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Canada's geography encouraged the development of air transport. The bush pilot is now a figure of folklore, as the man who prepared and maintained the tenuous transportation links with the North in the 1920s and 30s. Even today, such ruggedly designed Canadian aircraft as the *Beaver*, *Otter* and *Twin Otter* provide the main supply and passenger service ties between Canada's thickly populated South and the scattered settlements of the North. Canada is a leader in the design and development of short take-off and landing aircraft STOL, including the *Dash-7*.

The first non-stop transatlantic flight was made by John Alcock and Arthur Brown in 1919, from Newfoundland to Ireland. Today, Canadian airlines, including Air Canada and Canadian Pacific, fly some 23 million passengers a year on their scheduled and charter services.

