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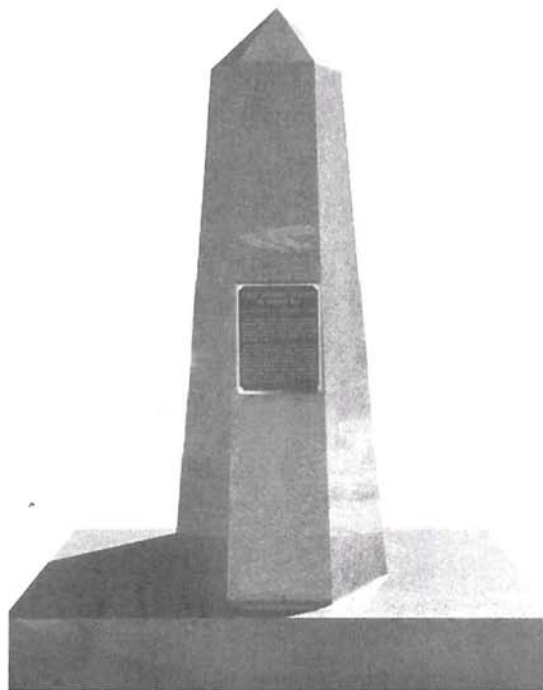
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This cairn
was dedicated on
July 1, 1989.

The cairn is located
at the Town Dock.



Commemorating the First Airmail Flight in Canada Flown from this Site

June 1, 1927

October 4, 1927



Lac du Bonnet Manitoba

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The first semi-official airmail in Manitoba was carried from this site to Bissett, Wadhope and Slate Lake return by Capt. F.J. Stevenson of Western Canada Airways Ltd. on June 1, 1927.

The first official airmail service in Canada authorized by the Canada Post Office Department (Canada Post) originated from this site on October 4, 1927 when 85 pounds of mail, including 300 letters, was carried to Bissett and Wadhope. The pilot for this inaugural flight was W.L. Brintnell of Western Canada Airways Ltd.

Bush Pilots of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario

These "airborne voyageurs" of the 1920's and 1930's ventured into the remote and virtually unchartered hinterlands of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario primarily to service new mining developments.

These events led to established air routes linking isolated northern communities with the south, and thus provided a service of national importance.

In Memory of James A. Richardson 1885 - 1939 "Father of Canadian Aviation"

Founded Western Canadian Airways Ltd. on December 2, 1926 and its successor company, Canadian Airways Ltd. in 1930. These airlines eventually operated from coast to coast in Canada and north to the Arctic.

In the spring of 1927, the first commercial air base in Manitoba was established in Lac du Bonnet by Western Canada Airways Ltd. Because of its close proximity to Winnipeg, this site was chosen as the most suitable location from which to operate a commercial seaplane air service to the isolated central Manitoba mining area.