

REPORTER TAKES A RIDE ON PRISONER "SPECIAL"

NORANDA, April 15—This mist like a giant's frosty breath softened the bleak panorama of scrub pine and snow as Kelly Edmison's big Norseman droned south at 3,500 feet.

The sun above the clouds was dazzling and the chief pilot of General Airways squinted through his goggles. From the co-pilots seat The Globe and Mail watched two other planes fading into the east, making the regular scheduled passenger run into the mining country.

Seven passengers rode in the plane. One was a stalwart Quebec Provincial constable. The six others were an assortment of petty criminals and ladies of easy virtue. Their destination was Ville Marie, location of the district jail.

About two miles ahead, and 500 feet below us, Earl Hickson of General Airways was carrying another five customers of the Warden of Ville Marie. The big constable pains takingly wrote out his list of prisoners from little slips of paper, finishing his reports just as the plane began to nose down to the landing.

This was the first of a series of flights over the busiest, most concentrated gold area in North America. It was the first flight of many that will cover every mile of an intense network of air lines which operate on rigid schedules over an area where 14,000 men have found jobs in the past five years, and which are now branching out into the new Chibougamau area to north and east.

Less than six years ago the late Wilson Clarke came into this area with the first plane. There were 140 persons in the area that lies in a direct line for sixty miles east from Noranda and Rouyn. Two mines were being born. North from Rouyn, the Beattie was in process of development.

Today Noranda is bidding strongly for the position of busiest airport on the continent. A two-day count showed a plane arriving or departing every six minutes from dawn to dusk. During December past, General Airways alone carried an average of 75 passengers every day of the month, including Sundays.

Here, it was said, could be seen a perfect example of mining and aviation co-operating in the development of new wealth, new jobs. One area, east from Rouyn, is at the peak of its development, with scores of mines in various stages of production. A second area, Chibougamau, is in that formative stage which Nobby Clark had found at Rouyn five years ago.

So swift had been the development that a railway was following the planes into the territory. From Senneville, on the transcontinental, in a long sweeping line to the twin towns of Noranda-Rouyn, the railway will traverse the area. The entire route has been carved out of the bush; much of the grading is finished. Steel will be laid as soon as the snow goes.

In the past few months, north of that transcontinental line, Chibougamau has come into existence. Big mining company scouts quietly chartered planes, slipped into the area, acquired big claims. Tons of freight are following them in, by tractor and plane. Over a hundred mile area, dozens of developments are going on. Already there is talk that some day a railway will be branching north from Oskelaneo River, or from St. Felicien on Lake St. John.

Here was the picture: One area developed and rushed to the proven stage by aviation, another being pioneered by the same means. To develop either area wholly by dog team and tractor would have taken years longer. And summer transportation by water meant costly portages.

And so, to see this picture of another phase of aviation activity in Canada, The Globe and Mail came to Noranda, was greeted noisily and warmly by the young, virile General Airways crew and promptly boosted aboard Kelly Edmison's 'jailbird special' to see one phase of the company's work.

In this area the Quebec police operate wholly by plane. They fly into any camps where they are needed; they bring their prisoners out by plane. They send them to Ville Marie by plane after conviction. In one day, after a serious riot, planes carried eighty-seven men to the district jail. The pilots were sworn in as deputies much to their discomfiture on various occasions, since then, when previous friendships were disrupted by their new status.

And so this trip, to Kelly and Earl Hickson, was just routine. There was no fuss or bother as they unloaded their passengers, lined them up and turned them over to the voluble officials from the jail, climbed aboard and soared away from the wistful glances of their erstwhile guests.

The sun slanted through clouds on the towering twin chimneys of the Noranda mine as Kelly's ship glided down to the ice, bumped across the hummocks, taxied up to the dock. Kelly leaned back, cut the motor and stretched. And then, down from his despatcher's office, came energetic Pete Casey, chief radio operator.

"Kelly," he yelled, as he came. "Oh, Kelly, hope down to Siscoe as fast as you can. They've a ruptured appendix waiting and the doc there says to make it speedy."

Big Kelly turned with an expressive wave of his hands. As he stepped on the starter, he said: "There you are, always something doing."

He gunned her, whipped the tail around and we went roaring east across the ice, bounced gently and headed for Siscoe, 55 miles away.

SPORTSMEN SAY BEARS HARMLESS; FARMERS DIFFER

BANGOR, Me., April 15—Controversy as to whether bears are harmless or dangerous rages in Maine and in the neighboring province of New Brunswick, where game conditions are much the same, except that New Brunswick has many moose while Maine has few.

The farmers say the bear is not only a sheep and pig killer but also a menace to man; the sportsmen say a bear is harmless unless challenged.

The farmers want a bounty on the bear's head, while the sportsmen declare that, since moose hunting is a thing of the past in Maine, the bear is the best game animal left and should be protected, as now, with a closed season, like deer and other animals.

Nick Hunter, a veteran New Brunswick guide, insists that the bear is a dangerous animal and recites from his 55 years' experience to prove it. He says:

"Some one says he has been in the woods for 15 years and found the bear a harmless animal. This man must surely be a jumbo jack and goes to the woods after the bear has gone to den, as we admit that at that time they are harmless. I have had 55 years' experience in the woods starting in at 15 years old."

On three different occasions on Sister Brook, a tributary of the Miramichi river, I found that bears attacked moose and killed them.

"At one time in the fall, in a logging crew, a bear chased a deer until it ran to us at the lunch ground. The bear made a getaway. The deer stayed with us the rest of the day and seemed badly worried. This was on bare ground and I am convinced that the bear is even worse on our game than the wild cat. This is no hearsay. It is my own experience."

Some years ago we had plenty of beaver, and when our government saw fit to put a closed season on, what happened? As the old story goes, "Hide candy from a child and you will teach him to steal." That must have been what happened to our beaver, for they are now practically a thing of the past.

"We might get clear of the bear if it worked out like it did with the beaver."

"Now, speaking of the bear being harmless, perhaps some of the older people like myself can recall the time when John Hinchey of Parker's Ridge was attacked by a bear. He got badly torn and barely escaped with his life."

"Perhaps another instance that can be remembered is when James Boyd was attacked, and kicked the bear to death, with calked lumberman's boots near Fredericton."

Prof. MacDonald To Review Prof. Sinsons' New Book

Professor J. F. MacDonald, of University College, will compliment Professor C. B. Sinsons, of Victoria College, when he devotes his CBC presentation, "The Book Review," on Saturday, April 17, at 7:45 p.m., EST, to a summary of Dr. Sinsons' important new work, "Egerton Ryerson: His Life and Letters." Dr. Ryerson was one of the great pioneers in education in Ontario and devoted his life to improving the school systems of the province. He was the founder of the old grammar schools which developed into the present system of secondary schools. The author is professor of Ancient History at Victoria and his book is of interest, particularly to all educationalists and students.

SONGS OF MORTON

Alma Sanders' song, "Little Town in the Auld County Down," will be sung by William Morton, tenor, as the opening selection of his 15-minute recital to be broadcast for CBC listeners on Sunday, April 18, at 10:30 p.m., EST. This programme, featuring this young Canadian artist and an instrumental ensemble under the direction of Samuel Hershenoren, will be heard over the national network from the Toronto studios. The ensemble will offer Valensin's "Celebrated Menuet" and the vocalist will also sing "Green Pastures," by Sanderson, and the romantic hit, "Will You Remember," from Sigmund Romberg's operetta, "Maytime."

Melodic Strings to Play Brilliant Scalero Salute

An important programme is announced for the CBC national network on Monday, April 19, at 9 p.m., EST. Alexander Chuhaldin will conduct his famed "Melodic Strings" on this date in a presentation of the brilliant Scalero "suite," written for solo string quartet and orchestra. The suite is in four movements. On the same programme will be heard "Trauer Opus 2, No. 3," by Grimmer. The broadcast will originate in the Toronto studios of the CBC.

SOME FOOD PRICES ARE LOWER - HARDWARE ADVANCES

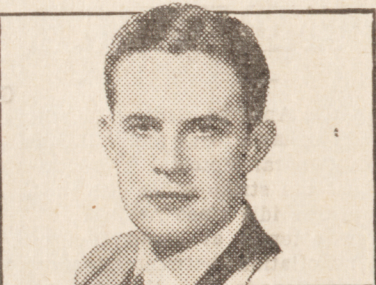
In the midst of many advances in food products it is interesting to note a few declines, states Canadian Grocer in its current number. Among the markets that have gone down or are on the downward move are marmalade, canned peaches and dry beans. There is a reason for each. Some months ago marmalade packers calculated it would be difficult to get their regular supplies of Seville bitter oranges from Spain, so placed orders for those produced in other countries, such as Italy, Jamaica, and South Africa, etc. The Seville supply came along a little late, and so did the others. There is, therefore, plenty of orange marmalade, as well as marmalade made from combinations of fruit, so that the market today is lower than it was a year ago and considerably lower than anticipated. At the same time sugar is considerably higher. Canned peach prices are down from the high for the reason that there was a big pack last year on top of just as big a one the previous year. Peaches are reasonable in price and are now moving into consumption fairly rapidly. The bean market continues a bit of a puzzle, but prices are well below the peak of a couple of months ago. At that time export trade to the Old Country appeared to be in the offing but evidently the British bought beans cheaper from other countries and passed up the Canadian. The past winter, too, has been a mild one in certain parts of Canada and bean consumption was not as great as usual. Packers of pork and beans have been buying from hand to mouth anticipating an easing-up in the situation and now beans are around 40 to 50 cents a bushel less than the high prices of not so long ago.

On the other hand, flour, cereals, raisins, a number of canned vegetables, tomato juice are tending higher. Sugar has gone up to 40 cents per cwt. since the first of January and this is going to make for higher costs for canners, biscuit manufacturers, jelly powder firms, etc., this year. Advances in hardware items showing increases in price continues to grow. Higher prices for basic metals, including iron, steel, lead, tin, zinc, copper, etc., over a period of some months have brought many increased prices in manufactured products. For instance, steel and brass wood screws were raised in price recently, this being the third advance since the beginning of the year, according to Hardware and Metal, Toronto, Ont. The price of black and galvanized pipe has advanced a second time. Carpet and other tacks are higher, and small iron rivets have been advanced. Among other steel lines in which higher prices have been named in the last two weeks are skate screws, sash weights, cast iron and malleable pipe fittings, pipe nipples, butts, hinges, hasps, range boilers, milk cans, stove bolts, sink bolts, etc.

GUESTS AT HOTEL

Among the guests registered at the Queen Hotel today were P. A. Kerr and J. M. Carey, Moncton; J. A. Ferguson, Shediac, and A. McCausland, Botsford.

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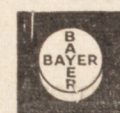


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Many investors content themselves with cymbals when the rewards all go to the horns. Haphazard hunches tie up and eventually dissipate hard-earned savings that deserve steady enhancement. Hunches are as costly to purchase as a gilt-edged security and often are as hard to sell as last year's almanac.

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