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DEFENCE CONSTRUCTION AT NAMA0 AND NAMA0 PARK

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There are two Service sites, just south of Edmonton Griesbach Barracks, an R.C.O.C. Depot at Namao Park, and the R.C.A.F. Station at Namao airfield. The Ordnance Depot at Namao Park has been enlarged by the addition of seven buildings and at the R.C.A.F. Station, considerable additions are being made.

Total contracts at Namao and Namao Park amount to \$18,363,809. The dollar value of work completed amounts to \$8,832,854, of which sum, \$7,717,841 has been paid to date.

R.C.A.F. STATION, NAMA0

Dealing first with the Royal Canadian Air Force projects at Namao, we have 11 construction contractors now engaged on buildings or other works. Three other contractors have completed the work under their contracts and are off the site. Three manufacturers hold supply contracts for this project. The completed works are 1 remote transmitter building and one remote receiver building, built by Christensen and Macdonald Ltd., a VHF/DF building erected by the Bird Construction Company, a road to the radio building built by the Municipal District of Sturgeon, and a water main and booster pump installed by Dominion Construction and Lumber Ltd. These works were carried out in 1950-51.

The eleven contractors now working at Namao are building 47 buildings and 7 other works. I have with me a tabulation of the contracts for work at Namao, amounting to \$14,685,660 which, if the Committee so desired, might be incorporated in the record.

The contract for the water storage and pumphouse was awarded in June 1951 to Burns and Dutton and was to be completed by August 30, 1951. Change Orders extending the contract to include the supply and installation of the chlorinating equipment and pumping equipment were issued in the early Fall of that year. The chlorinator was delivered and installed in November 1951 and the pumping equipment arrived in January 1952. There was a long delay waiting for delivery of a right angled gear for the pumping equipment. In November of 1951 the contract was extended to include a motorized valve for the pumping station and the best delivery on this item was 6 months with an even longer period for the controls for the valve. All special equipment except the controls for the motorized valve was installed by September 1952. Successful tests have been made on the pumping equipment and the storage tank. The lack of controls for the motorized valve does not prevent the equipment being used; these controls will be installed as soon as they are received.

A contract was awarded in March 1952 to P. W. Graham and Sons to construct a Combined Mess, an Officers' quarters building, an NCO quarters building, and a 180-man Barrack Block. The required completion date was set at June 30, 1953. Construction of all four of these buildings was slowed by a spell of wet weather in June and July, while the contractor was working on foundations. There were further delays in October and November because a priority was given to structural steel for the Central Heating Plants. All buildings are going ahead satisfactorily now and it is expected that they will be completed by midsummer.

The contracts for the Central Heating Plants were awarded in August 1952, one to P. W. Graham and Sons and one to Poole Construction Company. Contracts to supply and install the boilers were let to Foster Wheeler Limited in