

AIR MINISTER, OFFICIAL PARTY INSPECT FIELD

Hon. C. G. Power and Other
Noted Figures in Defence
at Mount Hope

See Classes, Men's Quarters,
Every Phase of Daily
Operation

For more than two hours this morning, Hon. C. G. Power, minister of defence for air; S. L. de Carteret, deputy-minister of defence for air, and Air Vice-Marshal S. L. Breadner, D.F.C., inspected No. 33 Air Navigation school, R.A.F., and No. 10 Elementary Flying Training school, R.C.A.F., both situated at Mount Hope.

Both the ministers and the air vice-marshal were delighted with the tour and stated that, with the exception of a few minor difficulties, which vary at different stations, everything was functioning perfectly. The party was escorted around No. 33 A.N.S. by Wing Commander C. H. Brill, commanding officer, and at No. 10, E.F.T.S. by Gerry Moes, civilian manager, and Flight-Lieut. W. P. Pleasance, supervisory officer.

The inspection included classes, men's quarters, kitchens, hangars, control towers, in fact every phase

of the station in its daily operation. The Ottawa officials were amazed to see a huge drill hall which was equipped with a hardwood floor. It was the only one they had seen in Canada and would serve well for winter games.

Wing-Comdr. Brill told the visitors that he and his men had been treated exceptionally well since their arrival at the station. He was highly pleased at the refrigeration systems and mechanical gadgets in the kitchens. "We never had anything like those in England," he exclaimed. "The people out here are wonderful. We only have to breathe of something we want, and it appears." To the Spectator later he stated that he could not find words to express the kindness of Hamilton citizens in making his officers and men feel at home.

The ministers and the air vice-marshal arrived yesterday afternoon by amphibian plane from Ottawa, but left directly to attend a banquet of the Canadian Legion convention at St. Catharines. Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning they again took off and headed for the Service Flying Training school at Burford, near Brantford.

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