

# TRAINING PLAN PLACES 99 P.C. IN EMPLOYMENT

2,395 of 2,523 Enrolled  
Have Been Found Jobs,  
Says Hipel in Report

## LAUDS AIR SCHOOL

Of the 2,523 boys and girls enrolled in Ontario in the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training scheme, from April 1 to Dec. 31, 1939, 99 per cent or 2,395 have either been placed in employment or have positions to go to as soon as their courses are finished, Hon. Norman Hipel, Minister of Labor, reported yesterday at Queen's Park.

Mr. Hipel said the total included some 200 boys who are enrolled in the Galt Air School, where the Province is contributing 50 per cent of the cost of training students as aviation mechanics. The students will graduate directly into the R.C.A.F. on April 1.

The department is beginning now to select members of a new class and is studying the possibility of increasing the enrollment. "From all reports, the Air Force officers are more than delighted with the progress made at the school," said Mr. Hipel. "After the Youth Training Conference which was held two weeks ago at Ottawa, four or five of the Provinces sent representatives to the school to study our methods."

The Minister's report was made in comment on statements to the House last week made by William Duckworth (Cons., Toronto-Dovercourt). Mr. Duckworth said he had been advised that the boys who had been trained had had difficulty in securing jobs and that they could not be placed unless they had a letter from the Minister.

Selection of students for the air training school, said Mr. Hipel, had been made by a committee formed of a representative of the Department of Education and two from his own department. The students had been selected on the basis of qualifications and two were taken from each riding, with the larger centres allowed an odd extra one.

"I didn't even see the applications," said Mr. Hipel.

Applicants for the machine shop and welding courses must file with their applications assurance that they have been promised a job once they are graduated.

While 202 were enrolled originally in the air school, a small number were later rejected by the Defense Department Medical Board. "We didn't think it was fair that they should be kicked out," said Mr. Hipel, "so we kept them in the school on special training for factory production. They are working on drafting, welding and fine rivetting and items of that nature. As an indication of the skill required in rivetting alone, some of the large bombers have approximately one-half a million rivets in each wing."

In the present class, twenty men are enrolled in sheet metal, thirty in mechanical transport, fifty in air frame mechanics, fifty in aero engines, thirty in machine shop, and twenty in wireless. In the new class, students will be enrolled in the following proportions, five per cent sheet metal, 25 per cent air frame, 35 per cent engines, five per cent machine shop and 20 per cent wireless.

Indicative of the interest and co-operation given in the air school, a number of public spirited men, even before the war broke out, and when the school was first planned late last summer, contributed \$50,000 worth of equipment, said the Minister.

"We of the Province certainly appreciated the generosity of these men," said Mr. Hipel.

# BILL WILL STAND AS RETROACTIVE

Condition Cannot Be  
Changed, Says Premier

## HEARING FOR FIRMS

The retroactive feature of the Corporation Tax Act will not be changed, Premier Hepburn said following adjournment of the House yesterday. He said ample opportunity would be given various bodies to make representations to the Government concerning the measure.

"But that is the only way in which we can introduce it," said the Premier, referring to the fact that the amendment providing for tax increases goes back to Jan. 1, 1939. "There will be no change on that basis."

The Premier informed the House that the bill would not be called until after the budget is brought down, Thursday. This would enable ample opportunity for its study, he said.

The House sat less than a half hour and in that time advanced a number of bills through second reading and committee stage. A measure for the closer control of trade and correspondence schools was passed through committee. It makes it a serious offense for an unregistered school to solicit pupils and increases the maximum penalty for unlicensed solicitation of pupils to \$2,000 in the case of an individual, and \$25,000 in the case of a corporation.

Second reading was given an amendment to the Solicitors Act which gives the Law Society certain powers in cases where a barrister or solicitor is found to be mentally incompetent or mentally ill, or who has failed to pay his fees within a year.