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EDITORIALS

LORD THOMSON OF CARDINGTON

When the R-101 crashed to earth in France recently, she carried to his death one of Aviation's world leaders and a prominent and helpful member of the Editorial Advisory Board of this publication. Secretary of State for Air in Great Britain, Lord Thomson was nearly as well known outside the border of his own land as within. Ever since he left military college to "join up" with the Royal Engineers in 1894, he has been serving his King and making stout personal friends all over the world.

But three short years ago, he was in Chicago, representing Great Britain at the International Air Conference called by President Coolidge. It was our privilege to know him then, and later on in the days at Washington—and in the trip to Kitty Hawk to unveil the memorials celebrating the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight.

Human, sympathetic, considerate, able, brave, charming—those and many more adjectives spring to mind and fit Lord Thomson admirably. But words can paint only a feeble picture of such a man. By his deeds must he be known. No one can study the development of Aviation in Great Britain from the time Lord Thomson took over its direction without gaining a conviction that he was truly a *great* man as well as a fine friend.

He will be missed in the Councils of his King. In his great circle of friends international, his chair can never be filled.

REED G. LANDIS.

NEW EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS

The membership of the Editorial Advisory Board has been materially strengthened by the addition, in aeronautical law, of M. Edmond Sudre, the Secretary-General of the Comité International Technique d'Experts Juridiques Aériens, Mr. Elmer McD. Kintz, Chief, Legal Section, Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch and Margaret Lambie, of the District of Columbia Bar and, in radio law, of Mr. John W. Van Allen, General Counsel of the Radio Manufacturers Association, Mr. Ralph F. Colin, General Counsel, Columbia Broadcasting System, Mr. Philip G. Loucks, Managing Director of the National Association of Broadcasters and Member

of the District of Columbia Bar, Mr. Paul M. Segal, formerly Assistant General Counsel of the Federal Radio Commission, and Mr. Irvin Stewart of the Treaty Division of the Department of State.

With the publication of the JOURNAL OF RADIO LAW, the present editorial board will be divided according to the interests represented by the members.

THE JOURNAL OF RADIO LAW

For some time there has been a feeling that the increasing field of radio law required a separate journal devoted exclusively to its own problems. Further, in considering the desirability of such a move, there is valuable precedent. In Germany, the *Archiv für Funkrecht* has been edited by Dr. Willy Hoffmann for three years, while in France the *Révue Juridique Internationale de la Radio-électricité*, edited by Dr. Robert Homburg, has been published for seven years. The former is published bi-monthly; the latter is a quarterly.

Up to and including the present issue, the JOURNAL OF AIR LAW has endeavored to present the most important material current in both fields, but, beginning with the next issue, there will be a division of subject matter which will result in the continuation of the JOURNAL OF AIR LAW devoted to aeronautical law and questions of air property rights, and the publication of a new JOURNAL OF RADIO LAW. The editorial board will be divided, and the JOURNAL OF RADIO LAW will have the able leadership of Louis G. Caldwell as editor-in-chief. Both journals will be sponsored by the Air Law Institute, and will be edited by the law Schools of Northwestern University and the University of Southern California. Other institutions will doubtless join in the publication of the new journal as has been done in case of this journal.

The board of editors of the JOURNAL OF RADIO LAW will include the recognized experts in every branch of radio law and will make possible a high-grade legal publication devoted to the radio interests.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON UNIFORM AERONAUTICAL REGULATORY LAWS

During the two days, December 16-17, delegates from nearly forty states met at the National Conference on Uniform Aeronautic Regulatory Laws.

Called at a most opportune time, just prior to the meeting of the various state legislatures, the purpose of the conference, as

explained by Col. Clarence M. Young, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics, was not to pass resolutions as had been done previously, but to present the best thought on certain specified topics and offer these subjects for general discussion and information. The topics considered were the following : (1) Uniform basic regulatory state air law, (2) Adoption of Federal Air Traffic Rules by the states for purposes of local enforcement, (3) Methods of local enforcement, (4) State enabling acts for airport acquisition and control, and (5) Importance of uniform airport field rules.

The morning sessions were given over to the presentation of papers, with the afternoon periods devoted to open discussion by the delegates. During the first day, the attention centered on the relation between aeronautical growth and air legislation and regulation, while the second day was spent on problems of enforcement. A full report of the proceedings is being prepared by the Department and will be made available to all interested. Col. Young and the other members of the Aeronautics Branch are to be congratulated on the very effective way in which the conference was handled, and for its real contribution to aeronautical law development.