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Legislators Commend Galt Air School Pupils

More than forty members of the Provincial Legislature, conducted by Hon. Norman Hipel, Minister of Labor and the originator of the scheme, visited the Air Training School at Galt, which is operated by the department.

Each member of the House who visited the different departments of the school, where more than 900 Ontario young men are training for industry or for the maintenance branches of the R.C.A.F., came away impressed with the value of the work being done, the keenness of the pupils and the possibilities of such a scheme being operated in peacetime.

The R.C.A.F. school is divided into several sections: the machine shop, where 120 young men are undergoing a fifteen-weeks' course; the air frame, assembly and radio classes; the basic fitting school, where the pupils are taught how to make and handle tools, and the refresher course, where a score or more of older men are taking courses extending from two to six weeks.

It is one of the most enthusiastic groups of students in the country. Close to 900 strong, the pupils live and eat in private homes, but they

have their students' administrative council which takes over the discipline of the students. They have their own bugle band and, although a new band is necessary whenever a class graduates, the one that played for the march past was much better than an organization just four weeks old.

Following the inspection, about 800 of the students, excepting only those in the welding and sheet metal industrial school, participated in a march past. The salute was taken by Col. Fraser Hunter, member for St. Patricks, while on the saluting base with him were Mr. Hipel; Capt. Eric Billington, the chief instructor; Col. T. L. Kennedy, Conservative Whip, and Lieut.-Col. J. A. McIntosh, D.S.O., officer commanding the Highland Light Infantry of the 3rd Division, who was home on leave.

At a luncheon Mayor W. S. McKay said citizens of Galt were happy to have the school and "if all our war efforts are kept up as this school has been, then I know all of us would be a lot happier."

Already more than 1,100 graduates of the school have joined the R.C.A.F. and there are 600 more who will report as soon as the present course is completed.