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An address by Mr. George Hees, Minister of Transport, in Ottawa, on May 20, 1960, to the Ontario-Quebec Lions Club.

When I was considering a suitable topic for this occasion, it seemed to me that, as you are all forward looking business and professional men, and leaders in your communities, it would be timely to speak about air transportation in Canada, its rapid growth, and in particular, developments occurring as a result of the jet age.

Aviation may be the baby of our transportation system, but it is an infant whose growth is nothing short of phenomenal. It is now just entering the second half century of its existence, and jet-propulsion has now been added to make that entrance more spectacular.

The experts charged with the job of providing air-traffic control, navigational aids, and runways and terminals to accommodate this exploding industry, are constantly faced with changing techniques, all for the express purpose of getting more people and goods from one point to another in less time.

Today, all major aviation interests in the world are constantly seeking and developing new safety aids to flying. One of the most important of these aids is Precision Approach Radar, which enables a plane to land safely in bad weather.

This year we plan to make the first installation of a series of Precision Approach Radars for our major airports. This equipment will make it possible for the captain of an airliner to place himself completely under the guidance of the radar-operator on the ground, who will in effect "talk him down". This particular aid-to-the-pilot is already used at many major military airports, and its adoption for major civil airports is growing throughout the world.