

March 21, 1969

Mr. W.L. Fillmore,
75 Spring Street,
Amherst, N.S.

Dear Mr. Fillmore:

Thank you for your letters of March 3 and March 4. They are highly interesting, and I am glad to add them to my file. Unfortunately they do not give dates, or approximate dates, and no detail of the type of airplane, its construction or engine. You may not be able to remember these things after all the time that has gone by, but for the historical record they are very important.

At present I don't plan a history of flying in the Maritimes going all the way to Alexander Graham Bell. (The Bell experiments and adventures were well recorded in his own diaries and notes, and the main features have been published many times.)

The trans-Atlantic attempts from Newfoundland also have been well recorded. What I'd like to get down on paper is the unrecorded flying that was done in the Maritimes during the "years between the wars" -- 1918 to 1939, mostly by individual airmen like "Hump" Madden. My first experience in the air was with a barnstorming pilot named H.S. Jones. He came to Liverpool in August 1931 and took some of the local yokels up for \$5 per flip of about ten minutes. He had a Moth, on wheels.

Sincerely,
JHR