

northwestern Canada. Main line scheduled services operate from Vancouver to Victoria, Comox, Powell River, Campbell River, Port Hardy and Sandspit on the Pacific Coast. Service is also provided between Vancouver and Seattle. In the interior and northern region of BC, flights are scheduled from Vancouver to Penticton, Kelowna, Cranbrook, Castlegar and Kamloops through to Calgary and Edmonton, Alta.; in the northern interior, service is provided from Vancouver to Smithers, Dawson Creek, Williams Lake, Quesnel and Prince George. From Edmonton, scheduled flights operate to Cambridge Bay, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Hay River, Inuvik, Norman Wells, Resolute and Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories and to Fort Chipewyan, Fort McMurray, High Level and Peace River, Alta. and Uranium City, Sask. The only no-reservations AirBus service in Canada operates between Calgary and Edmonton. Pacific Western also operates extensive international passenger and cargo charters.

In 1976 there were 2.19 million passengers carried. The company's fleet of 24 aircraft includes one Boeing 727, 13 Boeing 737s, two Boeing 707s, three Convair 640s and three Lockheed Hercules freighters (cargo only).

Quebecair, with its head office at Montreal International Airport, Dorval, offers scheduled services in Quebec and Labrador. The company was founded in 1946 under the name Le Syndicat d'Aviation de Rimouski. The name was changed to Rimouski Airlines in 1947 and to Quebecair in 1953 when it was amalgamated with Gulf Aviation. During 1965 Quebecair acquired Northern Wings Ltd. and Northern Wings Helicopters, in 1967 A. Fecteau Transport Ltée and in 1974 Air Gaspé Inc.

Quebecair operates scheduled services and the subsidiaries handle flights by light aircraft, charter and contract services. Scheduled services are operated over 9 656 km serving a number of localities in nine economic regions of Quebec and Labrador. Points linked are Montreal, Quebec City, La Malbaie (Charlevoix), Baie-Comeau (Hauterive), Churchill Falls (Twin Falls), Gagnon, Wabush (Labrador City), Mingan, Mont-Joli-Rimouski, Saguenay (Bagotville), Schefferville, Sept-Îles, La Grande 2 (James Bay), Gaspé, Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Rouyn-Noranda, Bonaventure, Charlo, Roberval, Port Meunier, Ste-Anne-des-Monts, Senneterre, Val-d'Or, Chibougamau, Matagami, Blanc Sablon, Saint-Paul, Old Fort Bay, Saint-Augustin, La Tabatière, Tête à la Baleine, Harrington Harbour, Gethsemani, Kégaska, Natashquan, Aguanish, Baie Johan Beetz and Havre-Saint-Pierre. Quebecair also operates group charters within Canada and to the US, Caribbean, Bermuda, Mexico, South America and Europe using jet aircraft.

Revenue passengers transported by Quebecair in 1977 numbered 588,900 on scheduled services and 308,000 passengers on international charter services.

Quebecair's large and varied fleet of aircraft enables it to meet the diverse requirements of today's charter market. The combined fleet of Quebecair and its subsidiaries totals 63 units: two Boeing 707s, one Boeing 727, three BAC 1-11 jets, four F-27 turbo-props, four Douglas DC-3s, 11 DHC-3 Otters, three Cessna 180s, 14 DHC-6 Beavers, three Cessna 185s, three Beechcraft 99s, one Hawker-Siddeley 748 and 14 helicopters of various types.

Transair Ltd. This company was formed in November 1969 through the merger of Transair Ltd. and Midwest Airlines Ltd., both of Winnipeg. With headquarters at the Winnipeg International Airport, the company operates scheduled services in Manitoba, the NWT, the Yukon Territory and northwestern Ontario as far east as Toronto. Points linked are Gillam, The Pas, Flin Flon, Lynn Lake, Thompson, Churchill, Yellowknife, Whitehorse, Dryden, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste Marie and Toronto. Several other points in the NWT are also served by flights from Churchill. Midwest Airlines Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Transair, operates in Manitoba's inland region. Charter flights operate from Canada to Florida, Hawaii, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The Transair fleet consists of three Boeing 737s, two Fokker F-28s, two YS-11s, 13 Bell Jet Ranger helicopters and one Bell 204 heavy lift helicopter. In 1975 Transair carried 409,000 passengers, compared with 484,000 passengers in 1974.

15.5.2.3 Commonwealth and foreign scheduled commercial air services

At the end of 1976 there were 37 foreign air carriers holding valid Canadian operating certificates and licences issued for international scheduled commercial air services into