

SYNOPSIS:

Captain Brian Peck and the First Canadian Airmail Flight

Purpose:

This exhibit is showing the story of the First Canadian airmail flight which was flown by Captain Brian Peck from Montreal to Toronto on 24 June 1918. The story continues past 1918 and onto the 50th and 100th anniversaries of the flight and postal activities that occurred at those times. The 100th Anniversary section is all material that in some cases only a few copies exist. This commemoration was done on behalf of the CAS (Canadian Aerophilatelic Society) by Chris Hargreaves and Dave Bartlet using existing commercial flights from WestJet and available local postmarks. This exhibit is showing the story of the First Canadian airmail flight which was flown by Captain Brian Peck from Montreal to Toronto on 24 June 1918. The story continues past 1918 and onto the 50th and 100th anniversaries of the flight and postal activities that

Challenge Factor:

There is one significant cover shown which is a flight cover from the original flight in 1918. There were some 120 pieces of mail carried on this first official airmail flight. The 100th anniversary material is not in great abundance and while not expensive can be elusive to find as many modern items can be in limited supply. Some CAS ephemeral material exists in quantities of less than 5.

This exhibit can not be expanded to a two frame exhibit due to a lack of additional philatelic material.

Organization:

The material is in 3 sections – Original flight information, 50th Anniversary material and 100th Anniversary material. The final section is further subdivided into the flight re-enactment and the material made from different sources for the flight commemoration.

Bibliography/References:

There are limited references to this test issue, but information can be found at:

- Canadian Museum of History
<https://www.historymuseum.ca/cmhc/exhibitions/cpm/courrier2/cciel18e.html>
- Mysteries of Canada <https://mysteriesofcanada.com/canada/first-airmail-flight/>
- Leaside Aerodrome – Toronto News - https://www.toronto.com/news/leaside-100-aerodrome-was-site-of-canada-s-first-air-mail-flight/article_88c40b14-ec33-5468-bda4-1fd177917459.html
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