

February 28, 1969

Mr. J.R. MacQuarrie,
Canadian Rock Salt Co. Ltd.,
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Dear Mr. MacQuarrie:

It was very kind of you to write, and your letter is very helpful indeed. The radio interviewer asked me what I was doing now, and I said I was taking time out to gather some memoirs of early flying in Nova Scotia from men who actually took part and are still living. I have begun with my fellow townsman Maynard Colp, who enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps during War One as an aircraft mechanic, flew about the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P.E.I. coasts in wire-and-canvas Curtiss flying boats as a member of the newly formed RCAF in the early 1920's, and in increasingly better planes during the 1930's. During War Two he established the big repair depot at Scoudouc N.B., and commanded it until ill health compelled him to retire in 1944.

I shall get in touch with Mr. Fillmore and if possible with "Hump" Madden. For the present my purpose is to gather these memoirs for the record. I'm getting along in years myself, and two universities have asked me to bequeath all my notes, manuscripts, etc., to their libraries, where they can be consulted by anybody seeking information in the future. A definitive history of flying in the Maritimes requires a lot of research and time. I may or may not have the time!

Sincerely,