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Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool,
Nova Scotia

My dear Tom:

I loved the book and was flattered by your several references to me. Those immediate post-war days were good days and I look back on them with happy memories.

You have no idea how comforting it is at my age to be referred to as "a proficient young man". I reached the ripe old age of 65 in mid September and shortly afterwards retired from McMillans. After Maclean-Hunter bought the firm in 1972 I gave up the Presidency to make room for George Gilmour of Maclean-Hunter and spent about 4 years with the title Vice-Chairman looking after a few favourite authors and getting some new ones including one old rascal called John Diefenbaker.

I have accepted the Presidency of NSL - a McClelland and Stewart subsidiary - because I cannot afford to retire and do not want to. Publishing has been my life and remains my passion.

I had meant, Tom, to write to you when I heard of Edith's death but the news reached me several months after the fact and I just never did so. I'm sorry.

I am sending a copy of IN MY TIME down to you and wonder if you would be good enough to inscribe it to me. This is something I shall value and place on my book shelf beside several other Raddall inscriptions.

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We plan to come down your way next summer. My old school at Rothesay is having it's 100th birthday and there are celebrations. "Johnnie", as you knew him is now 33 years old; has a PhD; and teaches comparative literature at Trent University. But to keep myself young I have an eleven year old daughter called Elizabeth and she will be along with us. If I survive the school festivities we plan to drive a little around New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and would hope to catch you at home. We missed you last time.

In the meantime, Tom, my warmest regards.

Yours truly,



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