



## CANADIAN AERONAUTICAL INSTITUTE

# First of Many

**I**T IS NOT often that a new organization meets with such popular and overwhelming support as was indicated by the gratifying attendance at the first annual dinner of the new Canadian Aeronautical Institute, held in Ottawa, May 25. The turnout of members, prospective members, wives, and guests numbered an estimated 300.

This meeting marked the official beginning of the CAI as a national technical body, consolidating in Canada the interests and activities of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, the Royal Aeronautical Society, the Institute of Aircraft Technicians, and the Ottawa Aeronautical Society.

Named to head the CAI as president during its first year was Dr. J. J. Green, Chief of Division "B", Defence Research Board and Scientific Adviser to the Chief of the Air Staff. Dr. Green has been closely connected with the CAI's formation, having been active on the steering committee/interim council. Other members of the new national council include Group Captain H. R. Footitt, Director of Development "A", AFHQ; Gordon Rosenthal of

Canadair's Aerodynamics Section; R. D. Richmond, Chief Development Engineer, Canadair Limited; Air Commodore G. E. Truscott, Chief of Development, AFHQ; Dr. G. N. Patterson, Director of the Institute of Aerophysics; Charles Luttman, Contracts Administrator of Avro Canada's Aircraft Division. Mr. Luttman is secretary of the new council, a position he also held on the steering committee/interim council, while Mr. Richmond is vice-president. All members of the new council, with the exception of Dr. Patterson and A/C Truscott, were on the interim council.

Members who attended the afternoon business session heard G/C Footitt report that when the new fiscal year began on April 1, the CAI had nearly \$7,600 in the bank, most of this being

made up of corporate members' fees, together with individual members' fees. By the same date, 389 applications for membership had been accepted, while a considerable number of others were being processed.

Robert R. Dexter, secretary of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, told the members that the American organization had decided to give the CAI a financial assist in the form of a \$5,000 grant, which would be paid at the rate of \$1,000 a year during the first five years of the CAI's existence. B. S. Shenstone of the Royal Aeronautical Society, intimated that a similar grant was being considered by the RAeS. Mr. Shenstone, who is chief engineer of British European Airways, and Dr. A. M. Ballantyne, secretary of the RAeS, came to Canada especially for the CAI's inaugural meeting, as did Mr. Dexter of the IAS.

Guest speaker at the annual banquet was Air Vice Marshal Alan Ferrier, assistant secretary-general of ICAO and also director of the international body's Air Navigation Bureau (see "News Roundup").

**At top: Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the new McCurdy Award to R. D. Hiscocks of de Havilland (right). The presentation was made by the Hon. J. A. D. McCurdy (centre). At right is A/V/M Alan Ferrier, who was guest speaker at the CAI banquet.**