

## Opening Day

During March the new administration building at Vancouver International Airport was officially opened. The new building, however, has been designed as only "temporary". It replaces the structure which was burned down early in 1949.

Costing about \$100,000, the administration centre of Vancouver International Airport's many activities is designed to handle up to 200 passengers an hour comfortably. This is at least three times as many as the old building could handle. It measures 140 feet long by 70 wide and has a steel and wood frame with a skirt of Roman brick half way up the outside, topped by stucco. There is a 40 by 60 foot second storey. Besides the space for handling passengers, general airport administration, and air line offices, there are also lounges for stewardesses and pilots.

The designation "temporary" is probably quite accurate, because Vancouver Airport is Canada's busiest, with 125,639 aircraft movements handled last year. There are approximately 1,700 persons employed in activities at this airport.

## Guiding Light

Rotating and directional beacons have been erected on the Canada Trust building in London, Ontario, for advertising purposes. The rotating beacon has a red lens and rotates in an anti-clockwise direction in the horizontal plane at two rpm. The directional beacon is trained on London Airport.

These beacons are to be in operation from 9.00 pm to 11.30 pm during the period March 1 to April 30; from 9.30 pm to 11.30 pm during the period May 1 to August 31; from 9.00 pm to 11.30 pm during the period September 1 to November 30; from 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm during the period December 1 to February 28.

## Advance Australia

Australia is to improve all its air to ground communication facilities with the installation of VHF radio equipment. When the new equipment is installed there will be in operation 140

VHF stations along the air routes in all parts of Australia and New Guinea.

Advantages of VHF, which is also rapidly replacing standard wave in the U.S., are: freedom from man-made interference and atmospheric static noise; many more clear channels available; VHF components are smaller and lighter, giving a saving in space and weight. In Australia the system will be used for all phases of air traffic control.

## North Atlantic

The DoT has set up three designations for airports which may be used by aircraft engaged in flying the North Atlantic, and the following fields have been assigned accordingly. Regular: Gander Airport, Gander, Newfoundland; Montreal Airport (Dorval), Montreal, P.Q.

Alternates: Goose Airport, Goose, Labrador; Moncton Airport, Moncton, N.B.; Stephenville Airport, Stephen-

ville, Newfoundland; Sydney Airport, Sydney, N.S.

Supplementary: Charlottetown Airport, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Dartmouth Airport, Halifax, N.S.; Mont Joli Airport, Mont Joli, P.Q.; Ottawa Airport, Ottawa, Ontario; Pennfield Ridge Airport, Saint John, N.B.; Quebec Airport, Quebec, P.Q.; Seven Islands Airport, Seven Islands, P.Q.; Torbay Airport, St. John's, Newfoundland; Yarmouth Airport, Yarmouth, N.S.

## New Terminal

Soon to be opened is the unique terminal located in the new International Aviation Building in downtown Montreal. The new terminal, which probably the most up to date on the North American continent and the of its kind in Canada, has a 200 long concourse, on either side of which are the air line ticket offices. Expected to have offices in the new terminal: TCA, CPA, and KLM. It is understood that for the present at least, BOAC will continue to have its offices in the Laurentian Hotel.

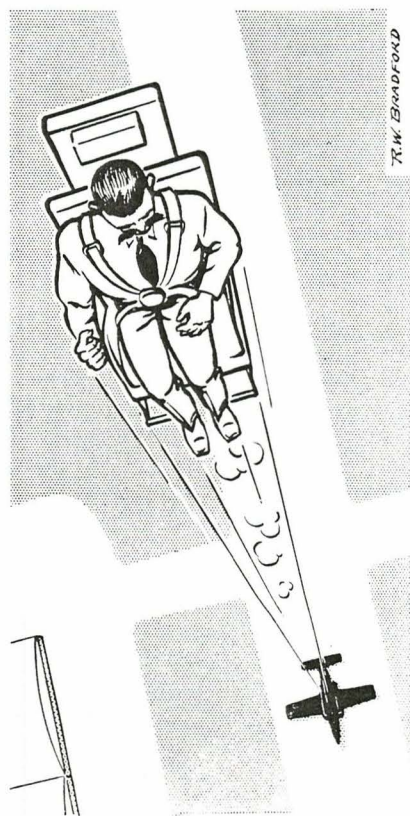
## St. John Airport

Work on a second runway at St. John Airport, St. John, N.B., is now well advanced. Initially the project involves clearing of the area on which the runway is to be built. The contract is being carried out by the Municipal Spraying & Contracting Co. Ltd., the company which is building the first runway at St. John, a job started last year. This first runway is 5,200 feet long and is hard surface; it is expected that the second runway will be similar in size and detail.

The St. John Municipal Council has already named an airport operating commission to take over operation of the airport as soon as it is ready for use. Administration buildings are also to be built soon.

## Briefly

- The airport at La Tuque, Quebec, has been closed.
- New York State's flying farmers have been invited to participate in a plan to double the number of landing facilities in the State, providing 250 to 300 additional single-strip emergency landing fields in practically every sector of the state.



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