

SEEN IN CANADA

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We joined the recent 'Aeroplane' trip to Canada which took us to numerous aviation-related sites, some of them very much off the beaten track. One of the smallest and most interesting was the Paul Holland Museum of the Brome County Historical Society at Knowlton, Quebec. As well as having an art gallery and a collection of Shaker furniture, sitting in the middle, amongst World War One paraphernalia was this original Fokker D.VII (unrestored, but refurbished in 1963 by the RCAF). It was awarded to Canada as war reparations and had arrived in Brome County in 1921 through the offices of a local senator.



This Albatros-built Fokker D.VII in Knowlton is the only one to survive out of twenty-two that were shipped to Canada after World War I as



war trophies. It may have been among those used by Billy Bishop when he toured the country giving air shows after the war. Today, it is the only one of its kind complete with original fabric in North America and one of only three in the world.