

Subsection 3.—Air Service.

Under the Act creating the Department of National Defence, the powers, duties and functions vested in the Air Board by the Air Board Act of 1919 are now administered under the direction of the Minister of National Defence.

The Royal Canadian Air Force is composed of the Permanent Active Air Force, the Non-Permanent Active Air Force, and a Reserve of Officers. The Royal Canadian Air Force administers and controls all military air operations and air operations for civil government departments. The duties of the Royal Canadian Air Force are as follows:—

- (a) To organize, train and maintain an air force for the defence of Canada.
- (b) To assist in the development of civil aviation by—
 - (i) Providing advanced flying training to civilian pilots, instructors and commercial pilots.
 - (ii) Initial development of air routes.
 - (iii) Technical supervision of airworthiness and inspection of aircraft belonging to private and commercial operators, and aircraft constructed or overhauled by aircraft manufacturing firms, and acting as consultant in matters pertaining to civil aviation generally.
- (c) The conduct of flying required to assist the several departments of the Dominion Government in the development and conservation of the country's natural resources, and other related services.

Permanent Active Air Force stations and units are located as follows:—

Location.	Duty.
R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, Ont.	
R.C.A.F. Station, Camp Borden, Ont.....	Training.
R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, Ont.....	Training.
R.C.A.F. Station, Ottawa, Ont.....	Test and experimental work and civil government air operations.
R.C.A.F. Station, Winnipeg, Man.....	Civil government air operations.
R.C.A.F. Station, Vancouver, B.C.....	Coast reconnaissance and civil government air operations.
R.C.A.F. Station, Dartmouth, N.S.....	Coast reconnaissance and civil government air operations.
R.C.A.F. Station, High River, Alta.....	Care and maintenance basis.
No. 1 R.C.A.F. Depot, Ottawa, Ont.....	Stores and repair depot.
R.C.A.F. Photographic Section, Ottawa, Ont.	

Non-Permanent Active Air Force units are located as follows:—

- No. 10 Army Co-Operation Squadron, Toronto, Ont.
- No. 11 Army Co-Operation Squadron, Vancouver, B.C.
- No. 12 Army Co-Operation Squadron, Winnipeg, Man.
- No. 15 Fighter Squadron, Montreal, Que. (in process of organization).
- No. 18 Bomber Squadron, Montreal, Que. (in process of organization).

The strength of the Royal Canadian Air Force on Dec. 31, 1934, was:—

	Officers.	Airmen.
Permanent Active Air Force.....	117	664
Non-Permanent Active Air Force.....	38	236

Subsection 4.—Civil Aviation.*

The Civil Aviation Branch is under the Controller of Civil Aviation, who is directly responsible to the Deputy Minister. Its duties include the inspection of licences and registration of aircraft, air harbours, commercial and private air pilots, air engineers and air navigators. In addition to these duties, the location and construction of air routes and any matters connected with airship services are administered in this branch.

Civil aviation in the Dominion has had its chief development in connection with the exploration and conservation of the natural resources of the provinces, including forestry protection, air photography, and transport of men and supplies to remote points and mining districts. At the beginning of 1934, 17 regular air-mail routes were in operation. On Dec. 31, 1934, there were twenty air-mail routes in operation.

*See also pp. 744-746.