

military. The new airport is conveniently located to the city, and with the completion of the administration building early this year is one of the best equipped and most modern on the continent.

The administration buildings at Malton and Ottawa were enlarged by the department to provide for the increasing volume of traffic.

Mr. McCULLOCH: When the mail service starts to Sydney is there any chance of New Glasgow getting into that field as a feeder?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Is your field up to Trans-Canada standards?

Mr. McCULLOCH: It is a growing community and the industries there are quite large.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: I do not think that it is possible to use that field for the present.

Mr. McCULLOCH: When the mail service is coming from Moncton to Prince Edward Island and Sydney will that be used as a feeder in the future?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: I do not think I can answer that in times like these. We have always had it in mind as an intermediate stop.

Mr. McCULLOCH: I know you had it in mind before.

Hon. Mr. HOWE: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, may I interrupt just for a moment with the query as to whether we will sit this afternoon. It is desirable that we should if the committee has no objection. Since there is no objection, we will meet at 4 o'clock.

Mr. SYMINGTON:

PERSONNEL

Personnel as at December 31, 1941, totalled 1,123, the comparative figures being as follows:—

	December 1941	31st 1940
Administrative	13	13
Captains and First Officers.....	105	89
Stewardesses	54	40
Maintenance and Overhaul.....	562	399
Dispatch and Communications.....	125	101
Station Staffs.....	82	43
Traffic	68	50
Clerical, Stores and General.....	71	54
Maintenance and Overhaul, Dorval, for British Overseas Airways Corporation.....	43	—
	<u>1,123</u>	<u>789</u>

As of December 31, sixty-six employees had enlisted for active service. The trend during the year was to employ women to release men for military service. As of December 31, 1940, there were only eighteen women employees apart from stewardesses on the company's payrolls, whereas by December 31, 1941, this number has increased to one hundred and one.

As from June 1, 1941, a wartime cost-of-living bonus has been paid to employees of the rank of foreman or under.

Mr. SHAW: Before we leave that section: I notice here, paragraph 1, certain airports which were municipal were taken over by Trans-Canada Air Lines and managed by the government; what type of arrangement or agreement was entered into with a municipality with respect to the taking over of such fields?

Hon. Mr. HOWE: The municipalities turned them over to us on the basis of a dollar a year, we undertake to make all expenditures on airports as long as we have them. The chief purpose in taking them over was to make them available for military training.