

(see Cabinet War Committee minutes of September 16th) of the National Resources Planning Board, who favours construction, that Canada could do no more than supply 500 miles of track.

Meteorological Stations

The United States has asked permission to establish some thirty-seven weather observing and forecasting stations in northern Canada to serve the western section of the north Atlantic ferry route.

The United States will make full use of Canadian meteorological services, to avoid duplication, wherever possible and has requested that Canadian meteorological data available at any of the places mentioned be made available. The United States has also requested information on communications used by Canada for collection and dissemination, since the United States is considering the desirability of land-line teletype weather circuits from Great Falls, Montana to Churchill, with sending-receiving drops at Regina and The Pas, and four intermediate stations between The Pas and Churchill.

The Controller of Meteorology, Department of Transport, has provided the information requested and has discussed the matter with authorities in Washington. He recommends that since equipment and personnel are scarce in Canada, the United States be permitted to put in these stations at their own expense, with the promise of full cooperation from Canadian meteorological services. He also recommends that,

- (a) in general, where Canadian personnel are established at a station the basic weather forecasts should be taken by them,
- (b) provision be made whereby such stations as are required in the Canadian meteorological network after the war be turned over to the Canadian government at that time,
- (c) Canada take over radiosonde stations as soon as necessary equipment and personnel are available; if the stations are required earlier by the United States, equipment and personnel should be provided by the United States.

Aerial Mapping

Observing parties have made required fixations, as part of Canada's responsibility for ground control, and results have been forwarded to the R.C.A.F. for transmission to the United States.

Twenty four of the United States regional aeronautical charts covering parts of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador, in the preparation of which the Department of Mines and Resources cooperated, have been printed for limited distribution. Canadian air navigation charts are being furnished in very large quantities to the United States. Preparation of special preliminary editions covering areas to be photographed by the United States Army Air Corps is proceeding satisfactorily.

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