

On July 1, 1927, these Services, which up to that date had all been administered by the Director, Royal Canadian Air Force, under the Chief of Staff, were re-organized and divided into two divisions, as follows:—

(a) **Military.**

Royal Canadian Air Force.—The Royal Canadian Air Force, under the Chief of the General Staff, administers and controls all military air operations. The functions of the Royal Canadian Air Force are as follows:—

- (a) To develop and maintain air power in Canada.
- (b) To provide adequate training facilities for all Government Air Services.
- (c) To provide a nucleus air force around which service units can be formed in the event of war.
- (d) To build up a reserve of pilots and mechanics.

The principal station of the Royal Canadian Air Force is at Camp Borden, Ontario, with other units at Vancouver and Ottawa.

The R.C.A.F. Station, Camp Borden, provides training for officers and airmen of the Permanent and Non-Permanent Royal Canadian Air Force, and also summer training for provisional pilot officers. Training is also provided and trained personnel supplied to the Civil Division of the Air Services. The training covers flying and ground subjects, co-operation with military services, and such other courses of instruction as may be necessary.

The R.C.A.F. Station, Vancouver, provides a seaplane training base for the Royal Canadian Air Force, as the R.C.A.F. Station at Camp Borden only provides training on land machines.

The strength of the Permanent Royal Canadian Air Force as at Dec. 31, 1927, was 79 officers and 451 other ranks.

(b) **Civil.**

To meet the growing needs of civil aviation, the following three branches were organized, under the Deputy Minister:—

Civil Government Air Operations.—This Branch is charged with the carrying out of all air operations required by any Dominion Government Service, including the forest protection, survey and other miscellaneous work now carried out for the Departments of the Interior, Mines, Agriculture, Indian Affairs, Customs, Public Works, Railways and Canals, Marine and Fisheries, etc. The headquarters of the Branch are at Ottawa, and its operating bases are as follows:—High River, Alta.; Winnipeg, Man.: sub-bases at Lac du Bonnet, Man., Norway House, Man., Cormorant Lake, Man.; Ladder Lake (Big River), Sask.; Ottawa, Ont.; Dartmouth, N.S.

The central stores and workshops for the Civil Division are administered as a part of this Branch. These are located at Victoria island, Ottawa.

Control of Civil Aviation.—The duties of this Branch include the licensing and registration of aircraft, airharbours, commercial and private air pilots, air engineers and air navigators. In addition to these duties, the location and construction of air routes and matters connected with airship services are administered in this Branch.