

Canadian Pacific Air Lines, Trans-Pacific Service.—In 1948 the Government of Canada assigned to Canadian Pacific Air Lines the licence to operate trans-Pacific air services between Canada and points in Australia, New Zealand and the Far East. As a result, development and organization work progressed and orders were placed for the construction of Canadair four-engined aircraft for use on these new routes.

The trans-Pacific air service between Vancouver and Australia and New Zealand was inaugurated by Canadian Pacific Air Lines in July, 1949. The service between Vancouver and the Orient via Alaska, Shemya, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong went into operation on Sept. 19, 1949. These trans-Pacific services add more than 15,000 miles of route to the Canadian Pacific Air Lines service.

Independent Air Lines.—Additional to Trans-Canada Air Lines and Canadian Pacific Air Lines, there are seven other domestic air lines licensed to operate scheduled services in Canada. These are:—

Central Northern Airways, Limited, Winnipeg.
 Leavens Bros. Air Services, Limited, Toronto.
 Maritime Central Airways, Limited, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
 Northern Airways, Limited, Carcross, Y.T.
 Quebec Airways, Limited, Montreal, Que.
 Queen Charlotte Airlines, Limited, Vancouver, B.C.
 Wheeler Air Lines, Limited, St. Jovite, Que.

Most of the independent air lines are operating non-scheduled services which, with few exceptions, are charter services from designated bases. It is in this field that the greatest development has taken place in recent years.

Non-scheduled charter services and non-scheduled specific point services provide effective means of access to sections of Canada that are inaccessible by other means of transportation and also act as feeders to the scheduled air lines.

As at Mar. 31, 1949, the following operating certificates were in effect: scheduled domestic, 35; scheduled foreign, 10; non-scheduled, 216; and flying training, 115.

Commonwealth and Foreign Scheduled Services.—Operating certificates issued to Commonwealth and foreign scheduled services flying into Canada number nine and consist of the following:—

- (1) American Airlines Incorporated, operating between Toronto, Ont., and Buffalo, N.Y., and also the Canadian portion of the route between Buffalo, N.Y., and Windsor, Ont., and Detroit, Mich. (two certificates);
- (2) British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, between Vancouver, B.C., and Sydney, N.S.W., Australia; and between Vancouver, B.C., and Auckland, New Zealand via Fiji Islands, Canton Island, Honolulu, and San Francisco;
- (3) British Overseas Airways Corporation between Montreal, Que., and London, England;
- (4) Colonial Airlines Incorporated, operating between Montreal, Que., or Ottawa, Ont., and Washington, D.C., via Massena, Watertown, Syracuse, Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, Reading and Baltimore; between Montreal or Ottawa and New York, N.Y., via Massena, Plattsburg, Burlington, Saranac Lake-Lake Placid, Rutland, Glens Falls and Albany (two certificates);
- (5) Northeast Airlines Incorporated, between Boston, Mass., and Montreal, Que., via Burlington, Barre-Montpelier and Concord;
- (6) Northwest Airlines Incorporated, between Fargo, N.D., and Winnipeg, Man., via Grand Forks;
- (7) Pan-American Airways Incorporated, operating between Seattle, Wash., and Fairbanks, Alaska, with refuelling stop at Port Hardy, B.C., or Comox, B.C., and points of call at Juneau, Alaska, and Whitehorse, Yukon;
- (8) United Air Lines, Incorporated, operating between Vancouver, B.C., and Seattle, Wash., via Bellingham, Wash.;
- (9) Western Air Lines Incorporated, between Lethbridge, Alta., and Great Falls, Montana.