



SECOND WORST AIR TRAGEDY IN HISTORY OF CANADIAN FLYING

When the Travelair cabin plane, operated by Skyways Ltd., crashed at St. Catharines on Saturday evening last, following opening ceremonies of the new airport there, five passengers and pilot of the plane met instant death. Shortly after the plane took off it was seen to glide toward the ground when it cut its way through a marsh, struck a bank and burst into flames. The photographs here show: (1) Remains of engine of the plane following crash. (2) The actual Travelair plane, operated by Skyways Ltd., that figured in the tragedy. (3) General view of scattered pieces of wrecked framework of plane, and (9) General view of St. Catharines airport.

Eastern Canada's First Big Crash Was Worst of Week End Faltalties

Six Lose Their Lives in Fatal Plane Crash and Fire at St. Catharines

BLAME ENGINE

St. Catharines, Sept. 15.—Six persons were killed here Saturday evening, near the close of the Niagara District Airport festivities, when a palatial Travelair plane belonging to Skyways Limited, Toronto, careened down out of the sky, crashed to the ground with terrific impact, bounded 100 feet into a field, then slowly rolled over and burst into flames.

Every occupant was either instantly killed or almost immediately burned to death.

THE DEATH LIST

Frank Bradfield, aged 32, 337 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, pilot.
 J. A. McDonald, aged 42, official Government photographer on the Welland Ship Canal, 229 Geneva Street, St. Catharines.
 Mrs. Walter Bennett, 210 Aberdeen Avenue, Hamilton, a widow.
 John Bond, aged 35, employee of the City Dairy Company, 53 Henry Street, St. Catharines.
 Allan Bond, his son, aged 6.
 Louis Bennett, aged 23, Assistant Claims Agent for the Canadian National Railways, of St. Catharines Flights. He is no relation of the Hamilton woman victim of the same name.

NOT ONE SURVIVOR

With no survivors to tell the story of the mishap, officials were reticent to comment on the probable difficulties that overtook the pleasure craft.

Opinion among aviators at the field, however, was that Pilot Bradfield found his motor suddenly losing power and made a desperate effort for a safe forced landing.

It was 7:30 last night when the Travelair plane took the air. The committee in charge of the opening festivities had ordered the machine to remain on the ground while stunt flights and races were in progress. No passenger planes were allowed in the air.

For two hours the prospective passengers sat about and awaited the official word to start. Little Allan Bond was particularly impatient. It was his first flight. The other passengers became impatient and those in charge of the flight finally refunded the money.

TWO LEAVE PLANE

A few minutes later permission was

given for the machine to take the air. All returned except two, Royal Nugent and his little son.

Mrs. J. A. McDonald, wife of one of the victims, refused at the last minute to enter the plane. She said she was tired and did not care to fly. The plane soared away, but to those on the ground it seemed that Pilot Bradfield was having trouble getting altitude. His ship rose slowly and seemed barely to clear tree tops at the far end of the field.

As it sailed along in a southwesterly direction over the Welland canal, it cleared its next obstacle, high-tension wires on lofty steel towers.

Then suddenly the craft plunged sharply toward the ground. It did not nose dive but appeared to be making a forced landing.

With a crash it struck a knoll, plowed a furrow in the earth and then suddenly burst into flames with a loud explosion.

It catapulted and rolled over 15 yards of marsh and came to rest on the far side of the swamp, a mass of flames.

CRASHED INTO MARSH

No house is near the end of the fatal flight. The banks of the Welland canal at Lock 15 roll down to a marsh spot and rise again in knolls that shape a gradually sloping hill to the west. Lock 15 is about two miles from the city limits of St. Catharines and also near Merriton and Thorold. Two miles further on is the airport.

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—Aviation officials described the flying tragedy at St. Catharines, Ont., last night as almost the worst which has happened in Canada. In only one other case was there a greater number of deaths, when a biplane crashed into the sea near Victoria, B.C., a year ago and seven persons were killed.

Frank Bradfield, pilot of the machine which crashed yesterday, was one of the most experienced of Canadian aviators, according to officials of the civil aviation branch. He was a wartime flier, and during the last ten years has engaged in various types of civil aviation. Last year he flew mail planes between Rimouski, Que., and Ottawa.

The finding of the board of inquiry investigating the tragedy will, it is expected, be returned to the national de-

partment tomorrow or Tuesday. Although no word has been received here from the board as yet, department aviators here are inclined to blame the crash on engine trouble.

Members of the board of inquiry are Inspector G. B. Holmes, of the civil aviation branch; Capt. F. G. N. Sparks, Montreal, and Captain J. Saunderson, London, Ont. J. A. Wilson, director of civil aviation branch, is also at the scene.

Wheat of Canada Plugging the U.S.

Canal Carriers Protest Alleged Conditions to Senator Nye

Washington.—The charge that grain elevators in New York state are crowded with Canadian wheat held under bond for milling and that this condition prevents the free movement of merican wheat, was made in a telegram to Senator Nye (R., N.D.) from the Canal Carriers' association with headquarters in New York city.

Nye sees in this condition and in conditions reported to him from other sections, a reason for repeal of the provision of the tariff laws according to duty-free entry to Canadian wheat for milling in the United States with the privileges of holding it in bond for five years.

"This telegram makes very apparent the need for at least one line of legislation," Senator Nye said. "There must be alteration of the present privilege granted in the tariff law which admits Canadian wheat duty free when it is held in bond for manufacture and export."

Nye is also interested in the alleged discrepancy between wheat prices in the northwest and prices in contiguous Canadian provinces. He cited a letter received from a North Dakota wheat producer telling him the same sample of wheat had been offered on the same day to three American elevators, and two Canadian. The American elevators offered to pay \$1.07, \$1.08 and \$1.06 per bushel, the letter stated, while the Canadian elevators offered \$1.37 and \$1.38.

CATS AND DOGS
 The dog days do not bother me,
 From canine fear I'm always free;
 But summer brings one dismal blight—
 I mean the cats that growl at night.

PROSPERITY
 The bumper crops
 Now bump the bumps,
 And jumper stocks,
 Now jump the jump.

Thornton to Stay As Head of C.N.R.

Ottawa.—Sir Henry Thornton, whose second term as head of the Canadian National Railway System is about to expire, will remain in his position.

This, it is learned, has been definitely arranged and there was no foundation for any report of his going elsewhere.

The salary to be paid the president in the new agreement has not been decided but, it is said, there is no warrant what-so-ever for any suggestion that the president has applied for more money. Whatever his remuneration in future, it will be on the initiative of the Government; Sir Henry at present draws \$75,000 a year.

Comparisons with what is paid other big railway executives will be a factor in settling his future remuneration, along with consideration of the results he has achieved in the financial rehabilitation of the National System.



WINS PIPING LAURELS
 Pipe-Major Donald E. Macpherson, Toronto, won honors in piping events at Banff Highland gathering and Scottish music festival recently.

Emphasize Value Of Canadian Goods

Produced-in-Canada Exhibition at Montreal Will Help Industries

Montreal.—The growing importance of industry in Canada, the corresponding increase in the interest in produced-in-Canada goods, and the effect of a more widespread use of these goods on the prosperity of the individual, will be emphasized in various ways during Produced-in-Canada Week which will be held from November 4 to November 9 to correspond with the National Exhibition in the Stadium, and Buyers' Week, it was announced by the Quebec Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

There will be three separate events but each will be co-related. Produced-in-Canada Week, arranged by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Quebec Branch, will call attention to the advantages of buying articles produced in Canada by Canadians, and Buyers' Week, arranged by the Montreal Board of Trade, will stimulate the sale of goods by merchants and firms in the City. In addition, the exhibition will afford manufacturers an opportunity to augment their sales throughout the East, it is stated.

The committees responsible for each event have arranged many attractions to emphasize the ideas they have created.

A film is now being made for distribution to various theatres in Montreal which will show phases of Canadian industries. Gramophone records are being prepared to give voice to the importance of Canadian industry and the people who are engaged there.

A window dressing contest has been arranged and City merchants will be invited to enter. In addition it is planned to arrange demonstrations at some central point—most probably at the Stadium where the exhibition is held—by the Ontario Research Bureau, the Industrial Research Bureau of the Dominion Government and also the bureau of the Pulp and Paper Association.

3,000,000 Jews Slowly Dying

Paris, Sept. 11.—After four weeks spent in Soviet Russia investigating the conditions of Jews living under the Bolshevik regime, Rabbi Simon Glazer, president of the Central Council of Rabbis of Greater New York, has returned to western Europe convinced that "slowly but surely the life is being snuffed out of more than 3,000,000 Russian Jews by the iron rule and diabolical ingenuity of Bolshevism."

Rabbi Glazer is rabbi of Temple Bethel, of Borough Park, Brooklyn. He told the Associated Press correspondent that not more than 10 per cent of the number of Jews once in Russia were now attached to Judaism there, among those who have survived the troubles of the last ten years, "death and insanity are considered messengers of mercy."

Prison Colony For Doukhobors

Federal Establishment in Gulf of Georgia Suggested by B.C.

Victoria, B.C.—Fanatical Doukhobors blamed for disturbances in Saskatchewan and British Columbia's interior, may be consigned to a prison colony, probably on Darcy Island in the Gulf of Georgia. Suggestion has been made to the Dominion government by provincial authorities.

The scheme has been placed before Dr. J. H. King, Dominion minister of health. He will discuss the matter with his colleagues on his return to Ottawa.

The proposal that Doukhobors, who refuse to obey Canadian laws, be removed to a colony by themselves, where they will have no contact with law-abiding members of their sect, is advanced by the provincial government in the belief that the whole Doukhobor problem is a federal issue. The Doukhobors, it is explained, were brought here under contract by the federal government.

Darcy Island is suggested as a suitable place for the proposed colony because it is isolated and escape from it is almost impossible.

Goodwill Message

Leading Business Men of Canada Send Greetings to King George

Edmonton, Alta.—A message of greeting from the 300 leading business men from all provinces of the Dominion and representatives of five of the leading Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain was sent to King George at the opening session of the fourth annual convention of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. The message signed by the president, William Birks conveyed to His Majesty the rejoicing of the convention over the improvement of his health.

Messages of greeting from the Governor-General, Right Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain; Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada; Lord Passfield, Secretary of State for the Dominions; Lord Iveagh, President of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire and from the premiers of various Canadian provinces, were read.

"It is the very earnest and confident hope of myself and of all my colleagues that the remarkable progress of Canada may continue at a rapid rate; an dthat the free, the happy and the mutually advantageous association which unites her with Great Britain may be strengthened," said the Premier of Great Britain in his message.

Much Better
 Cincinnati Enquirer: If a man wants to remain single during his life he has a heap better chance if he is a flop at making money.

LOVE
 To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic.—Lamartine.

Forest Fires Are Worst in Years

Mineral Areas Are Threatened in Manitoba and Saskatchewan

BLINDING SMOKE

Reports From Ontario and East and West Are Serious

The Pas, Man.—Battling their way over a fire-swept and smoke-ridden country, aviators who have come down from the North bring direct news of the flaming frontiers in the mineral belts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Forest blazes are more serious than at any period in the past few years, airman state. Numerous fires are beyond the control of the handful of men fighting them. Only heavy rains will halt the red rush over miles of timber and bush land.

W. J. Dean, pilot-geologist of Consolidated Smelters, reached The Pas after being lost in the smoke haze near Cross Lake, in the eastern section of the mineral belt. The fires are serious in the Cross Lake region, he said. During most of his flight, he was unable to locate the blazing districts on account of the heavy smoke which hung over the land.

Zooming down on the Saskatchewan River here, after a flight from Lac La Ronge, in Northern Saskatchewan, Capt. "Pat" Kelly, of Dominion Explorers' aerial staff, related an exciting story of a trip through miles and miles of smoke.

His entire trip was beset with haze and smoke, he declared. Blazes were so numerous on the air line between Lac La Ronge and The Pas that almost the entire country is smoke-ridden, the flier said. At times he was forced to fly as low as 50 feet in order to pick his course.

Serious bush fires are raging in the vicinity of Clearwater Lake, a summer resort situated 17 miles from The Pas on the Hudson Bay railway.

Ontario Situation

Kenora.—The forest fire situation throughout the Kenora, Rainy River and Patricia districts continues serious and no relief through rain is in prospect. In the Kenora district in addition to a number of comparatively small fires, there are a couple of widespread ones doing heavy damage. One in the south-eastern section of the Lake of the Woods pulp concessions is destroying valuable timber, while another is raging north of Reddick on the English River pulp concessions.

It is at present burning in a section of timber blown down three years ago, but will likely spread to the standing timber unless rain comes quickly.

To the west the fires from Manitoba are breaking over the Ontario border, on extensive fronts and there is considerable danger in that quarter.

The smoke lay like a pall over the district, and the visibility was so bad that the planes of the Forestry Branch found it almost impossible to take in supplies for the various fire fighting gangs.

In New Brunswick

Fredericton.—A heavy pall of smoke from the southwest, evidently from forest fires in the New England States, blew across New Brunswick and settled, making visibility very low.

The wind bringing the smoke was hot and the temperature rose rapidly.

Fire-Fighter Killed

Spokane.—One forest fire-fighter was killed, another seriously injured, and scores of new fires were started it was indicated. In reports received from the fire lines of several configurations in eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Montana.

Byng is Retired By Army Reserve

Laconic Announcement Carried in London Official Gazette

London.—In laconic language, contrasting strangely with the stirring career where, it refers, the London Official Gazette announces the severance of Lord Byng's connection with the Army as follows:

"Reginald Army Reserve of Officers. The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers—General the Viscount Byng, G.C.B., G.C.M.B., M.V.O., LL.D. (September 11)."

Lord Byng's record as London's Commissioner of Police promises to reflect equal honor as his military career.

Toll of Wild Life is Heavy

Nelson, B.C.—Carcasses of big game found in burned off areas of British Columbia mountain forests have revealed that the toll of wild life taken by this year's forest fires was very heavy.

Owing to the long spell of hot dry weather many fires travelled at a rate of one mile in five minutes along the crowns of giant trees.

Game on mountain sides had no chance to escape and perished miserably when the red peril swept up the slopes.