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Near Accident Prince George Airport

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Enclosed herewith kindly find detailed report covering the near collision of Canadian Pacific Airlines Lodestar CF-CPK and Piper Cub CF-DRV on Sunday, November 9th, 1947, as recorded by the operator on duty on that date, as requested in your letter of November 22nd.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out the grave danger of the system which allows these embryo pilots in small training planes to taxi out to position without first reporting to the Airport Manager or Radio Officer to determine what incoming traffic there is.

It should be borne in mind that it is not possible to see all portions of all runways from the Radio office at this point, and further it quite well could be that the operator on duty may be quite busy and may not notice a small aircraft taxiing. As regards the case at hand it is extremely fortunate that operator Robertson noticed the antics of CF-DRV and so inform the incoming Canadian Pacific Flight 22. There is no question but had he not taken the action quickly as he did that a serious accident would have occurred.

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