PRIVATE COMMERCIAL AIRLINES

The development of Airmail Service in Canada

The first attempts to send mail by air were made in October 8th, 1913 another early September 2013 - however both failed - with mail being returned to senders

The first successful Canadian Airmail flight was June 24th, 1915 between Montreal and Toronto by Capt. Bryan Peck under the auspices of Aerial League ot the British Empire.

On August 15th, 1918 airmail service was started on the part of the Post Office to sponsor airmail service in Canada - unfortunately only a few flights were made.

From 1918 - 1924 - many Private Commercial Airlines produced their own stamps while starting airmail services primarily in Western Canada and the North Western Territories.

Examples of Private Airmail Stamps

Klondike Airways Ltd.

Commercial Airways Ltd.

Western Canada Airways Ltd.

Patricia Airways and Exploration Ltd.