

Even this paper has been more or less rushed to make this issue of TOPICS, and if, in my haste, I've neglected to mention some pet book or article dealing with any phase of **Canadian philately**, just tell me about it—and no doubt there are enough omissions that I'll have material for a supplementary paper in another month or two.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION ON FLIGHT TO STEPHENVILLE CROSSING by Dan Meyerson

The following information from the February 1931 issue of the "Monthly Air Mail" by John S. Davis, may be used to supplement my article in the April issue of "Topics."

"The Minister of Posts has signed a contract with Newfoundland Airways Ltd. for the carrying of mails during the Winter months from St. Johns to the northern parts of the country. The First Flights are to be made early in January when a mail will be sent to Hampden, Western Arm, Conche and St. Anthony.

The pilots of the Newfoundland Airways Ltd. are the Messrs. Sullivan and Fraser, and a small Gypsy Moth airplane has been brought from Canada to St. Johns for use in carrying out the contract.

On their way from Toronto during November, the Pilots stopped at North Sydney, N. S., to pick up a small mail of 200 letters for the G. P. O., St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Near St. Georges, at Stephenville Crossing is a natural Air Field of sand about a mile extent. This was chosen as the first stopping place in Newfoundland, and a new supply of oil was obtained for the Airplane. A mail of 200 letters was also taken from Stephenville Crossing for G. P. O., St. Johns, and each cover was autographed by the Pilots.

The Gypsy Moth stopped next at Grand Falls about half-way across Newfoundland. There another small mail was taken for St. Johns, and the balance of the trip completed in 2 hours.

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## LETTERS TO THE ED.

Thorold, Ont.

Dear Ed: Re Hoffmann's article on booklets, thought the following from the P. O. Dept. might be of interest. Quoting in part,

"The 1942-43 booklets were released to the Canadian Postage Stamp Depots on the following dates but we have no means of knowing when or where they were first postally used

Combination (1, 2, 3c red) Sept. 1, 1942

3c purple, Aug. 28, 1943

Combination (1c, 3c purple, 4c) Sept. 1, 1943"

I wonder if we could get a check list on Canadian Reply Coupons, both Imperial and International. Also a check list of airgraph forms and Armed Forces Air Letters. This possibly would be of interest to more than one.

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