

Aeroplanes Sailing Over Okanagan Lake

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TALES OF AEROPLANES SAILING OVER LAKE ARE STILL UNFOLDED

Kelowna People Are Considerably Interested in the Reports of Visits of Aerial Craft

There have been tales of aeroplanes prowling aerially around the Okanagan of nights, and most of them have been treated with ridicule by the majority, but, whatever the cause, it would be deeply interesting to ascertain the nature of the mysterious lights which have now been seen by a number of credible witnesses at points along the Okanagan Lake.

The latest instance is that noted by Mr. R. A. Pease, of Cote Otchard, on the opposite side of the lake to Kelowna. Mrs. Pease called his attention to a light in the sky at about 11:30 p.m. on Sunday night. It was then quite brilliant and, from the viewpoint of the observer, high above or behind Kelowna and rather to the southeast. It was also seen by Mr. Pease's foreman, Mr. R. Graham whom he called to witness the sight. Through field glasses it could be seen to move perceptibly. Mr. Pease thought it his duty to inform the authorities, and he accordingly sent Mr. Graham across the lake with a letter to Mayor Jones, but the messenger was unable to find his worship, who had removed to his summer camp.

Meantime Mr. Pease continued to keep watch until 1:30 a.m., and the results of his observations was summed up in the statement that "no one can persuade me that it was any kind of a celestial body." The main direction of the moving light seemed to be SW but at intervals it swooped and dived, perhaps about fifty feet, then gradually rose again. Mr. Pease retired to bed at 1:30, but got up again at 3:30, when the light was still visible, then

appearing over the Westbank Indian reserve. He could also distinctly hear a buzzing noise, as of an aerial motor or propeller. At 5:30 nothing was visible.

The mystery thus deepens and a solution would be welcome.

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