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The First Trans-Canada Flight



On Wednesday, October 21, 2020 a small ceremony was held in the British Columbia Aviation Museum's Henderson Hangar. A group of about 30 civilian and military dignitaries were in attendance. The event was held to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of an important chapter in Canada's aviation history - the first ever trans-Canada relay flight.

The first leg of the original flight departed Halifax, Nova Scotia to Saint John River, New Brunswick on October 7, 1920. The aircraft was a Fairey IIC which flew from New Brunswick to Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec on the same day. The next day, a second aircraft and crew departed for Winnipeg, Manitoba arriving on October 10, 1920.

With a few stops along the way, the second leg of the journey took the next aircraft to Vancouver, British Columbia, arriving on October 17, 1920. On October 20, 1920, the third and final leg of this epic journey took yet another aircraft and crew from Vancouver to Esquimalt harbour in Victoria, British Columbia arriving on October 21, 1920.

The BC Aviation Museum Society is honoured to

have provided a fitting venue for this special event. Several BCAM members including our president, David Jackson, were also in attendance and were able to provide guided tours of the BC Aviation Museum after the ceremony. Many thanks to those members who helped to make this a memorable event for our visitors. □



Museum Update

- Work on the Hampton Gray memorial on the front lawn has started;
- The new e-bay room has been finished and is in use
- A team has visited Golden to sort and pack Piasecki helicopter parts;
- A26 cockpit restoration started several years ago is now being completed;
- Secure storage for the Tracker has been acquired pending transport to our museum next spring;
- Preliminary version of new strategic plan has been submitted to the Board;
- We have met with the Victoria Airport Authority to discuss future expansion plans;
- Tree cutting has been completed to make parking area safe;
- New windows have been installed in the gift shop;
- We applied for and received a \$15,000 grant from the Federal Government for Covid-19 mitigation;
- Work on the DC3 nose is progressing well;
- Restoration hangar clean up is progressing.

Remembrance Day

The BC Aviation Museum will be open to the public for Remembrance Day on **Wednesday, November 11, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Admission will be by donation to the Museum. Also, please bring a non perishable food item for donation to the Sidney Food Bank. The Museum will probably be busy on this day so we will need as many Museum members on hand as possible to help out. **Thank you.**

