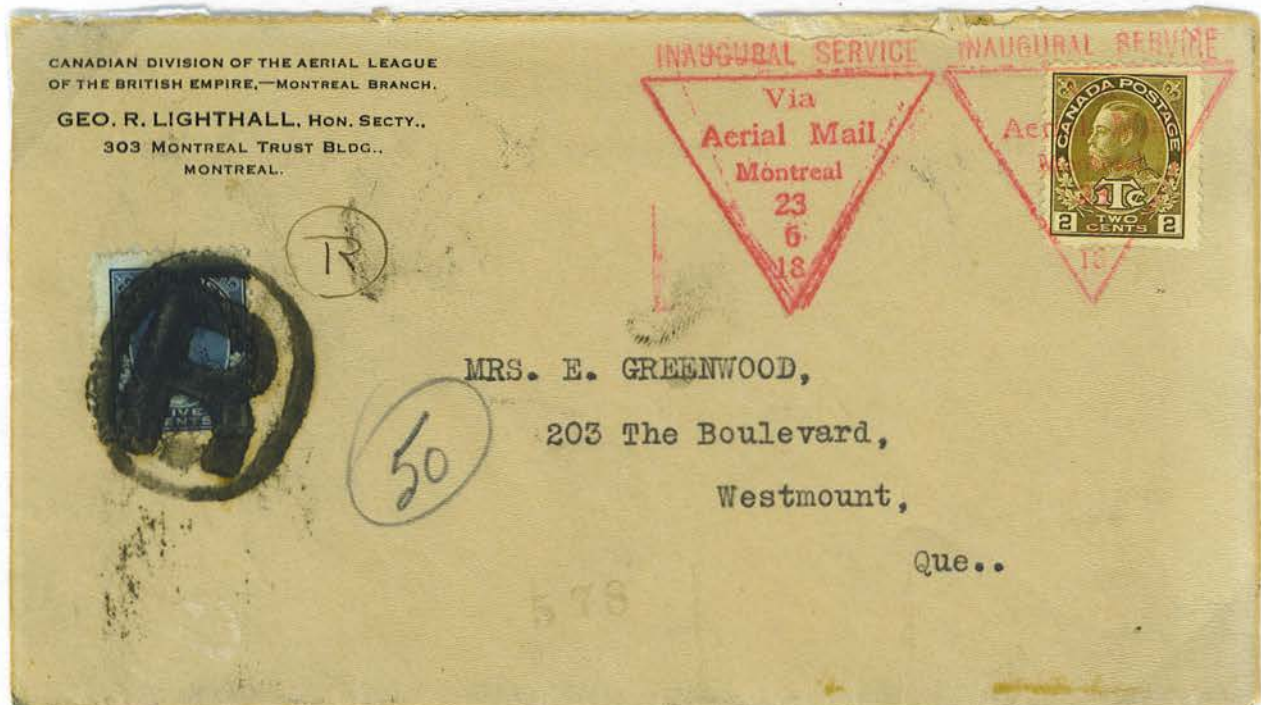


Montreal - Toronto
June 24, 1918



On Monday June 24, 1918, Captain Brian A. Peck with Corporal C. W. Mathers as passenger in a Curtiss JN-4 Number C203 flew from Montreal to Toronto. Registered cover, canceled with the special Inaugural Service triangular hand stamp in red, dated June 23, 1918 and received, Toronto June 24, 1918 b/s. Captain Brian A. Peck, signature on the reverse. Very few autographed covers are known.

Calgary - Edmonton
July 9, 1918



On July 9, 1918 Katherine Stinson flew the 175 mile distance from the Calgary Exhibition Grounds to Edmonton in a Curtiss biplane "Stinson Special". Of the small mail placed on board this is the only O.H.M.S. cover recorded, and was received, Edmonton July 9, 1918 b/s. It is addressed to R. M. Coulter, Esq., Deputy Postmaster-General of Canada from the manager of the Calgary Industrial Exhibition Company, Ltd., Mr. E. L. Richardson. Letter dated Calgary July 8, 1918, and received by the office of the "Deputy Postmaster General of Canada" Ottawa, July 15, 1918".

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Aerial Post



*Mrs. D. H. Wilson
279 Bay St. South
Hamilton
Ontario.*

CANADA POST OFFICE.

August 17, 1918 experimental flight from Ottawa to Toronto, flown by Lt. Tremper Longman, RAF, in a Curtis JN-4 "Canuck", No. C280. Departed Rockcliffe (Ottawa) at 6:50 a.m., refueling at Desoronto, arriving at Leaside (Toronto) at 12:25 pm. Two cents war tax postage canceled Ottawa Aug. 17, 1918 with special scroll cancel "By Aeroplane Aug. 17, 1918 Ottawa, Canada." Received at Toronto Aug. 17, 1918, 1:00 pm., b/s.



EASTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

BY AERIAL MAIL. -

Returned to

N. W. Drummond, Esq.,

201 - 202 Mail Bldg.,

TORONTO, Ontario. -

FROM - A. M. Campbell,
Mining Geologist,
70 Gloucester St.,
OTTAWA, Ontario. -

Commercial dispatch from Mr. N. W. Drummond, Esq. of the Canadian Life Assurance Company to Mr. A. M. Campbell (Mining Geologist), August 17, 1918, Ottawa to Toronto. Special scroll cancel "By Aeroplane Aug. 17, 1918 Ottawa, Canada". Toronto Aug. 17, b/s



First Issue Essay, Without numerals of value
No Red Flame.
Black and red on pelure paper.
Only Recorded Copy.



First Issue without numerals of value.
Black and red on yellowish paper.
(194) printed in tete-beche pairs.



First Issue without numerals of value
Without Red Flame
Reportedly six printed without Red Flame

The Aero Club of Canada's
First Aerial Mail Service –
Toronto – Ottawa & Return Aug. 26, 1918



August 26, 1918 flight from Toronto to Ottawa, flown by Lt. Arthur M. Dunstan, RAF, in a Curtis JN-4 "Canuck" named "Winnipeg." Departing Leaside (Toronto) at 1:50 p.m., arriving Ottawa at 4:08 p.m. Registered cover with 3c regular and 5c registration postage, canceled (Toronto) Aug. 26, 1918 and Aero Club special stamp, (without numerals of value), scroll cancel Aug. 26th. Only 26 registered letters were carried on this of the flight.



August 27, 1918 flight from Ottawa to Toronto flown by Lt. Arthur M. Dunstan, RAF, in the same plane Curtis JN-4 "Canuck" named "Winnipeg." Departed Ottawa 11:00 a.m. arriving Toronto later that day. Special Delivery cover with 3c regular postage, 10c special delivery postage canceled Ottawa Aug. 26, 1918 and Aero Club special stamp (without numerals of value), scroll cancel "By Aeroplane Aug. 27, 1918 Ottawa, Canada."

The Aero Club of Canada's
Ottawa-Toronto,
Aug. 27, 1918



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OTTAWA, CANADA.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

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THE MACDONALD, EDMONTON, ALTA.

Aug 27/1918

*Souvenir of
2nd trip
Canada's
Aerial
Mail*

*Am Dunstan
Cent*



Personal letter, with enclosure by pilot, Lt. Arthur M. Dunstan. Flown August 27, 1918 from Ottawa to Toronto in a Curtis JN-4 "Canuck" named "Winnipeg." Departed Ottawa 11:00 a.m. arriving Toronto later that day. With 3c regular postage, canceled Ottawa Aug. 27, 1918 and Aero Club special stamp (without numerals of value), scroll cancel "By Aeroplane Aug. 27, 1918 Ottawa, Canada."

The Aero Club of Canada's
First Aerial Mail Service --
Ottawa - Toronto Aug. 27, 1918
Green Scroll Cancel at Ottawa.



Correspondence sent by George Sleeman to his father George Sleeman owner of the Sleeman Brewing Company in Guelph, Ontario. (Enclosure on the following page). August 27, 1918 flight from Ottawa to Toronto, flown by Lt. Arthur M. Dunstan, RAE, in the same plane Curtiss JN-4 "Canuck" named "Winnipeg." Departed Ottawa 11:00 a.m. arriving Toronto later that day. Two cents war tax postage canceled Ottawa Aug. 27, 1918 and Aero Club special stamp (without numerals of value) on reverse. Special scroll cancel "By Aeroplane Aug. 27, 1918 Ottawa, Canada." in green.

Ottawa Aug 24/18

Dear Father,

I was fortunate in being able to secure one of the first "Aerial Mail" stamps sold here, and as I thought you would like to have one for your collection, I am writing to you and placing the stamp on the back of the envelope as instructed by the Post Office authorities. The stamp will be cancelled by the Post Office and the date of cancellation will make the stamp more valuable.

This letter will go as far as Toronto by the Air Route and will be sent on to you from there by rail.

This will be on the first regular mail from Ottawa carried by Aeroplane. I hope the letter reaches you in good order.

Mean all well I am pleased to say and I hope this finds you and the rest at home the same.

Your son
Geo.

The Aero Club of Canada's First Aerial Mail Service – Per Royal Air Force.

Front only of an unusual
government flown cover
on the third experimental
flight from Toronto to
Ottawa Sept. 4.



The Aero Club of Canada's
First Aerial Mail Service
Toronto – Ottawa & Return Sept. 4, 1918



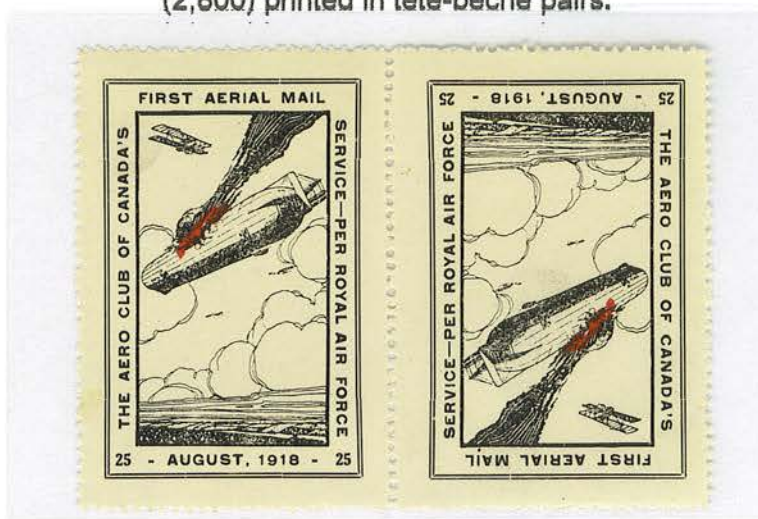
September 4, 1918 flight from Toronto to Ottawa flown by Lt. Edward C. Burton, RAF, departed Leaside (Toronto) at 8:00 a.m. arriving Rockcliffe (Ottawa) at 12:45 p.m. The 3c war tax postage canceled, Toronto Sept. 3, 1918 with the Aero Club special stamp (without numerals of value), scroll cancel Ottawa Sept 4, 1918.



September 4, 1918 return flight from Ottawa to Toronto flown by Lt. E. C. Burton, RAF, departed Rockcliffe (Ottawa) at 2:35 p.m. arriving Leaside (Toronto) at 6:45 p.m. Three cents postage canceled Ottawa Sept. 4, 1918 with Aero Club special stamp (without numerals of value), scroll cancel Sept. 4th. Toronto receiver Sept. 4, 1918.



Second Issue with numerals of value.
Black and red on yellowish paper.
(2,800) printed in tete-beche pairs.



Second issue with numerals of value.
Black and red on White Paper.
Quantity printed included in above.



Second issue with numerals of value,
Left stamp in tete-beche pair with Triple Red Flame, Right Single with Double Red Flame
Quantity printed included in above.

The Aero Club of Canada's
First Aerial Mail Service
Ottawa - Toronto. Sept 4, 1918



September 4, 1918 flight from Ottawa to Toronto flown by Lt. E. C. Burton RAF, departed Rockcliffe (Ottawa) at 3:35 p.m. arriving Leaside (Toronto) at 6:45 p.m. The 3c war tax postage canceled Ottawa Aug. 29, 1918 with Aero Club special stamp (with numerals of value) and scroll (Ottawa) cancel of Sept. 4, 1918 with Toronto boxed purple Sept. 4, 1918 cancel.



Aero Club special stamp, (without numerals of value) "double franking" on a flown Ottawa to Toronto Sept. 4, 1918 cover. The 3c war tax postage canceled Ottawa Sept. 4, 1918 with scroll (Ottawa) Sept. 4th cancel and Toronto receiver Sept. 4, 1918. Commercial cover addressed to "Secretary, The Canadian Bank of Commerce."

The Aero Club of Canada's
First Aerial Mail Service –
Ottawa - Toronto Aug. 27, 1918
Dual Black & Green Cancel



August 27, 1918 flight from Ottawa to Toronto, flown by Lt. Arthur M. Dunstan, RAF, in the same plane Curtiss JN-4 "Canuck" named "Winnipeg." Departed Ottawa 11:00 a.m. arriving Toronto later that day. Two cents war tax postage canceled Ottawa Aug. 27, 1918 and Aero Club special stamp (without numerals of value) on reverse. Special scroll cancel "By Aeroplane Aug. 27, 1918 Ottawa, Canada." in **black** (two recorded), with an additional cancel in green.

With Numerals of Value.



September 4, 1918 flight from Ottawa to Toronto flown, by Lt. E. C. Burton RAF, departed Rockcliffe (Ottawa) at 3:35 p.m. arriving Leaside (Toronto) at 6:45 p.m. Front, with 3c postage canceled Ottawa Aug. 30, 1918 with Aero Club special stamp (**with numerals of value**) on front, with special scroll cancel "By Aeroplane Sept. 4, 1918, Ottawa, Canada".



Posted Vancouver, August 4, 1919 destined for Calgary, with stops at Vernon, Grand Forks, Cranbrook and Lethbridge. Special cancel in red "1st. B.C. – Alberta Aerial Post". On August 7th at 4:13a.m. after a three day delay, Capt. E.C. Hoy left for Calgary, refueling at Vernon, landing at Grand Forks 10:30 a.m., refueling at Cranbrook 2:05 p.m. and resting, he left for Lethbridge, where he refueled and left for Calgary arriving at 8:55 p.m. Oval receiving mark in blue "Postmaster Aug. 7, 1919 Lethbridge, Alberta." Machine and hand b/s Lethbridge August 7, 1919, at 6:00 p.m. (Two covers recorded.)

Return flight front, posted from Lethbridge, flown to Calgary, then on Aug. 11, 1919 flown to Golden B.C. where the plane crashed on take-off on its way to Vancouver. Trip completed by train, oval cancel, Vancouver Aug. 13, 1919. (Two covers recorded.)

Greetings

THE 4th TRUCK
CO. Ridge Avenue
New Westminster, B.C.



To *JOHN NELSON, THE WORLD*
VANCOUVER, B. C.

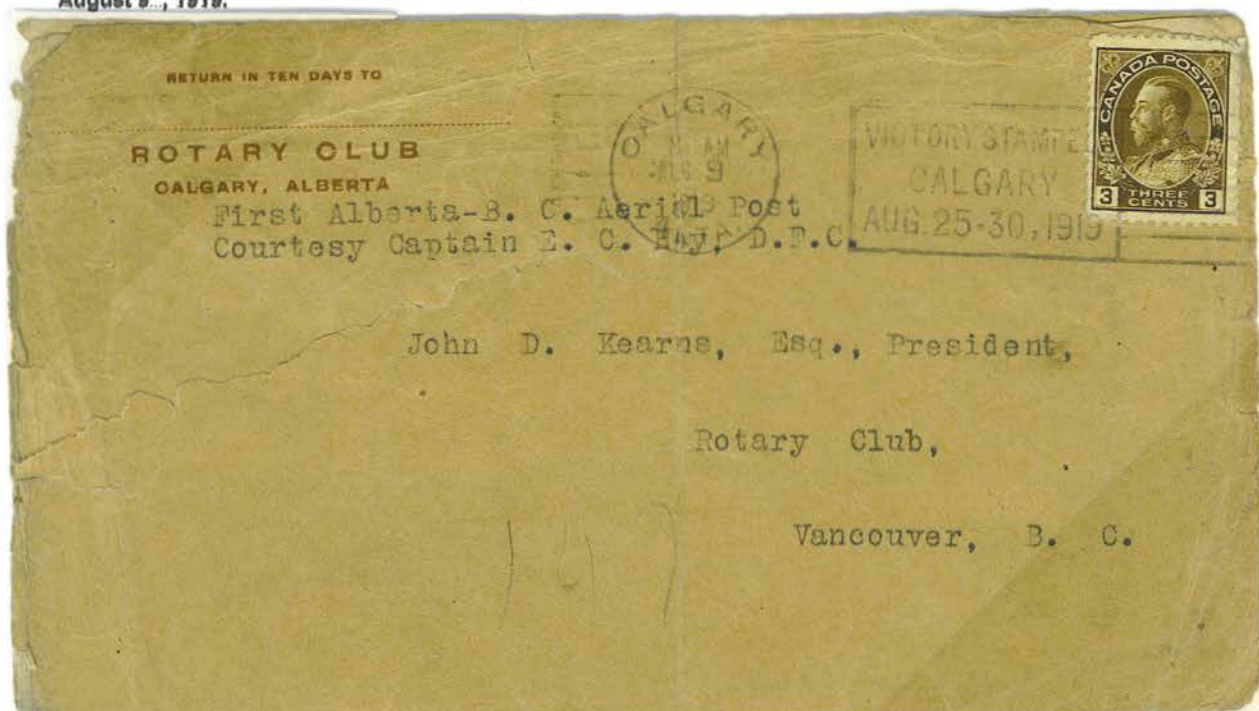
From *W. A. BUCHANAN, The Herald, Lethbridge, Alberta*

ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST AEROPLANE FLIGHT OVER THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

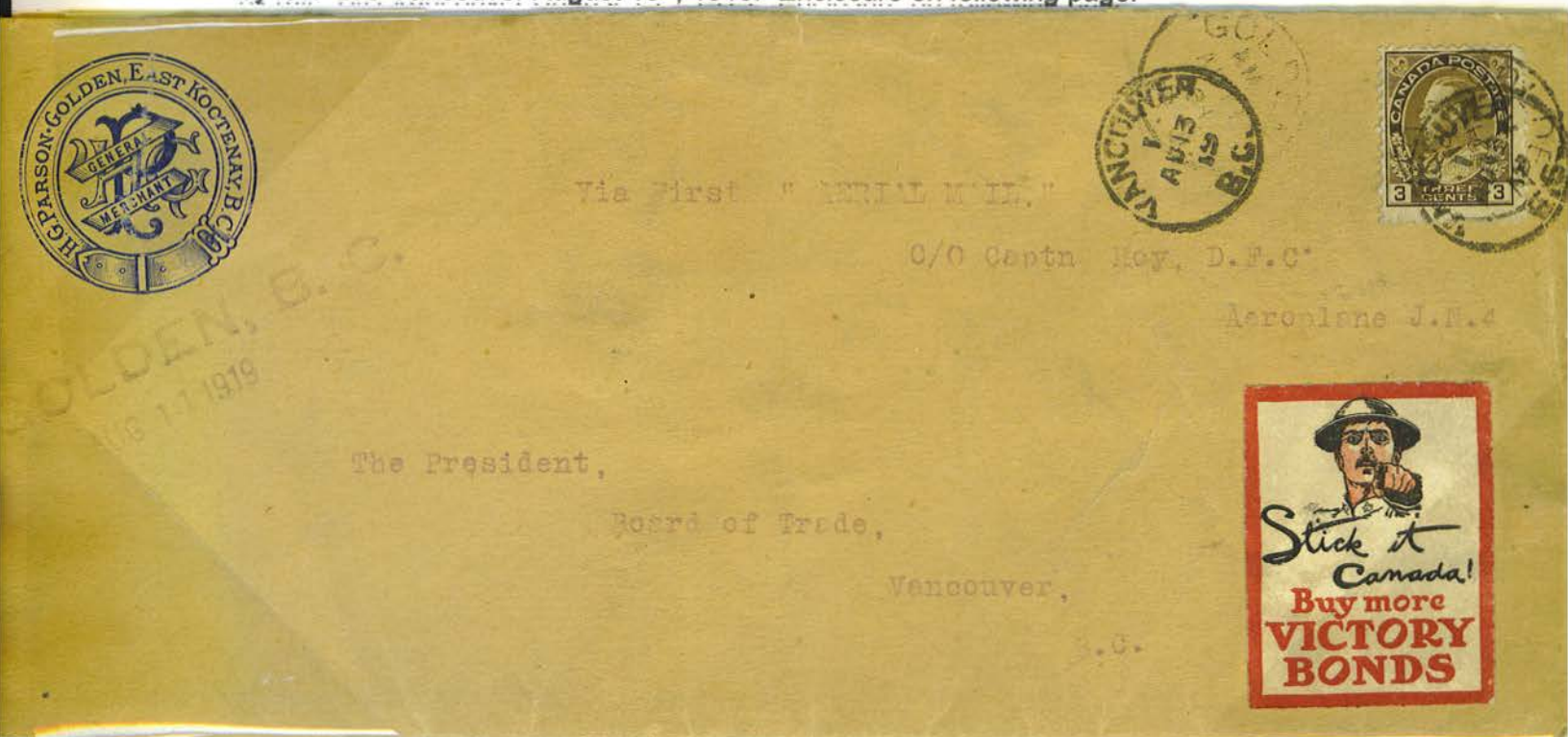
AUGUST 7th, 1919

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Return Flight over the Canadian Rockies
Calgary - Vancouver & Golden, BC - Vancouver
August 9th, 1919.



Posted, Calgary, A.B. August 9, 1919 destined for Banff, A.B., Field, A.B., Golden, B.C., Revelstoke, B.C., Vernon, B.C. and on to Vancouver. Capt. Hoy left Calgary on August 11th after delays and arrived in Golden shortly after noon. First class letter rate of 3 cents from the Rotary Club, Calgary, Alberta to the President of the Rotary Club in Vancouver. Flown from Calgary via Banff & Field, Alberta to Golden, B.C. the plane was ready to leave for Vancouver but crashed on take off without injury. All mail completing the journey by rail. B/S Vancouver August 13th, 1919. Enclosure on following page.



One of three letters posted at Golden, B.C. August 11th, 1919 addressed to the President, Board of Trade, Vancouver, B.C. Taking off on that date the plane crashed with all mail forwarded by rail and receiver back stamps of Vancouver, August 13th, 1919.

JAMES W. DAVIDSON
PRESIDENT
19 ROYAL BANK CHAMBERS
PHONE M1213

JAMES S. RYAN
ACTING SECRETARY
406 HERALD BUILDING
PHONE M1579

FRED E. OSBORNE
TREASURER
PHONE M2585

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Manning
9th August, 1919.

First Alberta-B.C. Aerial Post
Courtesy Captain E. C. Hoy, D.F.C.

John D. Kearns, Esq., President,
Rotary Club,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Kearns:-

It was with sincere pleasure and pride that we had the opportunity of receiving your communication as conveyed by Capt. E. C. Hoy, D.F.C., by aerial post, delivered to us to-day at a public reception given to Capt. Hoy, in which the Rotary Club of this City took part.

The members of the Club here and the citizens of Calgary generally were delighted that Captain Hoy made Calgary the terminus of this most epoch-making flight, and we sincerely hope that in the very near future, members of this Club can make more frequent visits to your Club and other Clubs on this Continent as a result of the aerial transportation possibilities. Kindly convey to your members the heartiest greetings from the members of our Club. Our members join with the citizens of Calgary in their feeling of pride and best wishes for the successful and safe return of Captain Hoy and sincerely believe that this, the first flight from your City, may be the forerunner of numerous flights which will join our city and its interests more closely with our Pacific Coast friends.

I am having this letter stamped by the Post Office here and Capt. Hoy has kindly consented to convey it to you on his return, which he expects to make on this date.

Believe me to be,

Yours sincerely in Rotary,

F. R. Shouldice

For the President, who is temporarily absent.

FLS/W.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
TORONTO

18. July 19.

My dear Caldwell.

I should have answered
you ere this, but heat
and business, is a sort of
an excuse.

I appreciate very much your
offer of service, but in
night dislocate. The
"ice box" as the Suggen
Chef. once said to me,
I am sending this by
"Air" Capt. Henry Lake
R.C.F. kindly offered
to take letter to Ottawa

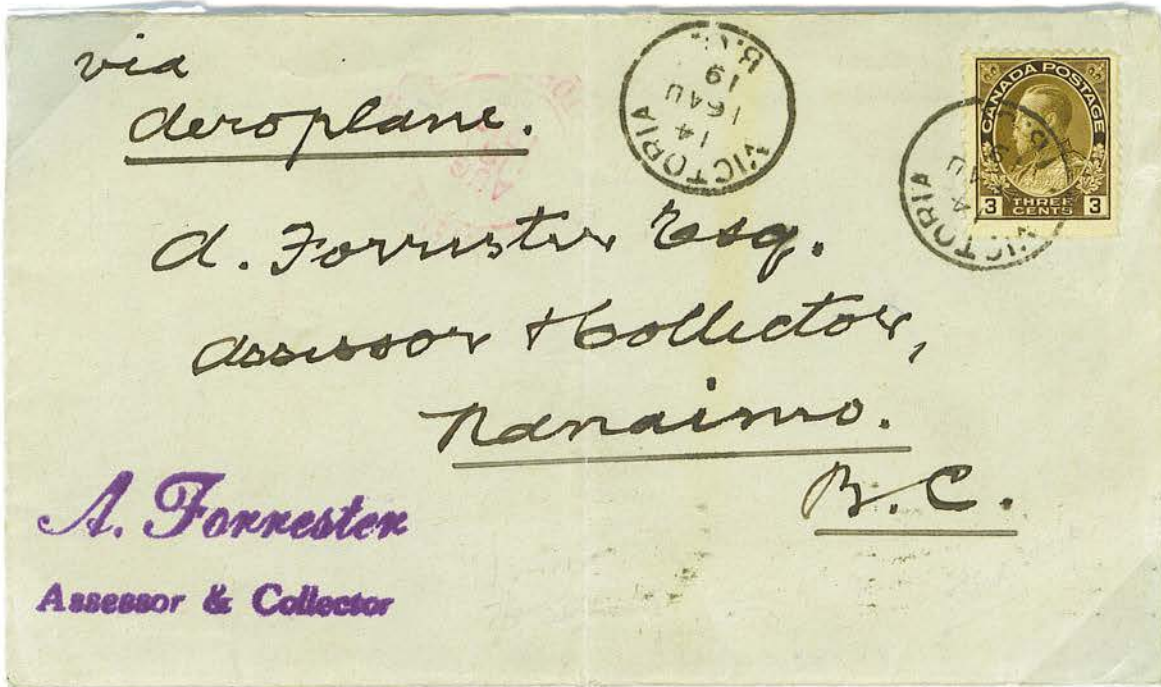
Col. Clyde Caldwell.

Militia Dept.

Ottawa.

Yours
E.L. Janney

On July 18th, 1919, E.L. Janney and G.A. Mercer flew a Curtiss JN-4 (Canuck) from Toronto to Ottawa. The flight took 4 hours and 40 minutes with 7 stops en route. The flight, in a privately owned aircraft, was intended to show the use of aeroplanes for advertising and passenger service between the two cities. Two letters are known to have been carried as a courtesy to Sir John Hendrie, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. This letter is addressed to Col. Clyde Caldwell of the Militia Department in Ottawa. It references Capt. Janney's offer to carry the letter by air and the upcoming visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.



August 16, 1919 flight, by Captains James Gray and Gordon Cameron, from Victoria to Nanaimo, British Columbia. Flying a Curtiss JN-4 Pathfinder 11, they left at 1:20 p.m. on Aug. 16, 1919 from Oak Bay Racecourse arriving fifty five minutes later in Nanaimo. Three cent postage canceled Victoria August. 16, 1919 and back stamped Nanaimo August 16, 1919 at 3:00 p.m. Covers were prepared for the return flight but were not placed aboard the plane.



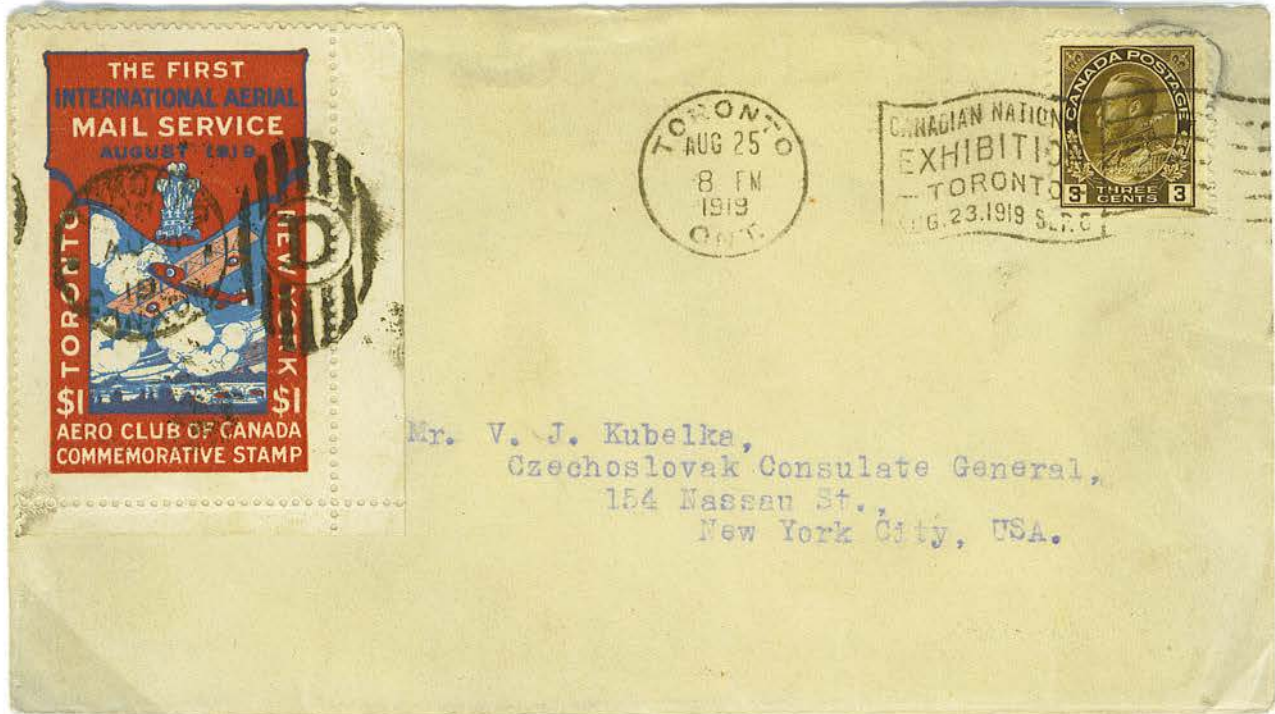
Post card "two cent rate" carried on the flight of August 16, 1919, Victoria to Nanaimo, British Columbia, via the aeroplane Pathfinder. The card states to the addressee that this is the first flight between the two cities, and is back stamped the same day. Pilots were "Captains" James Gray and Gordon Cameron, autographs on the reverse.



Die proofs of the frame design only, for the August 25, 1919 Toronto to New York Flight. These were issued in black and orange red, by the Aero Club of Canada and printed in all probability by the United Typewriter Co. of Toronto.



The final stamp printed in sheets of (20), two rows of five.
Left - Normal, Centre - Red Color Shift Down, Right - Thin Paper Color Through.



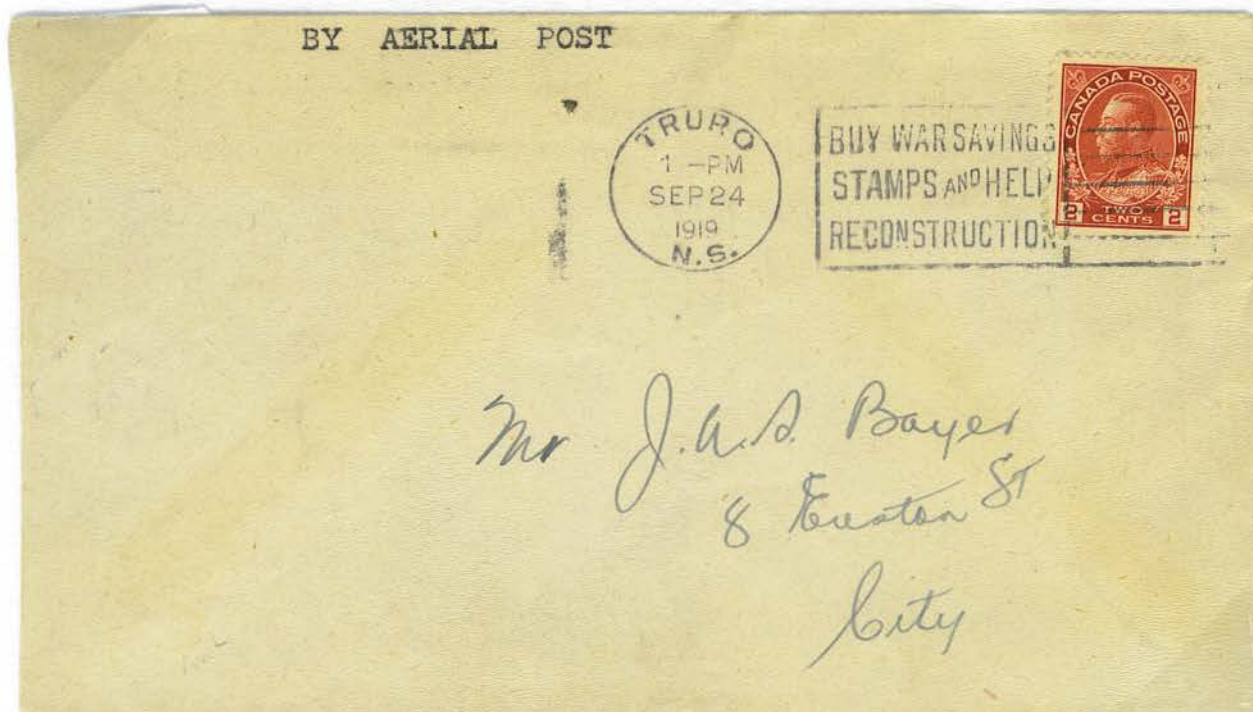
Aero Club of Canada \$1.00 special stamp on the front, which was a restricted use, as postal regulations stated that labels were to be on the reverse, cancelled August 25, 1919. Three cents postage, addressed to the Czechoslovak Consulate General in New York City from Gurofsky Company "Bankers and Steamship Agents" return address on reverse.

Lethbridge, Alberta – Ottawa 1922



On June 22, 1922, an attempt was made to fly from Lethbridge, Alberta to Ottawa, Ontario. In their Curtiss JN-4 Lt. "Jock" Palmer and Lt. Hugh H. Fitzsimmons took off on June 22, 1922, flying some 540 miles and landing at Minot, North Dakota where the plane was damaged upon landing, terminating the flight. Five cents registration, and fourteen cents postage, was designated to pay the rate to Ottawa, London, England, Cape Town, South Africa and on around the world, but the flight was discontinued, and mail returned to Macleod Alberta, July 5, 1922 b/s.

Truro - Charlottetown
Sept 24, 1918



On Sept. 24, 1918 Pilots t. L.E.D. Stevens and Lt. James M. Stevenson departed Truro Nova Scotia at approximately 1:00pm and arrived in Charlottetown, P.E.I. a short time later with mail being canceled at 2:00pm that same day.



Faithfully Yours

Harry Fitzsimmons
1234-7th Ave.
Lethbridge

H. B. Have a few envelopes unstamped which contained map references and data and addressed to us at each landing field.

Total number carried was 933.
If you require any more could get in touch with acquaintances whom I know to have received letters via air mail on this flight.

U.S. Army Flight 1920
Dawson, Yukon Territory -
Fairbanks, Alaska.



In August of 1920 a flight by four United States Army planes, flew from New York to Nome, Alaska, with various stops along the way. Mail canceled Dawson, N.W.T., August 19, 1920 arriving, Fairbanks, Alaska, August 19, 1920 at 1:00 p.m.

Camp Broden - Leaside Station (Toronto)
Experimental Aerial Service 1921



In attempt by the RCAF to induce the Post Office Department to inaugurate air mail service, it initiated air service on January 1, 1921 by pilot Lt. A. G. McLerie, however due to bad weather the first flight did not take place until the next day. The 3c admiral stamp canceled Camp Borden December 30, 1920, addressed to Lt. A. G. McLerie's wife in Toronto. The plane left Camp Borden at 11:35 on January 2, 1921 arriving at Leaside (Toronto) approximately forty minutes later. This is the only known cover which was acquired from the McLerie family and contains an enclosure indicating the intent of the flights to carry mail and that Lt. A. G. McLerie was to be the initial pilot of this route.

Expect to be down on Saturday
tho. on my first trip as "Communication
Pilot" of the C.A.F. It has been
decided that for the first month I
am to fly down every morning from
here and back in the afternoon, so
I will be living here for a while yet.

Don't expect there will be any mail
to carry, as it is only to have a huddle
to work on the Post Office Dept. with,
by showing them that it can be done, and
has been carrying on for some time. So
it's up to your feller to see that it goes
through every day.