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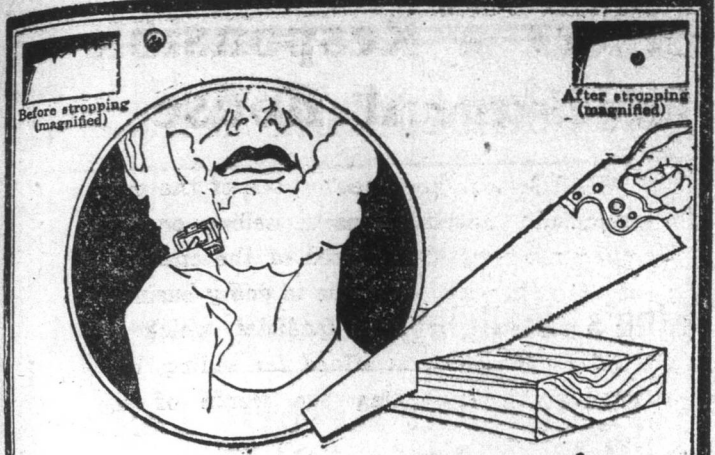
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FOOLISH question No. 1199! Well, maybe it sounds like that. But compare for a moment the illustrations above. They show pretty well what we're driving at; that is, unless a blade is stropped regularly it develops an edge very like a saw and causes that "pulling" and after-smarting of which you complain.

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Remember that while the rain may come down in May, our prices are down all the time.

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advertise in The "Telegram."

First Trans-Atlantic Air Post.

PARTICULARS OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—Now that the gallant attempt made by Pilot Hawker and Lieut-Commander Greive has met with a large share of success, it may be of interest to the public to obtain some information as to the mail which, I am unofficially, informed has been recovered, though in what condition, it is at the present time impossible to say.

The first Trans-Atlantic air flight must ever remain a matter of historic interest. It was felt that some preparation should be made for the conveyance of at least a congratulatory mail from this country to the Old Country, and that the intrepid men who purposed undertaking the perilous journey, with those who represented the enterprising firms who essayed the adventure, should have the opportunity of sending greetings across the ocean to their friends.

The Sopwith machine was the only one in the Island early in April, and it then seemed certain that the flight would be essayed during the month; as a matter of fact, the machine was made on April the 11th and 12th. On April the 5th the following letter was sent to Capt. Penn:

"Capt. M. H. Fenn, Sopwith Aviation Co., Ltd., Cochrane Hotel, City.

Sir—On what terms will you carry a small official mail, the number of letters not to exceed ten, and the weight not to exceed one pound? As an alternative proposition, and subject to such limitation as may be agreed on, on what terms will you carry a general letter mail?"

The above enquiries are made on the supposition that you will be the first attempt to cross the Atlantic by air ship.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Postmaster General.

Capt. Penn replied as follows:

"Postmaster General,
General Post Office, City.

Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 5th April.

With regard to your proposition for carrying an official mail of ten letters, weight not exceeding one pound, my company will be prepared to accept this on the two following conditions:

(1) That the Sopwith Aviation Co., Ltd. be allowed to carry a maximum of 100 letters in excess of the ten mentioned above.

(2) That the Sopwith Aviation Co. be paid the sum of one dollar, to be paid them by cheque made payable to the company.

It is clearly understood that in the event of the Sopwith aeroplane being subsidized by the Government, it must be the first to attempt the crossing of the Atlantic by air.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) M. H. FENN,
For and on behalf of the Sopwith Aviation Co., Ltd."

This arrangement was confirmed by the following letter:

"Capt. M. H. Fenn, April 10th, 1919.
Sopwith Aviation Co., Ltd.

Dear Capt. Fenn, Referring to your letter of April the 8th, in reply to mine of April the 5th, I now confirm the arrangement as follows:

You agree on behalf of your company to carry an official mail of ten letters, the total weight not to exceed one pound. On behalf of the Postal Service of Newfoundland, and in consideration of your doing so, I agree to allow you to carry a maximum of 100 letters, more or less, to be placed in a sealed bag to be transferred to the care of Mr. Hawker for transmission as the First Trans-Atlantic Air Mail.

It is, however, to be understood between us that should the Martinsyde or any other airship get away before the Sopwith machine you will agree on your part to promptly return the bag to my order, so that it may be sent by the first airship to leave. As a nominal consideration for carrying the official mail the Sopwith Aviation Co. will be paid the sum of \$1.00 on the morning after the flight takes place.

I regret that you cannot see your way clear to carrying a general letter mail but can readily understand the great difficulty, if not the impossibility, of doing so.

With earnest good wishes for the success of your undertaking,
I am dear Sir, yours truly,
(Sgd.) J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Postmaster General."

Although at the time there seemed very little likelihood of any machine getting away before that of the Sopwith Co., you will observe that a distinct reservation was made in the event of such a contingency arising, and it is most pleasing to note the sportslike manner in which the loyal friends, though rival aviators, accepted the position after the arrival of the Martinsyde machine.

The Sopwith mail carried a surcharged stamp. On the three cent of the "Caribou" issue the following words were printed "First Trans-

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Hot OXO can be prepared in a moment with an Oxo Cube and Hot Water.

It makes an ideal winter drink—warming, strengthening and stimulating.

A CUBE TO A CUP.

Use of 4 to 50 & 100 CUPS.

OXO CUBES

Atlantic Air Post April 1919." At the Royal Gazette, Office 200 of these stamps had been accordingly surcharged. Of this number 18 were damaged and will be destroyed in the presence of the Auditor General. Two have been sent to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that one be transmitted by him to His Majesty the King. Five were presented to Capt. Penn representing the Sopwith Aviation Co., one has been sent, through Major Partridge, to the Aero Club and one to Messrs. in his capacity as official sealer. Two have been sent to the Curator of the Museum. The number of stamps cancelled and used in the mail was 85. This leaves 76 unaccounted for. For these stamps many offers have been made, ranging from three cents upwards, applications having come from collectors and speculators.

After giving the matter careful consideration the conclusion arrived at is that these historic stamps commemorating, as they do the first air flight across the ocean and the first air mail despatched across the Atlantic, should, from the financial standpoint, benefit, so far as possible, not speculators, but the people of the Island from whose shores the airship flew. I know of no way in which this could be better done than by helping the widows and orphans of the fishermen and sailors who have been or may be lost in the prosecution of their hazardous calling. I have therefore purchased the 76 stamps at face value on behalf of the Permanent Marine Disasters Fund, and as Secretary of that organization offer them for sale at \$25.00 each. This offer will remain open for a fortnight, unless all previously disposed of. If any remain after that time the right to demand a higher figure will be exercised. These stamps may be obtained upon application to Mr. Campbell of the G. F. O. and will be delivered on the principle of "first come, first served."

The fear was that the perilous enterprise had terminated in a historic tragedy, and there was hesitation as to whether it would be right or seemly to commercialize to any degree the unique adventure, but there need not have been hesitancy, for men of the character of Hawker and Greive, fearless aviators who have dared death again and again, living or dying could know no greater joy than that through their efforts, direct or indirect, the widows and fatherless might benefit.

In conclusion may I add that a small mail has been aboard the Martinsyde machine for some time. From the official standpoint, it was to some extent a duplication of letters sent by the Sopwith machine. The ordinary three cent stamp was used, with the words "Aerial Trans-Atlantic Mail" written across the face.

Later on it is the intention to issue a special air stamp which will be used, should the opportunity of sending mails by Aeroplane again be presented. The public, however, will recognize the great difficulty in connection with arranging for the carriage of mails across the ocean by airships.

Yours truly,
J. ALEX. ROBINSON,
Postmaster General.
G. P. O. St. John's, May 29, 1919.

Objects to Agreement.

At a meeting last night of the employees of the Reid Newfoundland Company's dock shops, boiler makers, blacksmiths and machinists, objection was taken to the word "must" in the agreement, made after the strike last year. The agreement reads that the employees must come back to work when required, but the meeting decided that "must" is too dictatorial and should be altered. Unless this is done it is not unlikely the employees, though willing to work overtime when needed, will cease to work altogether.

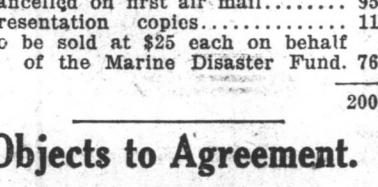
Keep the house clear of rubbish. It breeds disease.

Summary.

Damaged and destroyed 15
Cancelled on first air mail 95
Presentation copies 11
To be sold at \$25 each on behalf of the Marine Disaster Fund. 76

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House of Assembly.

Yesterday was another quiet day. The Statute Law Amendments Acts were reintroduced separately and put through all stages.

The Coal Development Resolutions also were put through all the stages, supported by Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Justice, Colonial Secretary, and His Honor the Speaker, and opposed by Mr. Coaker on the same grounds as he opposed the Telephone Bill—that of giving powers to the Governor in Council which only belonged to the Legislature. This bill was before the late Government, and is only a legacy handed to the new Government by them. The old bill as drafted by the late Minister of Justice, provided that a protective duty of one dollar per ton be placed on all coal imported into the Colony. The new Government have changed that to a bonus of not more than one dollar a ton to be paid the Company, provided it is able to supply the demand. This change was welcomed by the speakers, as it takes a burden off the taxpayer directly, and also encourages the Company in their pursuits. The Company is a purely local one and is composed of about three thousand shareholders. The bill went through a division, the second reading being carried by 12 to 4.

The Industrial Provident Societies Bill went through all its stages, as did also the pension bill. The House then adjourned until this afternoon.

The Coastal Contract.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir—I notice by yesterday's 'News' that the editor of that paper is of opinion that the Government is quite within its rights in not accepting Bowring's tender for a renewal of their Coastal Contract, which they have carried out so successfully and with such general satisfaction to the whole country for the past fifteen years. During the four years of war they carried through their contract in its entirety when the operation expenses of the steamers were increasing enormously practically daily, nor did they ask any assistance of the Government, or for permission to raise their passage or freight rates. Can the same be said of other Government contractors? Did Reids increase their rates?

Now when Bowring's ask for a new contract with an increase of 50 p.c. over their old rates and less than 30 p.c. (?) increase in their subsidies, the News editor thinks that the Government are acting in the best interests of the country in hesitating to agree to this. It matters not to him the inconvenience of the people who use these boats, and are anxiously awaiting their reappearance on the coast. When it is considered that the cost of living in this country has advanced during the past few years to more than 100 p.c. over pre-war times, to the ordinary thinking man Bowring's tender appears to be most reasonable.

The News editor is of opinion that the operating expenses of steamers will be considerably reduced within the next few years. This is entirely problematical. Considerable difference of opinion exists on this point. Coal and labor are big items in the running expenses on steamers, and in view of the present world-wide conditions as regards labor unrest, the chances of these commodities being brought to anything like a pre-war level is very small indeed. It must also be borne in mind that steamers to-day are very scarce and high in price. Rumor has it that Bowring's refused an offer of about half a million dollars not long since for their Portia and Prospero.

The News editor remarks that the Government especially balks at giving Bowring's a 10 year term of contract. Surely he is aware that the Government advertised for a contract of this duration, and Bowring's are only applying for what the Government asked. He will pardon me for also pointing out that there is a Government advertisement now running in its paper asking for tenders for a steamer for the "Post Office Service" for a period of ten years." Not five, Mr. News. Why the discrimination?

The Government quibbles with Bowring's, the whole trade of the country suffers and Halifax is once again, through the Farquhar steamers, capturing the West Coast trade.

Yours truly,
TRAVELLER.
May 30, 1919.

Note of Thanks.

A very enjoyable dance was held on May 27th, in the Atlantic Club Rooms of Maddox Cove. Refreshments were served by the good ladies of Petty Hr. and Maddox Cove, assisted by some energetic members of the Holy Name Society. The proceeds which were beyond expectations, goes to assist in building a hall for the H.N.S. The members of the Society take this opportunity of thanking their many friends who sent donations, the ladies who served so assiduously and the general public who so freely purchased the refreshments offered, and thereby increased the proceeds to a goodly sum.

PHILIP HEALEY, Chairman.
SAMUEL HANNAFORD, Secy.

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