

Ans'd Feb. 27/46

Lord Nelson, ~~the~~ ^{2th} ^{Feb. 26th}

Dear Mr. Radcliff

You will be
Surprised to hear from
me, but I am so delighted
to learn from Mr. Felland
and Stewart that you
are to edit the Anthology
of my husband's writings
they are planning to
publish that I cannot

resist the impulse to
write & tell you so.

I should like so much
to know you. When you
are next in Haifa, would
you let me hear & come
to see me here?

Mr. Foster called on
me last Saturday, he
is evidently interested
and will do all he

can to have the book
published soon, but
could not promise that
it ^{would} ~~could~~ be done this
year. which was dis-
appointing, however I
am helpless, and must
be content.

With warm thanks
for your interest and
hoping we may meet
soon - Sincerely yours

Edith Macnechan
(Mrs. Archibald Macnechan)

Lord Nelson
Halifax, Mar. 13th

Dear Mr. Raddels

Have you any
ideas when you will
be in Halifax?

would you let me
know before you come?
My daughter lives
here & I am

has a good deal. &
might miss for
ever thing more.
Mr. Foster told me
you had sent him
a list of the stories
you were planning
to use in the
Anthology - Could I
have a copy?

I promise not to be difficult,
hoping it will not be long
before we meet.

Sincerely yours

Edith M. Mechem.

March 15th, 1946

Dear Mrs. MacMechan,

Thanks for your note of the 13th. At the present time I am hard at work on a novel, begun last summer and promised to my publishers for May 1st. For this reason I shall not be in the city before that date. Beyond that I cannot say except that I hope to be in Halifax on or about May 15th with my novel finished and my mind clear of it. This isn't very satisfactory, I know, but it's the best I can do at the present.

With regard to the proposed omnibus volume, I haven't made a positive selection and will not have one until I have talked it over with one or two friends in Halifax who are staunch admirers of your husband's work and whose ideas I want to weigh against my own. This will be in May. The space available in a single volume requires a very rigid selection and we shall have to leave out much that was admirable. I ask myself this question -- "Of all Doctor MacMechan's work, what is most valuable to the present generation and the generations to come?" And my own strong impression is that his tales of the sea are the answer. They have a double value, for they are history as well as literature. He alone, of all Canadian writers of his time, saw that the story of the sailing ships and their men -- and women -- was passing before his eyes and would soon be gone, and you know how earnestly he strove to catch that story not only with words but in his collection of ship models and paintings.

With this in mind, I have a tentative selection as follows: from THERE GO THE SHIPS -- "A Beacon Light", "The Great Ship", "A Vision of the Night", "The Shell", "The Captain's Wife", "The Wave", "Jury Rig", "Down Lunenburg Way".

From OLD PROVINCE TALES -- "Godfrey of the Rover", "The Saladin Pirates", "The Sarah Stands By", "Rudder Churchill".

From SAGAS OF THE SEA -- "The Teazer Light", "Via London", "The Captain's Boat".

Mr. George Foster is coming here towards the end of this ~~week~~ month to discuss various matters with me, and I hope to persuade him that the proposed omnibus of your husband's tales should be illustrated, and by a Nova Scotia artist.

Sincerely,

JHR

*Mrs. Archibald MacMechan,
Lord Nelson Hotel,
Halifax, N.S.*



March 22nd The LORD NELSON
HALIFAX
CANADA

Dear Mr. Raddap

You were so very
kind to answer my
note so promptly & so
fully, I feel embarrassed
to have troubled you.

I agree with you entirely
that my husband's
sea stories are the
ones that will live.

PS

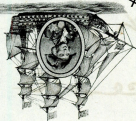
I have said nothing
about pen and books
because I would
need stop!

"Cu. Quero" wants
me!

I also highly approve of
 the tentative list you
 have sent me, possibly
 one or two more could
 be added but no
 more on the subject
 now when you are
 writing against time,
 & ought not to be bothered
 at all!

I want to quote a
 paragraph from a letter
 from Grace, the 2nd daughter,

The LORD NELSON
HALIFAX
CANADA



she is Mrs. A. M. Holloway
living in Ottawa now
more about her & her hus-
band (Colonel Holloway, C.B.)
where we met.
where I told her that
we were to edit the
Anthology - she wrote -
"I am delighted that
Roddall is to edit it,
I know he & Father would
have been friends, & can
imagine how Father
would have rejoiced
to know there was a
junior man with



The LORD NELSON
HALIFAX

an equal enthusiasm in
his favorite subject
following the path he
beazed

please do not take time
to write again until
your novel is finished -
Just let me know when
you will be in town
in how long.

With every good wish

Sincerely yours

Edith Doane

(Mrs Archibald Doane)

P.O. Box 4, Chester, Aug. 15th

Ans'd
Aug 17/46

Dear Mr. Raddall

Mr. Lealand & Stewart wrote

recently, in reply to a letter of
mine, that they had not yet
got a list from you of the Sea tales
you had in mind for the Anthology.
"No doubt selections will be along
very shortly and we will begin
manufacturing the book"

I have no right to bother you, but
would so like to know - just
what the prospects are; also as
D.M. Deut & Sons published
'Sagas of the Sea' will their con-
sent be necessary to include
any of those 'Sagas' in the
new book?

I am wondering about your
new book & ^{am} so anxious to know if it
is to appear in a magazine
first, & if so, when and where -

The Napier Moores, as you probably
know are in Chester again, and
I hoped you might be coming over.
You would be sure to let us
know, I hope, although your trip
on that rainy day cannot have
left a very pleasant memory!
Please thank Mrs. Paddoe for her
note - I wish it were possible to
see more of you both but situated
as I am now, I have no inducement
to offer any one - except a very

warmer welcome if a kind fate
should bring you this way.

with apologies for troubling you
+ kindest regards to you both.

Sincerely yours

Edith MacMechan

As I think I told you, we have
a telephone at last, 91-4.
If you should come over, please
call us up -

'Rosemath Cottage'

Chester, June 15th

Dear Mr. Paddall

This 'Fore word' is
perfect. May I keep it un-
til Tuesday?
I am not sure to day, but
am sure I will be by
Tuesday, if not, Grace will
telephone you before 12 o'clock
that day.
Would Mrs. Paddall like

to come? I want to know like to keep his name.
her, we would all be
so glad if she came
to come.

with warmest thanks
for all you are doing,
and this understanding
'Foreword'. Even Lindsay
Barnet could not have
pleased me more.

Sincerely yours
Edith MacMechan
(Mrs. Archibald MacMechan -)

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Chester, Dec. 14th

Dear Mr. Raddall

Jetho, Miss. Hutchins

son wrote me at the
beginning of the month,
that at Long East Tales
of the Sea was completed
& that they were forward-
ing six copies to me, it
was only last Friday,
when we were in
Halifax, that I got them

why Miss Hutchinson ad-
dressed the parcel to 24
South Park St. where for
months she has been
writing to me here, I
can't think! Jean hap-
pened to be away &
the parcel not forwarded.
Day after day I was so
disappointed when "no
parcel" ^{was the answer} came from both
P.O. & express! For

will have seen the
book long, or at least
some weeks ago - I
thought McCalland &
Stewart's advertisement
in the Morning Chronicle
a masterpiece - I really
am very pleased with
the little book, and
want to tell you once
more how much we all
like your foreword - as
I said before it is perfect.

Driving to Halifax the end
of Sept. Bill Wilson told
me, in ~~reply~~ to enquire
for fri, that you were very
very busy, so I decided
not to trouble you with letter
besides I was almost in
despair of the book ever
being published - I
won't take time today to
write about this little
house, but hope you &
Mrs. Reddall will stop on your
way to or from Halifax & see
it, & as! our telephone is

now number 19 - ring 5 -
and a warm welcome
awaits you whenever
you ~~have~~ can spare
time for us -

With every good wish

Sincerely yours

Edith MacMechan

You were so right to
insist on illustrations -
We're not far very pleased
with Donald Mackay's
work?

Ultima Thule
Chester, Oct. 5th

Dear Mr. Raddall

As Grace has told
you, we were all
delighted with the
radio adaptation of
"Pride's Fancy" & listen-
ed in my own room,
& Gary & I did not meet
to discuss it until next
morning - I haven't en-
joyed

anything so much since
Richard II. did you
hear that? When Grace
ie took the part - I do
think he is outstanding
don't you?
when Gay & I met in the
upstairs hall last Thurs.
day morning, before I had
time to say it, she
said "I am going to
write Mr. Radcliff &
tell me how delighted

we all were with Joseph
Schull's dramatization of
Bride's "Fancy" - I was
so glad - I do hope
a movie will be
made of it & then you
will reap the reward
you deserve -

I think Grace has a
real gift for writing
& wish so much she
would write a

short memory of her
father - perhaps she,
wise, sometime, should
have the opportunity
do suggest it to her -
Archie kept all her
letters from the time
she went to school - un-
fortunately, in spite
of my protests, she de-
stroyed them, afterwards.
Please don't think for

must answer this, or
even let Grace know of
my suggestion!

With Congratulations
& kindest regards
for you and Mrs. Raddall
very Sincerely yours
Edith MacMechan

24, SOUTH-PARK STREET,
HALIFAX.

N.S.

Ans'd
Mar. 14/40

March 12th

Dear Dr. Raddall

Professor Bennett
has let me have a
copy of your Convocation
Speech with the request
to forward it to you as
soon as read, & I am
writing to ask if I
may let Grace & Beak

See it first, I know they
will be prompt in send-
ing it on to you. Helene
Bennet tells me that
you spent last Tuesday
evening with the McKays
just next door! I wish you
could both have spared
us a few minutes on
your way - & oh - how I
wish I could have
heard this speech!

we all thought the picture
in the mail (what nonsense
calling it mail-stor!) so
good of you but what a
midget Professor Johnston
looked!
Forgive this hurried
note and again my
Sincere Congratulations,
& warmest regards to
your wife & yourself
Most Sincerely yours
Edith M^{rs} Mechem