

At the Congress of the Universal Union at Paris, France, in May, 1947, at which Canada was represented, much was done to restore international services disrupted during war years.

In 1947, parcel post rates were reduced to the United Kingdom and to other overseas countries. The Post Office restored parcel post services on an ever-widening range, thus enabling needed relief to be provided to peoples in the devastated areas from friends and relatives in Canada.

**Air Mail.**—During 1947 and 1948 further developments were made in Canada's Air Mail System, and on July 1, 1948, a milestone was passed in postal history. This was the inauguration, at first on limited scale, of All Up Mail Service for first class letter mail up to and including one ounce in weight, prepaid in Canadian postage, and addressed to destinations in Canada. Under the System this mail was carried over the main Trans-Canada Air Lines network, whenever delivery would thus be expedited.

Extension of air routes during the year 1947 included direct Air Mail Services between Halifax, N.S., and Boston, Mass.; Winnipeg and Flin Flon, Man.; Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B.C.; and to a number of points in southern British Columbia as a result of the institution by Canadian Pacific Airlines of a service between Vancouver and Calgary, via Crow's Nest Pass, B.C. In the summer the inauguration by T.C.A. of its Great Lakes operation enabled the Post Office to give direct Air Mail Service to Sault Ste. Marie and Fort William, Ont. Swift Current, Saskatoon and Medicine Hat, Sask., were also served by the main air-mail network. Beginning June 1, 1948, air-mail was despatched and received twice a day in place of once daily, between Dorval, Que., and Prestwick, Scotland, and London, England.

Institution on June 1, 1948, by T.C.A. of its North Star 'plane service between Montreal, Que., and Vancouver, B.C., on twice daily frequency each way did much to save further time for mailers from east to west.

The following figures show the weight of mail conveyed by air during the calendar years, 1939-1947:—

<i>Calendar Year</i>	<i>T.C.A.</i>	<i>All Air Services</i>
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	lb.	lb.
1939.....	392,931	1,994,643
1940.....	634,444	2,739,473
1941.....	1,329,232	3,350,431
1942.....	2,308,812	4,793,491
1943.....	3,726,607	6,877,338
1944.....	3,739,529	8,013,593
1945.....	3,429,233	8,158,876
1946.....	2,325,978	5,589,366
1947.....	2,527,672	5,818,682

During 1948, Letter Carrier Delivery Service was extended to more of our larger centres including:—

Campbellton, N.B.	Fort Frances, Ont.	Portage la Prairie, Man.
Brampton, Ont.	Port Colborne, Ont.	Penticton, B.C.
Dundas, Ont.	Port Hope, Ont.	Port Alberni, B.C.
Fort Erie, Ont.	Wallaceburg, Ont.	Vernon, B.C.