

We have had good records for safety in Canada, both service and civilian, and whether it be in long-range transport or the operations of bush pilots in civilian flying, or bombers and fighters and mappers and anti-submarine chasers in war, Canadians have made an enviable record for themselves for their skill, their courage, their competence and their results.

This trophy recognizes each year an outstanding contribution by some Canadian. It goes to a person, not a company or a service. Squadron Leader Greenaway has earned this himself. I am sure he would, however, recognize that the credit also goes to his service and the training and the people he has been working with.

There are few fields of human activity in which so much depends on all-round competence of a single man, who bears the title of "captain" or "pilot"; also there are few fields in which one man's work so much depends on the close working teamwork of people in the aircraft, traversing the air back to the control tower, then to groundcrew and factory, the designer, the manufacturer and the trained worker. All of them contribute to make the miracle of flight possible. It continues to be a miracle, soaring and inspiring.

So, while we recognize great achievements through hard work, let us also recognize the romance and the wonder still attached to it all.

This is one of the great achievements of our age - ranging through the heavens, changing the face of the earth, bringing mankind closer together for purposes of peace or purposes of war.

It is towards the prevention of war that we have been building and working. We must continue that effort. I remember reading in a great responsible periodical about 1937 an article by a military expert who said that the scope of flight had definite mechanical limits which had already been reached. Why, when he wrote that we were not at the end but at the beginning of a new era! Who dares today to say that we have reached the limits of anything? There is no limit to the scope of space, there are only frontiers for flight. Flying is a job where the only safe course is to keep on saying that "the sky is the limit"...

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