

Nordair Ltée-Ltd., with its head office in Montreal, was established in 1957 by the merger of Mont Laurier Aviation and Boreal Airways. Since its formation Nordair has expanded steadily; it operates scheduled services in Quebec, Ontario and the Northwest Territories, as well as extensive domestic and international charter flights throughout Canada and from Eastern Canada to the southern United States, the Caribbean and since 1977 Mexico.

Scheduled services operate between Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Sault Ste Marie, Thunder Bay, Dryden, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Windsor and Pittsburgh. Other scheduled services are operated between Montreal, Val-d'Or, Fort George, Matagami, La Grande, Chibougamau, Great Whale River, Asbestos Hill and Fort Chimo, Que. and Frobisher Bay, Nanisivik, Hall Beach and Resolute Bay, NWT. In 1977 Nordair carried more than 590,000 passengers and in 1978 more than 613,000.

Nordair's charter flights accommodate inclusive tour travel and group travel. Under contract with the United States Air Force, Nordair provides air services between the DEW-line sites along the Arctic Coast and, under contract with the federal supply and services department, operates ice reconnaissance services for the federal environment department. In 1978 Nordair's fleet was composed of two Douglas DC-8s, eight Boeing 737s, two Lockheed L-188s, and three Fairchild F-227s. Two Boeing 737s were delivered in 1979.

Pacific Western Airlines Ltd., with executive offices in Calgary, operates scheduled passenger and cargo services over 22 531 unduplicated route-kilometres in Western and 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. A no-reservations AirBus service operates between Calgary and Edmonton.

In 1978 there were 3 million passengers carried. The company's fleet of 19 aircraft includes one Boeing 727, 14 Boeing 737s, one Boeing 707 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), 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, Chevery, Gethsemani, Kégaska, Natashquan, Aguanish, Baie Johan Beetz and Mingan-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 1978 numbered 750,000 on scheduled services and 300,000 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