

18. The Minister of Munitions and Supply felt that these airfields were of little or no actual use. Those at Churchill and Southampton Island might well be entirely abandoned.

19. The Minister of Mines and Resources suggested that consideration be given to the use of the hospital facilities at these points to meet the needs of the local population.

20. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed that, before a decision were taken, particulars as to the financial implications of the course recommended should be obtained.

Mackenzie River Air Route; abandonment
of fields

21. The Minister of Munitions and Supply suggested that consideration should be given to abandoning certain of the fields on this route, the maintenance of which involved unnecessary expense.

22. The Minister of Mines and Resources was of the opinion that such action should only be taken after careful examination in relation to the present and future needs of the area from the points of view of administration and the development of natural resources.

23. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed that the Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources participate in the examination now proceeding by interested departments into the future disposition of the route and its facilities, and that a report be prepared for submission at a later date.

Canada-U.S. defence projects; Special Commissioner's
Seventeenth and Eighteenth Reports

24. The Secretary submitted the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Reports of the Special Commissioner for Defence Projects in Northwest Canada, copies of which had been circulated to the departments concerned.

The reports contained no items requiring specific action by the government at this time.

(Special Commissioner's Seventeenth and Eighteenth Reports, Oct.31 and Nov.30, 1944).

25. The War Committee noted submission of the Special Commissioner's Report.

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26. The Secretary referred to the Journal of Discussions and Decisions covering the meeting

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