

Australia Air Service: Postal communication between Canada and Australia will be greatly improved with the inauguration of direct air service on July 13, reports the Post Office Department.

On this date the Canadian Pacific Airways will commence their new Pacific operation leaving Vancouver at 10:45 a.m. and thereafter every alternate Wednesday, and due in Sydney, Australia at 5 p.m. the following Sunday. (Local Standard Time)

Leaving Sydney, Australia, on July 22 the mail plane is due in Vancouver at 12:30 a.m. July 25. Flights will leave Sydney for Vancouver, thereafter, every alternate Friday.

This is the first direct All-Canadian Air Mail service between the two countries, and operates in addition to the existing direct Trans Pacific A.M.S. from Vancouver, and in addition, likewise to the Air Mail connections made via the United States planes to and from Australia.

Employment and Earnings: Employment in leading establishments in the eight major industrial divisions showed moderate improvement at May 1, reversing the downward movement indicated in immediately preceding months, according to preliminary figures released by the Bureau of Statistics. The rise in employment was accompanied by a slight advance in total payrolls. Per capita weekly earnings, however, were down slightly from April but above May last year.

The advance index number of employment, based on 1926 as 100, stood at 188.6 -- a new high for May 1 -- as compared with 187.6 at April 1, and 186.5 at May 1, 1948. Marked seasonal curtailment was noted in logging operations in the Eastern and Central provinces, but the trend in numerous other industries was favourable at the beginning of May.

RCAF Appointment: Appointment of Wing Commander R.M. Cox, DFC, AFC, of Fort Garry, Man., as senior RCAF Air Cadet Liaison officer at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, replacing Wing Commander W.F.M. Newson, DSO, DFC, is announced by Air Force Headquarters. W/C Cox, wartime commander of an RAF Mosquito bomber squadron, whose operations constituted one of the most highly guarded of Allied bombing techniques, was on the directing staff of the RAF Staff College in Britain before taking his new position.

Across Canada: The press speculated today that Canada's new 21st Parliament would be called into session in September....Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland was ordered in court to answer charges that he intimidated votes in the federal riding of St. John's West and hearing was set for July 7....The possibility of recounts in at least nine ridings as a result of close votes in Monday's general election was reported by the Canadian Press. Progressive Conservatives were declared winners in five of the closely-contested ridings, Liberals in three, and the ninth is that of Mayor Houde in Montreal, who ran as an Independent.