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ACCIDENT REPORT

Aircraft: Piper PA-12, CF-EFH
Place: Repentigny, P.Q. (Lat. 45°44'N; Long. 73°27'W)
Date: 21st June, 1960. 2000 hours EST.

SUMMARY

At about 2000 hours EST, on June 21st, 1960, Dr. Jean Paul Leduc, of La Tuque, P.Q., attempted to take-off in a southerly direction from a field at Repentigny, P.Q., in his privately owned Piper PA-12 aircraft, CF-EFH, with two passengers, Dr. Armand Thibault of La Tuque, and Dr. Laurent Lamy of Montreal on board.

The left wing tip struck a truck parked on the left side of the runway and the aircraft failed to become airborne; it then swerved to the left, collided with a two storey house, and burned to destruction. All three occupants sustained second degree burns and the pilot's left wrist was broken.

INVESTIGATION

A Certificate of Airworthiness had been issued for the aircraft; no evidence was found to indicate malfunction of the engine, airframe or controls, prior to the accident.

The pilot held a Private Pilot Licence and had accumulated a total of about 450 hours of flying experience of which 425 hours had been acquired on Piper PA-12 aircraft, including 22 hours on that type during the 90 days prior to the accident.

The strip used by the pilot was about 1200 feet in length and covered with tall grass about two to three feet high. He had landed on the strip about two hours before the accident, apparently without difficulty. However, he stated that he had made two unsuccessful attempts to take-off, which he