

# GOAL IS TO MAKE CITIZENS HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

## Forecasts Great Aviation Future, Sky Filled With Aircraft

Toronto, Dec. 13.—(CP)—  
The helicopter as the air-  
borne counterpart of the  
automobile for short-distance  
flying . . . the flying wing and  
jet-propulsion engine revolu-  
tionizing air transport as we  
know it. . . This was the pic-  
ture presented to Toronto  
Canadian Club to-day by  
Munitions Minister Howe —  
“looking three or four years  
into the future.”

### Hold Franchise

The man who directs civil avia-  
tion for the Government said Can-  
ada holds a strategic position on  
the air-travel map and that an  
aggressive post-war aviation policy  
can provide an occupation for the  
pilots, radio electricians and aero-  
plane mechanics who now are  
carrying the war into Berlin.

He said franchises for new air  
routes in Canada are being held  
open for Canadians now carrying  
the air war to the enemy.

Mr. Howe spoke of production  
in Canadian plants of Lancaster  
Bombers, De Havilland Mosquitoes,  
Catalina Flying Boats, Curtiss  
Hell Divers and the Noorduyn  
Norseman, each in the top rank  
of its type.

“Our designers now are planning  
conversions to civilian transport  
types, in the hope of being ready  
for the post-war demand,” he said.

“To-day we are probably the  
third, and certainly the fourth, in  
air power among the Allied na-  
tions. Our strategic location will  
command consideration from other  
countries, as will our prestige in  
military aviation.”

### Hardly Scratched

Trans-Canada Air Lines has ex-  
perienced spectacular development,  
Mr. Howe said, but “we know that  
the limited service now being given  
is wholly inadequate to meet travel  
requirements.” Canadian Pacific  
Airlines formed two years ago, had

airlines, formed two years ago, had  
a similar experience.

“The business of providing trans-  
portation by air in Canada is hard-  
ly scratched. A considerable num-  
ber of new domestic routes that  
promise profitable operation are  
still open.

“While the Government now is  
receiving numerous applications for  
new franchises, these routes have  
been and will be held open until  
our gallant airmen return from  
overseas. A franchise for an air  
route is to-day one of the most  
valuable concessions within the gift  
of the federal Government.”

A glance at a globe or an air map  
showed that every direct air route  
between North America and Eu-  
rope or Asia crosses Canadian ter-  
ritory, said Mr. Howe.

“Kiska, which Canadian and  
American troops took over recently  
from the Japanese, is the half-way  
point on the shortest airline be-  
tween Tokio and Vancouver. Baf-  
fin Land is the half-way marker on  
a straight line from San Francisco  
to London. The short route from  
the United States to Russia lies  
across the North Pole.”

The end of the war would find  
Canada with the groundwork for a  
giant airport system based on some  
200 modern airports. The job was  
not finished.

“Other airports must be built to  
serve centres of population that  
have not had a part in our air  
training plan. Radio beams must  
be provided for new transport ser-  
vices. Our airport buildings must be  
enlarged and modernized.

“To obtain for Canada a place in  
civil and international aviation,  
comparable with the place it now  
holds in military aviation, is an ob-  
jective that captures the imagina-  
tion.”

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