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Aviation North: Flying frontiers in Northern British Columbia

by Trelle A. Morrow

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This volume deals with individuals, corporations and just plain adventurers, who have been involved with aviation around Prince George and beyond. Aviation has formed a part of Prince George life since 1920, because of circumstances occurring in many parts of North America. The community has responded by accommodating the air sojourners with landing strips, essential supplies of all kinds, and a generous hospitality.

Commercial aviation was largely supported by the mining industry during its formative years of the 1930s, but airmail contracts were the gems providing a steady income to fledgling airlines. Canada Post, airline companies, and both urban and remote communities have all benefitted from airmail services.

The aeroplane and all of the associated personnel form a significant component in the summation of our Canadian heritage.

Trelle Morrow is a retired architect who has spent most of his life in Prince George, where interactions with local pioneers have encouraged him to research and document local history. His lifelong philatelic interests have led to research into early airmail services and aviation history generally. The author has combined oral history, archival records, and material evidence into a volume focusing on the Prince George aviation record. Contributions to this volume have also been provided by several local residents, some offering local aviation experiences commencing in the 1930s.