

SAY THEY SAW THREE 'PLANES WHEN GUARDS SPIED MAN ON THE ICE

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The mystery regarding what is believed to have been an attempt to wreck the Victoria Bridge about 4 o'clock Saturday morning is increasing by the fact that just about the time the man was discovered creeping over the ice toward the bridge three large aeroplanes were seen circling around over the river near La Prairie. What their object was is not known, but their presence is vouched for by four men.

These four were closeted this morning with Col. Burns, chief Intelligence Officer, at Divisional Headquarters here, and Lieut.-Col. C. M. McBride, General Staff Officer, for an hour and gave them all the details of what they had seen.

The first report of the aeroplanes was telegraphed to Montreal from St. Isidore Junction just before five o'clock Saturday morning by George Fellowes engineer in charge of a freight train that was running from Montreal to Messina Springs. His message was corroborated by Charles Russell, conductor, W. Berthune, fireman, and Brakesman Slater each one of whom saw the machines circling round for a considerable time.