

January 17, 1961

Mr. E. G. Brown,
Chief Librarian,
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind,
929 Bayview Avenue,
Toronto, 17, Ontario

Dear Mr. Brown:

We are pleased to grant you permission to have translated into Braille, one copy of THE WINGS OF NIGHT by Thomas H. Raddall, for circulation to Braille readers from your Institute's Library Department, as requested in your letter of January 13th.

Yours sincerely,

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

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105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

January 27, 1961

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for \$170.99 for royalty
earned up to October 31, 1960. as follows:

PATH OF DESTINY	\$136.80
HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES	32.25
THE WINGS OF NIGHT	1.94

A detailed report of sales is enclosed.

We also enclose a report on THE GOVERNOR'S
LADY.

Yours sincerely,

George

George E. Nelson

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DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



April 30, 1961

Doubleday Canada Limited submit
the following report on sales of

THE WINGS OF NIGHT

Edition regular Canada 5 at .149

.75

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105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



✓ [1961?]
April 30, 1960

Doubleday Canada Limited submit
the following reports on sales of

HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES

Edition regular USA none

" " Canadian 51 at .375 \$ 19.13

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



April 30, 1961

Doubleday Canada Limited submit the
following report on sales of

THE GOVERNOR'S LADY

Unearned balance of advance			\$ 1264.48 -
Edition regular Canadian 1011 at .6187	=	\$625.50	
" Doubleday B.C. " 62000 at .03	=	<u>1860.00</u>	
			<u>2485.50</u>
			\$ 1221.02

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TORONTO 2, CANADA



April 30, 1961

Doubleday Canada Limited submit
the following report on sales of

THE PATH OF DESTINY

Edition	Regular USA	none	
"	Export "	"	
"	Regular Canadian	348 at .60	\$208.80

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OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

May 2, 1961

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We now have the schedule for the Canadian Authors Association Convention, which is the week of June 19th to 23rd.

Because of the convenience of location we would propose putting you and Mrs. Raddall up at the Westbury Hotel, which is quite close to the University of Toronto and Hart House. If you will advise me of your length of stay we will make the reservation.

Lily and I thought that while you were here, at some convenient time during the week, when you have no Conference commitment, the four of us could spend the best part of a couple of days and a night in Muskoka, which would at least give Edith an opportunity to see some of the beauties of Northern Ontario, if this proposal fits in with your plans. We would be glad to hear from you.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

George

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

May 5, 1961

Mr. George E. Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,
105 Bond Street,
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear George,

The Westbury will be fine. As I'm to speak or take part in a panel discussion on the morning of June 20th, I shall come along with Edith by air on the 19th. I haven't a TCA schedule at hand, but as I recall it the flight from Halifax will land us in Toronto some time in the evening.

Your proposed visit to Muskoka sounds delightful to us both. I suggest that we do this on June 21 and ~~on~~ June 22, in any case returning to Toronto in time for the Awards dinner on the evening of June 22. The ordinary routine of a C.A.A. convention is rather dull stuff to a veteran like myself, and I can skip most of it without a qualm. A full day with the crowd on June 20 will give us a chance to meet and greet old friends, which is what I enjoy most at these affairs.

I made it a personal rule long ago never to wear formal dress at any time, anywhere. This has caused me to miss a few pleasant affairs here and there; but on the whole it has enabled me to steer clear of a lot of stuffed-shirtery. Hence, at C.A.A. awards dinners, I decline invitations to sit at the head table where white or black tie is the rule. Most people know this as one of my oddities, and probably I shan't be asked to sit with the formal people anyhow.

Frank Willis of CBC proposes to come down here "early in June" with a camera crew to do a half-hour interview for their "Close-Up" programme. Knowing their haphazard view of dates and times, I've dropped a note to Willis warning him that I'll be in Toronto from June 19 to the morning of the 23rd. This may cause them to change plans, doing the interview in Toronto, ^{22nd} ~~19th~~ Willis was keen to do the whole thing here in my natural habitat. I've had no reply from him yet. I'll let you know promptly if it affects in any way our Toronto plans as set forth above.

Edith joins me in best wishes to your ^{self} and Lily.

Sincerely,

June 26th, 1961

Dear George,

As you see, we got home safely. The bug that infected Edith seems to have been some sort of intestinal 'flu, unpleasant while it lasts, but gone in 24 to 48 hours. I was lucky in that it didn't hit me until our last night in Toronto. I got no sleep, and the following day's journey by plane was no fun at all; but now we're both in the pink again.

I can't express how much we appreciate the kindness of yourself and Lily during our visit. The trip to Muskoka was especially delightful, and our chats about the *La Tours* have enabled me to see more of the forest and less of the trees. I'll peg away at it, and no doubt more light will reveal itself as I go along. I remember that the ~~ignominious~~ plot of "The Nymph and The Lamp" bothered me terribly, and I more or less groped my way through the first half of the book. Then the rest revealed itself, and afterwards I wondered why I hadn't seen it all before. And "The Nymph" has been my most successful book so far; it has sold more copies, in more languages, than any two of my other books!

I shall keep the Halifax book in mind, and will proceed this Fall along the lines we discussed. Also I'll keep in mind your suggestion that the story of the "Mary Celeste" might make a good book for juveniles, or at any rate teen-agers.

You asked about the cost of our plane tickets. It was \$230. I appreciate your paying this, although it seems to me the publicity was for my benefit as much as Doubleday's, and so was the opportunity to get together and discuss current problems and future plans.

Thanks again for such kindness and thoughtfulness on the part of Lily and yourself.

Sincerely,

Mr. George Nelson

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105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E NELSON
PRESIDENT

June 29th, 1961

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for your plane fare to
the amount of \$230.00.

I am very pleased to hear that your mind is
clearing in regard to the procedure for your next novel,
and if getting up to Toronto helped at all, it was well
worth the effort.

On behalf of Lily and myself I wish to assure
you that the time the four of us spent together was
also very enjoyable for us, and we only regret that
Liverpool and Toronto are separated by such a substantial
distance.

Affectionate best.

George

George E. Nelson

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OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

July 28, 1961

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for \$1,449.70
for royalty earned up to April 30, 1961, as follows:

THE GOVERNOR'S LADY	\$ 1,221.02
PATH OF DESTINY	208.80
HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES	19.13
THE WINGS OF NIGHT	.75

A detailed report of sales is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

George

George E. Nelson

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DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET - TORONTO 2, CANADA

DATE MONTH & DAY	REFERENCE	SUPPLIER'S INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT OF INVOICE	DEBIT NOTES	DISCOUNT	BALANCE
7.28	38.89	Royalty on: GOVERNOR'S LADY PATH OF DESTINY HIS MAJ. YANKEES	1,221.02 208.80 191.3 .75			1,449.70

October 2, 1961

Mr. George Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,
105 Bond Street,
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear George,

Last month I wrote Jack McClelland along the lines we discussed, and I enclose a copy of his reply. As you see, the way is now clear for a new edition. As I understand it, this could be fitted into your proposed series of city histories, to come out about 1964.

Here is another matter involving publishing rights. McClelland would like to include one of my novels in their New Canadian Library (paper-back) series. In their order of preference the titles they like are:-

1. His Majesty's Yankees
2. Roger Sudden
3. The Nymph and The Lamp

As I recall it, the publishing rights in the first two remain with Doubleday. What do you think about this?

With best regards,

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

October 13, 1961

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of October 2nd, and we are delighted to know that you have secured the rights to HALIFAX, WARDEN OF THE NORTH. As there is no immediate rush for this, as you plan on bringing it up to date, and we would not be publishing it as the first in the Canadian Cities Series, we will some time in the future discuss plans in this regard.

We would not want McClelland and Stewart to publish a paperback edition of HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES at the present time, as we still have stock of the hardbound edition and have some continuous demand for it. Of the two others I should think that the most successful would likely be THE NYMPH AND THE LAMP, and it is my understanding that this book was published jointly by McClelland and Stewart and Little, Brown. We would certainly not have any objection to them negotiating arrangements with you for a paperback edition of this title.

Lily and I have just returned from a week's vacation with Ida and Tom Costain, and your name came up several times in our conversation. If you have a progress report in regard to your thinking on your new book, and would like to pass this information along to Tom I know he would be pleased, as he is vitally interested in your welfare and your future.

Affectionate best.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

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OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

January 19, 1962

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for \$438.45
for royalty earned up to October 31, 1961 on
The Governor's Lady, The Path of Destiny,
His Majesty's Yankees and The Wings of Night.

A detailed report of sales is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

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DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA

October 31, 1961

Doubleday Canada Limited submit
the following report on sales of -

THE GOVERNOR'S LADY

Edition regular Canadian	105 at .6187	\$ 64.96
" Reprint "	883 at .198	174.83
	<u>988</u>	<u>239.79</u> ✓

THE PATH OF DESTINY

Edition regular Canadian	276 at .60	165.60 ✓
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HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES

Edition regular Canadian	83 at .375	31.12 ✓
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THE WINGS OF NIGHT

Edition reprint Canadian	13 at .149	<u>1.94</u> ✓
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\$ 438.45

April 24, 1962

Mr. E. G. Brown,
Chief Librarian,
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind,
1929 Bayview Avenue,
Toronto, 17, Ontario

Dear Mr. Brown:

We are pleased to grant you permission to have translated into Braille, one copy of:

THE GOVERNOR'S LADY by Thomas H. Raddall

for circulation to Braille readers from your Institute's Library Department, as requested in your letter of April 18th.

Yours sincerely,

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

cc: Mr. Thomas H. Raddall

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA

April 30, 1962

Doubleday Canada Limited submit
the following report on sales of -

THE PATH OF DESTINY

Edition Regular Canadian 503 at .60 \$ 301.80 ✓

THE WINGS OF NIGHT

Edition Regular Canadian 5 at .45 2.25 ✓

HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES

Edition Regular Canadian 23 at .375 8.63 ✓

THE GOVERNOR'S LADY

Edition Regular Canadian 302 at .744 224.69 ✓

\$ 537.37

Permissions sale , Page 35-36

HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES - Canadian Anthology
(Wm. Collins Sons & Co)10.00

\$547.37

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OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

June 1st, 1962

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool. Nova Scotia.

Dear Tom:

I was delighted to hear through our New York office that the CBC have bought television rights for THE WINGS OF NIGHT for a serialization in eight one-half hour installments, and I wish to offer my congratulations.

This will mean not only remuneration for you but excellent publicity as well.

I trust that you and Edith are enjoying good health, and that your writing is going well. I would be glad to hear how things are with you, some time at your convenience.

Kind personal regards.

George

George E. Nelson

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June 12, 1962

Mr. George E. Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,
Toronto 2, Canada.

Hello George:

Thanks for your letter of 1st June. Ronald Weyman and three of his production staff have been down here looking over various scenes with me, and they plan to come back in August with a full crew and cast to do the outdoor ~~filming~~ filming. Interiors, including that of the local courthouse for the long trial scene, will be shot in the Toronto studios.

You ask about my writing. George, it's still like Mahomet's coffin, suspended between earth and heaven. That is, I haven't been able to satisfy myself with any of the subjects that have been suggested, or have suggested themselves, for my next novel.

In the course of search and research I have come across material for two by-products which eventually I intend to publish -- (a) a book of true Nova Scotia sea stories, ranging from the mystery of the "Mary Celeste" (including the hitherto unpublished early history and end of her) to the murders aboard the barque "Herbert Fuller" -- and (b) a book of remarkable court trials in Canada, ranging from one involving Joseph Bares, leading Canadian privateersman in the War of 1812, to a modern Enoch Arden who turned up in a Nova Scotia court in the 1930's to solve a will case -- Ripley noted it at the time in his famous "Believe it or not" cartoons.

I realise of course that books of this sort are not what Doubleday want from me; and in any case neither of them is complete -- I'm simply adding to them as the various stories appear in the course of my digging for novel material.

On the whole this hiatus in book production is good for me -- a chance to look back on what I've done so far, and to consider what I want to do in the future.

With kindest regards from Edith and myself,

Sincerely,

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

June 14, 1962

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter, and for bringing me up to date on your thinking.

On the strength of the outline which you have given in your letter, I am wondering if there isn't a full novel in the mystery of the Marie Celeste, and I think that a book on remarkable court trials in Canada would be very interesting. I do not agree that Doubleday would not consider a book of short stories. We will, in fact, consider anything that you wish to write, and if you feel that this period of reflection is good for you, then we would agree.

I would not want you to feel that I was pressing you for the delivery of a novel, and that you should proceed to write one for which you do not have full enthusiasm yourself. However, let me assure you that we will be very receptive to anything from you if and when you are ready to submit it.

Lily and I spent last week end in New York with Tom and Ida Costain, and they are in moderate good health for their age. Tom is on the last chapter of his big Napoleonic novel, but has not committed himself as to when we will be allowed to publish it.

We tried to persuade Tom to take an extensive vacation after his present project is finished, and suggested that the four of us might come down to Nova Scotia this Fall. This idea intrigued them, but the only complication as I see it, is the problem of getting them there and getting them safely home again. It could have considerable influence on Tom if you encouraged this. I am not sure whether you have his present address, which is 50 Riverside Drive, New York, 24,N.Y.

Kind regards to you both from Lily and myself.

Sincerely,

George

George E. Nelson

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OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

July 23, 1962

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for \$547.37
for royalty earned up to April 30, 1962 on
THE GOVERNOR'S LADY, THE PATH OF DESTINY,
HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES and THE WINGS OF NIGHT.

A detailed report of sales is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

George

George E. Nelson

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DATE MONTH & DAY	REFERENCE	SUPPLIER'S INVOICE NUMBER	AMOUNT OF INVOICE	DEBIT NOTES	DISCOUNT	BALANCE
7.23	14.15		547.37			547.37
Royalty up to April 30, 1962 on: " The Governor's Lady" " The Path of Destiny" " His Majesty's Yankees" " The Wings of Night"						

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OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
PRESIDENT

November 22, 1962

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

We are enclosing some clippings which Arthur Hailey received through his clipping agency, and which he asked us to forward to you. There may be some there that you haven't seen before.

Kind regards to you and Edith.

Sincerely,

George E. Nelson

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December 4, 1962

Mr. George E. Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear George,

Please thank Arthur Hailey for me, for sending on the clippings. Dave Pike interviewed me for the Canadian Press, and it was rather amusing to see the various versions created by deleting this or that, according to space available. One paper said I was posted on "lonely Sable Island" as a wireless operator, and in the next sentence said I married a music teacher in "nearby Milton". Needless to say, Milton is on terra firma, and a good 250 miles west of Sable Island.

Scott Young, writing in Saturday Night a few years ago, pointed out that Mazo de la Roche and I were the only writers living in Canada, writing entirely about Canada and Canadians, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and making a living at it by the publication of novels. All the others had some supplementary job or income. I mentioned this to Pike, and most newspapers using his article made a headline of it. Some made it sound like a boast. This was silly. The fact remains that (to mention a few only) Hailey and Callaghan get a large part of their income from TV plays or appearances; McLennan is a part time professor at McGill; Walker writes mostly about themes outside of Canada.

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JMK