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June 9th, 1960

Dr. T. H. Raddall  
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Dr. Raddall:

I have been asked by The Ryerson Press to act as general editor for a series of juveniles which will be published under the general title of the Canada At Work series, and this letter is exploratory. If any idea you have at the moment fits in to this series idea, or if you are interested after you read the following description, I'd like to hear from you immediately.

We visualize this series as being aimed at the junior high school level, Grades VII - IX. The first essential, of course, is that each book should be the vehicle for a good deal of precise information. The reader should know a good deal about a specific job or profession by the time he pants his way eagerly to the last page (and rushes out to buy the next book in the series). He should be informed what is good, and what is bad, about every job or profession explored in each book. Ideally, the series would be of some help to the reader in choosing - or rejecting - some of the ways of life open to him. But, I repeat, the story is the primary consideration; sound conflict and motivation.

In choice of subjects, the major emphasis should be on careers that are open to all, or almost all. Naturally, a job that has some possibility of exciting action is best for story purposes, but quaint or rare occupations, or those limited to only a few people, will be avoided except in exceptional circumstances.

Does this suggest an idea to you? If so, would you let me know? If you are interested in the series but have no specific idea in mind, let me know that, too, in case I can make some suggestions. If you are under contract to another publisher, but would like to participate in this series, let us know so that we may request your release for purposes of this one book only.

We are very enthusiastic about the possibilities of this series, and hope to publish the first few books late in 1961. Some of the nation's finest writers are being approached (as you may have deduced, since we are approaching you).

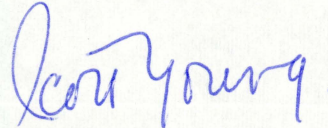
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Please inform me if you are interested, at which time we could go deeper into specific matters such as story lines, deadlines, contracts.

Sincerely,



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Scott Young  
General Editor, Canada At Work Series

June 14, 1960

Mr. Scott Young,  
The Ryerson Press,  
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Scott,

I think you have a most useful and a very interesting project in the Canada At Work series. However I don't see how I could make a contribution. In my time I've worked at all sorts of trades, from a seagoing W/T operator to accountant in a paper mill; but I quitted my last job more than ~~thirty~~<sup>twenty</sup> years ago to take up writing (which had been merely a hobby) as a career. Hence my knowledge of those jobs or trades is obsolete.

The only trade I'm up to date on is the writer's. As you know, that is so beset with difficulties, and so dependent on the whims of chance and one's personal experiences, that nobody could honestly compile a book about it as a safe guide to others.

The proposed series is a fine idea, and Ryerson has picked a first-rate general editor. I know it will be a success.

With my best regards,

Sincerely,

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August 16, 1960

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

Dear Tom,

I wasn't really very hopeful that you would feel yourself free to participate in Ryerson's new CANADA AT WORK series, but thanks for your good wishes - and congratulations on your recent successes. With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Scott Young,  
General Editor, Canada At Work Series

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