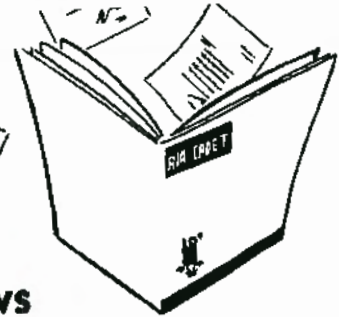


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CONVINCING proof of the keen interest Canadian boys have in aviation and of their eagerness to take air cadet training is shown by the fact that many Units "beat the gun" in organizing. Some were drilling regularly and studying aeronautics even before the outbreak of war.

West Coast

On the west coast the name of the Vancouver Air Cadet Squadron which is just over two and a half years old, has become a byword for precision drilling and smartness of appearance. Most of the credit for its success goes to Squadron Leader A. W. (Nick) Carter, M.B.E., D.S.C. He has led the Unit since the spring of 1939 and in the past few months has served as a National Director and Provincial Committee Member and has joined with Major R. H. B. Ker, in carrying the load of preliminary Air Cadet organization in B.C.

The history of the Vancouver Squadron is frequently highlighted. They paraded in full uniform at the time of the Royal Visit in 1939. Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C. inspected their Unit and complimented them highly on their drill-work. Their trumpeter, Ross Sturley, was formally presented to Prime Minister Mackenzie King at the opening of Cecil Rhodes Flying School at Boundary Bay in July, and a detachment from their Unit formed a Corridor Guard for H. R. H. the Duke of Kent when he entrained at Vancouver station.

In Victoria an 11-man committee with G. H. Deane as chairman and Capt. P. C. Routley as honorary secty.-treas. has applied to form an Air Cadet Unit in city high schools.

Alberta

A rivalry in sports and civic devel-

finance committee and W. R. (Wop) May and W. Leigh Brintnell are technical advisers. Calgary's Unit is expected to have an enrollment well up in the hundreds before the year's end. P. G. Willey, assistant manager of the Ford Motor Co. is chairman of the local committee on which R. C. Carlisle, Dr. Frederick Pilcher, Watson Hook and A. D. Murison are members.

In Lethbridge, also, the province's third city, a local committee has Air Cadet organization well advanced. They are using a hangar at the old Lethbridge flying field for headquarters. Chairman of the group is



Harold G. Long, editor of the Lethbridge Herald, Harold J. Templeton is honorary secty.-treas. and George F. Wilson, George B. Davies, and D. S. Kyle are members. The committee has asked that George Watson be appointed commanding officer, and Dr. E. Y. Spackman, Hon. M.O., and Reginald Harper and J. M. Moffat, officers.

A lesson in co-operation is provided by the successful formation of the Penhold Squadron of Air Cadets in central Alberta. One city and several widely-separated towns banded together to form the Unit. They have pooled their finances and instructors to ensure that equipment and uniforms will be complete and that training will be of a high order. Initial organization took place last fall under the leadership of Dr. R. N. Thompson of Innisfail, the Squadron's C.O. Since then except for the summer months the Squadron has

been in MacLeod, Medicine Hat, Drumheller, Wetaskiwin, Jasper, Chancellor, Carmanguay, Lac La Biche and Grande Prairie.

Saskatchewan

In numerous collegiate schools throughout Saskatchewan Air Cadet Units are now commencing a training that may be woven into the regular school curriculum. Some male collegiate teachers of the province took an intensive course at the Regina headquarters of No. 4 R.C.A.F. Command in the last week of August to prepare them as Air Cadet instructors.

It is said that at least 500 Air Cadets are being enrolled in three high schools of Regina, 75 more are becoming Cadets in Campion College and 75 in Luther College.

In Moose Jaw O. B. Fysh, a provincial committee-member, is heading a local committee with Frank E. Joyner, Harold Davies and Earl Badger as executive members and W. MacGuire, Charles Williams, S. Brodie, W. Anderson, Harold Pope and A. J. Wickens as committee-men. High school units there will possibly have 235 Air Cadets.

A local committee in Saskatoon headed by C. W. McCool has set a goal of four squadrons. Vice-chairman of the group is Prof. J. B. Mawdsley; hon. secty.-treas, Robert McGregor; and committee members, Mayor McEachern, Aden Bowman, Ivan Byers, A. J. Irving, Dr. L. H. McConnell, R. N. Anderson, G. A. Bonney and J. R. McKay.

North Battleford Collegiate Institute has applied for affiliation of its Air Cadet Unit with the League. P. F. Lanz is chairman of the local committee and F. Wright, honorary secretary-treasurer.