

R.C.A.F. PLANS RADIO SCHOOL

Operators, Mechanics to Train in Montreal

Ottawa, Jan. 28 (CP).—The first wireless school under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan will be established in Montreal by the Royal Canadian Air Force, Defense Minister Rogers announced tonight.

An arrangement has been arrived at whereby, under the joint auspices of the National Defense Department, Quebec Province and the City of Montreal, the property owned by the Grey Nuns and occupied by the Nazareth Institute for the Blind on Queen Mary Road has been made available to the air force under lease.

Purpose of the electrical and wireless school is to train persons who have had no previous experience to become signal operators, wireless operators and mechanics. Education equivalent to junior matriculation is required of the students.

The school will accommodate about 900 students and other buildings may have to be erected on adjoining property. Class rooms on the two top floors will be converted as living quarters, together with several of those on the third floor. The larger dormitories and recreation rooms are to be used for class rooms and laboratories.

Rooms on the ground floor are to be converted into mess and recreation quarters, while the present kitchen facilities will be utilized. There is also a gymnasium, which will assist in meeting the physical needs of the school.

Pupils for this wireless school will be drawn largely from the applicants whose names are already on file at air force headquarters. Those who will be called upon to fill posts as signal officers should have had previous experience as flying personnel of the R.C.A.F., or have been engaged in radio work in civil life.