

# AIR CADET PLAN TO TAKE FORM IN SHORT TIME

**Movement to Provide  
Grounding for Boys to  
Be Governed by RCAF.**

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Ottawa, Dec. 15 (CP).—Plans for an air cadet movement are steadily taking shape, and early in the new year, it is expected, the Air Cadet League of Canada will be functioning as a national organization.

Then, with all details about rules and regulations, uniforms, training and other things settled, the league will be in a position to advise the many schools and local organizations which are taking an interest in providing a measure of air training for teen-age boys.

While the cadet movement will be administered by civilians, it will be under the control and inspection of the Royal Canadian Air Force, just as militia cadets are under a measure of army control and subject to army inspection.

#### **Aim to Provide Grounding.**

The purpose of the movement, announced some time ago by Air Minister Power, is to provide a grounding in air force training for boys too young to enter the force.

George B. Foster of Montreal, a veteran of the air force in the last war, is provisional president of the Air Cadet League of Canada. When the league is ready to function, local committees and organizations wishing to sponsor cadet squadrons will be able to affiliate with it and so obtain official recognition.

While practically all militia cadet corps are under the auspices of schools or colleges, groups of private citizens may sponsor air cadet squadrons.

The league will grant cadet commissions to officers commanding air cadet squadrons. At first, all officers will be adults, but as time goes on and the cadets themselves show ability and acquire training, an increasing measure of authority may be given to selected cadets.

#### **Both Junior and Senior.**

While there will be two sections to the movement, senior for boys from 15 to 18, and junior for boys from 12 to 15, the intention is to establish a junior unit only in connection with a senior.

The proposed syllabus of training calls for drill, physical train-

ing, first aid and personal hygiene in addition to instruction in air-force subjects. The latter phase of the training will probably vary with different units, depending on the community and the interests of the commanding officer and of the cadets themselves.

One unit may specialize on engines, another on air-frame work, another on photography, another on gunnery, another on signalling. As practically every man in the air force is a specialist of some kind, the object will be to ascertain and foster the natural leanings of cadets to some specialized field.

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