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MALTON GETS TWO SCHOOLS UNDER EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

Five Other Training Centres Announced by Ottawa—Tenders Called

HAVE EGLINTON, TOO

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Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Sites selected for the first seven air training schools at which flying instruction will be given under the empire air training program were announced today by Hon. Norman Rogers, minister of defence, and Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of transport.

Two of the schools will be at Malton, where the present airport will be utilized. Tenders have been called for construction of buildings there. The schools will be for elementary instruction and for training of air observers.

These will be in addition to the non-flying initial training school at the Eglinton Hunt club, Toronto.

An elementary training school is to be established immediately at London, Ont., an advanced flying training school at Camp Borden, an elementary school at Fort William and Port Arthur, an air observer school at Edmonton, and an elementary instruction institution at Windsor Mills, Que.

The ministers stated that the organization and executive command of the air training project in Canada will be definitely entrusted to the Royal Canadian Air Force. Air Vice-Marshal Croil will be the directing head of the air training plan in Canada, they emphasized. They announced the appointment of B. J. Roberts of Ottawa as financial administrator of the training plan.

Wireless Schools, Too

Three large wireless schools are to be inaugurated immediately in addition to the one now operating at Trenton. They will have a capacity of 1,000 pupils each and will turn out over 10,000 air wireless operators a year. The course is 16 weeks. One of the schools will be in Ontario, one in Quebec, and another in western Canada. The wireless school at Trenton is to be greatly enlarged, the ministers stated.

An armament school at Trenton for training instructors for the air scheme staff has been established and is now operating at half its ultimate strength. Mr. Rogers announced the technical training school at St. Thomas has now 700 technical students and a staff of 300. This, he stated, was about one-third the ultimate capacity of the school.

A flying instructors' school is being established at Trenton, and two equipment depots for the air project have been organized at Ottawa and Winnipeg. Two others will soon be opened at Moncton and Calgary. Mr. Rogers emphasized the progressive nature of the air scheme. Further announcement of additional schools will be made soon, he said.

He explained an effort was being made to have training centres opened in every section of the Dominion. Air fields are already available at the seven locations revealed today and buildings will be started immediately to house the staff, students and equipment.

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