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Department of Transport,
Civil Aviation Division,
260 Richmond St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that on Oct. 15, Stinson aircraft CF-FQE was destroyed by fire at our Temagami base. After the day's flying, the engineer installed an oil seal, and after completion of this work at approximately 9 o'clock at night, the motor was started to check for further leaks. The engine back-fired and fire broke out in the carburetor. By the use of a pyrene fire extinguisher the flames disappeared, but a few moments later reappeared worse than ever. A total of five extinguishers were used on it but the aircraft was destroyed. The floats were salvaged and were undamaged.

On Friday, Oct. 26, Piper aircraft CF-DSC was rented to private pilot Bruno Vannier for a flight northwest of North Bay. He failed to return and a search was completed with his discovery of Nov. 1st. The pilot was weak, but survived the mishap without any harm. From him we learned that he ran into bad weather after taking off, and became hazy as to his exact location. His carburetor iced up and he executed a good landing on Yorkston Lake, 35 miles west of Temagami. Due to bad weather he was unable to take off, and during a severe wind storm about three a.m. Wed. Oct. 31, the aircraft was overturned by the wind. We have managed to get the aircraft righted and pulled up on an island, but freeze-up prevents further salvage at this time. Hr. H. Stirk of Orillia viewed the aircraft and advised that one wing and three struts were severely damaged and that the motor was under water. The windshields and coils were also damaged, and from his point of view, I doubt if salvage would amount to a great deal, particularly in view of its location.