

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
FIRST CHURCH
CAMPBELLTON, N. B.

Rev. C. N. Brown, M. A.

December 2, 1892

Dear Bro:

A thousand congratulations on "His Majesty's Yankees". It is a marvelous story and the title is an inspiration. A few days ago I saw it in our bookstore here. And I pounced upon it in delight and in surprise. The Storekeeper smiled a bit at my enthusiasm, I said, "Dear Sir, this is the best story you will have in your store this Christmas, I am taking this copy - order others and tell people this is books to buy." I was anticipating to see a book from you - and in delight I kicked it under my arm hardly able to wait till 4 o'clock - to begin.

I have finished it now it is a great story and tells itself. The characterization is like the dialogue ^{page} - the description vivid and the action moved smoothly and with dramatic power. Rather than reading a book, I felt in a box seat held in the grip of a thrilling play. Soabel is reading it now, and ~~then~~ she is her praise. When she is through. I would like to send you the book - to autograph for me.

I like very much - your dedication. The book is for my son. For an can give it to his son to read. without, making some of the pages out, and that is something in these days.

Again our congratulations, and our fond regards to Mrs Reddell - and the family.

Most sincerely - C. N. Brown.

Ans'd
May 6

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May 2. 1944

Dear Tom:

Our heartiest congratulations on your securing the Governor General's award. We saw the news in the Saturday Night and were pleased and proud. We know that you have richly merited the award. I don't know any collection of short stories that I would class with the Red Paper of Dipper Creek. Your book stands alone. What puzzles me is why some of these in the case of the mighty did not recognize it before.

My own copy - published by Blackwood and by the way - the first I think to be sold in Liverpool. I had seen the copy in Dexter's window - promptly bought it. and as I very conveniently had a birthday about then - made me a present of it. It has been lent to a number of people - at present Dr. Ian Mackenzie of Pine Hill has it. He preached for me on a Sunday Morning on the way to Montpel. spoke of looking for something

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to read on the train, and I promptly
passed him "The Ties Paper". It is a joy
to be able to let other people to such-
perfect short stories.

I came across an interesting bit of information
in a magazine a few days ago. which recalled
a bit of our conversation at Somerville beach
last summer. The New York Times has a hundred
copies of each issue run off on a special newspaper
and these copies - are for the files of their own office
certain college libraries and - the large library in
Washington. Thus the material will be preserved
for the research student - of future years -

Again our warmest congratulations and
our best wishes - to Ed. & yourself - and
the children -

Trasincerely -

Chester Brown,