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REPORT ON ACCIDENT TO CESSNA CF-DAK
AT CLEAR LAKE, SASK. Dec. 22, 1945.

Departure was made from Meadow Lake for Cree Lake via Clear Lake for refuelling at 12:00 with Engineer McLaughlin and 350 lbs. of supplies for Cree Lake. The aircraft was re-fuelled at Clear Lake northbound and arrival at Cree Lake was at 14:05.

The supplies were unloaded, aircraft refuelled and two passengers picked up for the return - departure being made at 14:35. Landing was effected at Clear Lake to pick up one passenger and flight resumed for Buffalo Narrows, twenty-four miles south with the aircraft grossed to 5035 lbs. - the load consisting of crew 370 lbs; passengers 485 lbs.; fuel 175 lbs.; oil 80 lbs.; equipment 50 lbs.; cargo nil; departure being made at 16:00.

During the latter part of the take-off run the wheels struck snow-covered ice hummocks collapsing the undercarriage. The aircraft settled evenly onto the nacelles, effecting no more damage than the undercarriage structure and the propellers.

The aircraft was dismantled for shipment to Edmonton.

Signed: Merton Wales.