



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Ferrying a/c from Penticton, B.C. to Lethbridge, Alta.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C made normal three point landing and started to swing to stbd. Pilot corrected with port brake and rudder but swing became worse. About halfway down the runway port wingtip dropped on runway, swing became uncontrollable. A/C did 18-degree turn and u/c collapsed. A/C then skidded backward off runway causing belly fuel tank to explode and catch fire.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~B. Fire trouble.~~  
2. Swing. (2)

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

29. Fire - (29) in crash

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TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

AS/URF/USS/ON

Cause of accident, flat tire on port wheel, due to slow leak in inner tube.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

Remarks of Unit C.C.

Cause unknown. It is not agreed a flat tire on port wheel caused accident but was incidental to the ground loop. F/L Browser is a most experienced pilot and could control any normal ground loop tendency of the a/c. Ground loop may have originated from a sticking right wheel brake although this member was broken in half as a result of stress.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil