

Historic journey ends at Ottawa.

A journey that began 11 years ago ended October 15, 1968 when the company's first aircraft, CF-TCA, made its last flight.

The gleaming finish of CF-TCA's polished metal skin is evident in this dramatic shot of the Company's first new aircraft taken at the Dorval Base.

The vintage Lockheed returned "home" for a complete restoration job before finally retiring to a place of Honour at Ottawa's National Aviation Museum.

The polished aluminum Lockheed L10A was piloted by Executive Vice President **Herb Seagrim** and Director of Flight Standards **Al Ross** from Montreal, where it had been restored by employees, to Ottawa International Airport.

In a brief ceremony Seagrim handed over the historic aircraft to the National Aviation Museum.

Secretary of State the Honorable **Gerard Pelletier**, whose department is responsible for national museums, was present at the ceremony as was the Honorable **James Richardson**, Minister without Portfolio representing the Transport Minister, **M. Jean Ostiguy**, chairman of the board of trustees and **Dr. David Baird**, Director attended for the Museum.

A number of employees who led the restoration and refitting of the much-travelled aircraft after it had been re-purchased by the Company were special guests at the Ottawa presentation.

"It is to them that goes the credit for what is taking place here today," said Seagrim at the ceremony, "They all know how much we appreciate their dedicated work."

This group included **Slim Munson**, **George Land**, **Bill Cook**, **Paul Gignere**, **John Sutherland** of the Dorval Base. Another guest was retired Captain **Gordon Bassett**, who was co-pilot on CF-TCA's first route between Vancouver and Seattle.

Before handing the aircraft's logbook, Pelletier and Richardson added their signatures to that of Seagrim's, as witnesses to the final entry. As well, a jewel box with the silver-plated key to CF-TCA was presented. This was made by **John Sutherland** for the occasion.

Witnessing the last entry in CF-TCA's logbook are Secretary of State Peletier, Executive VP Seagrim and Minister without Portfolio Richardson. Holding the logbook is Planner Sutherland of Dorval who made a jewel box and silver-plated key to be included with the presentation to the museum.



Speaking at the windswept gate position on the Ottawa ramp, the Executive Vice President; recounted the Lockheed's initial service with the airline. "All of our early pilots trained on CF.TCA, and when it was sold in 1939 to the Department of National

Defense for service in the military, we were all a little sorry to see it go. Over the years we lost sight of it, although often thought it was a shame this historic aircraft didn't have a permanent home in Canada."

Sketching the amazing career of the old aircraft, Seagrim told how it was finally traced, bought back and ferried to the Maintenance and Engineering Base at Dorval.

What we saw was more an eyesore than a sight for sore eyes. The old bird carried the grit and grime of a lifetime of continuous service. It had a dozen owners, had been ground looped in Mexico and, although rebuilt she badly needed the 500-man hours that were spent to bring back the original shine to her battered aluminum skin."

Five veteran pilots pose with an old friend at the handover ceremony of CF-TCA to the National Aviation Museum. Taking advantage of the occasion to say a fond farewell are, from the left: Regional Sales Manager **Walt Fowler**; Executive Vice President **Herb Seagrim**, General Manager **Frank Young**, former Company Captain **Z. L. Leigh** retired from the RCAF; Captain **Gordon Haslett** of Vancouver.

