anxious to get the pilots commercial licence as quickly as
possible so that I could get started in business. I wrote to
Edmonton for information and received a reply to the effect
that there would be an inspector from Edmonton in Saskatoon or
Regina at some indefinite date during the summer at which time
the pilots could see him. The plane was purchased from a
Winnipeg company and I received the information that if the
pilots went there they would be given their tests for commercial
licences and they did this. Outside of two visits, I believe,
during the year from Edmonton officials I have been dealing with
Winnipeg and Ottawa. It is simply a matter of location. I write
to Winnipeg and get a reply the second day while it takes four
days from Edmonton. We fly to Winnipeg a distance of 233 miles
while the trip to Edmonton is much greater.

I had a tough break when the plane crashed at Arran.
I had been trying my best to live up to the rules and regulations
of the Department. I bought the plane in June 1946 for commercial
purposes, making a cash payment with the balance payable $200.00
per month, and it is just not possible to make $200.00 a month
with the plane sitting on the ground. Had I known what I do now
about the business I certainly would not have gone into it. I
have spent very close to $3500.00 which I cannot afford to lose.
The only time to try and get my money back was during July and
the early part of August and I could not see anything else for it
but to try and do it. One very fortunate thing about the accident
was that no one was hurt at all. Another very fortunate thing was,
I think, that there was very little publicity. There was no report
in the daily papers at all outside of a picture published in the
Free Press and Leader Post a couple of days later simply stating
that a plane had crashed at Arran, Sask. giving no details at all.
By this time the incident is almost forgotten.

I hope your Department will take just as lenient a
view as possible of the matter.

Yours truly,

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