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## The Timeliness Dilemma

Feedback to the Air Transport Industry has been through the Dominion Bureau of Statistics series of Civil Aviation Monthly and Annual publications. In order to eliminate a duplication of reporting to two Government departments, namely the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Canadian Transport Commission, reports filed monthly, quarterly and annually with the Air Transport Committee have been used in the compilation of Civil Aviation.

The Air Transport Committee ruling on reporting is that most reports be filed within 45 days of the end of the reporting period. In the past, few air carriers have adhered to this 45-day time limit, which is already 15 days longer than the time allowed for reporting to most DBS surveys.

The Air Transport Association of Canada has brought the problem of the dissemination of meaningful and timely statistics to our doorstep. This suggests that the majority of the members of the industry are interested in current statistics which may be applied in the resolution of operating problems.

Our ability to provide timely statistics is contingent on the timely filing of reports by air carriers. Overleaf, you will find an example of the type of timely information which can be disseminated - after reports have been filed, not before!

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## Civil Aviation September 1968 Preliminary Data All Figures are Expressed in '000's (except Bulk Hours)

	September 1968				Sept.	Cumulative	Cumulative	% change	
	Air Canada	CP Air	Four scheduled carriers(1)	Total(2)	1967 total	JanSept. 1968 total	JanSept. 1967 total	1968 cum. v's 1967 cum.	
Operating Statistics									
Unit Toll - Passenger-miles Goods ton-miles			19,810 528	706,317 15,828	718,861 10,438				9.0
Mail ton-miles Bulk hours flown (actual)			124 2,084	-	-		19,480 24,004		4.2 7.3
Fuel Consumption (Gallons)									
Turbo and jet fuel			1,148 630	-	28,442 1,334	268,367 11,800			14.4
Financial Data (\$)									
Operating revenues Operating expenses Operating income (deficit)	31,215	8,439	3,263 3,507 (244)	50,637 43,161 7,476	48,155 38,549 9,606		336,770	+	10.8 11.4 3.5

<sup>(1)</sup> The scheduled carriers whose data is presented are Eastern Provincial Airlines, Pacific Western Airlines, Quebecair & Transair.

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<sup>(2)</sup> The six carriers represented in totals normally account for approximately 90% of the revenues & expenses for the Canadian Air Transport industry.