accurately for the reason that unemployment relief work on these projects is ceasing on July 1, and the work on that airport may have to be continued on a different basis.

Mr. McCANN: Has the property for a landing field been purchased or expropriated?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I am informed that it has been.

Mr. McCANN: Purchased or expropriated?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I cannot say which. I understand it has been acquired.

Mr. McCANN: When will that development take place?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): Without being too definite, during the course of the present year, I assume.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

After Recess

The committee resumed at eight o'clock.

Mr. BARBER: I wonder whether the minister could give us some particulars about airports or emergency landing fields in British Columbia. There were several under construction last year, directly under this department, one at Hope and one at Boothroyd. I would also like the minister to deal with the Chilliwack airport.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I am quite familiar with the one at Chilliwack. There were certain difficulties in regard to that, with which I think my hon. friend is thoroughly familiar. A site was chosen by the former government I think, although I am not exactly sure about that, and certain difficulties arose with reference to the dyking charges. The whole situation was referred to the Department of Justice, which gave as a legal opinion that the virtual contract which