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April 27th, 1951

Mrs. Thomas Raddall,
Liverpool,
N.S.

Dear Mrs. Raddall:

Saturday Night is turning sentimental for June and we plan to talk about weddings. We are asking the wives of a number of our prominent men to tell us in a few words something about their own wedding and we hope you will let us have a "reminiscence" from you.

Perhaps you might tell us where you were married, or what sort of a day it was, or if any of planned schedule went haywire, or any last minute difficulties ... just some particular and personal thing you remember about your own wedding. We don't mind if you make it a romantic or an amusing reminiscence, just as long as we can include you in our June round-up. May we hear from you within the week?

Yours truly,

Margaret Ness

Margaret Ness/dk

Women's

Department

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May 9, 1951

Dear Mrs. Raddall:

We were wondering if you would have a glossy picture of your wedding that you would let us use for an illustration. We are getting a picture of two young people who are marrying this month-- they're with the theatre... and we thought it would be ideal to have a picture of you and Mr. Raddall, especially if you have an informal one (a good snapshot might do if it were very clear). Would you have a couple of pictures you would send on to us? We'll take good care of them and return them. It would just "make" our story. Thanks in advance.

Sincerely

Margaret Ness
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OFFICE OF THE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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October 9, 1951.

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

Dear Mr. Raddall:

I have been following your historical writing for years, and would like to see an article under your byline in SATURDAY NIGHT. I doubt if any other writer in the country deals with historical subjects as authoritatively or as entertainingly as you do.

I noticed last night that the anniversary of the birth of Joseph Howe comes due on Dec. 13.

Howe is not as well known in the rest of Canada as he is in Nova Scotia, and a brief article that would in 1500 to 2000 words give the stature of the man would, I think, be a useful contribution to Canadian knowledge. Am I right in my belief that Howe is the only Canadian historical figure whose anniversary is still commemorated annually?

If you are able to take on the assignment, we would like to get the copy early in November.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

R. A. Farquharson.

October 16th, 1951

Mr. R.A. Farquharson,
Saturday Night,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Mr. Farquharson,

Thanks for your letter. I enclose
an article on Howe which runs to about 2000 words,
possibly a little over. I have condensed it as much as
I can. I'm sending it off at once because I shall be
leaving in a day or two for a hunting trip at Eagle Lake,
and will not be out of the woods until the end of the
month.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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October
Twenty-third
Nineteen
Fifty-one.

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

Dear Mr. Raddall:-

Many thanks for the piece on Howe, which fits the bill. I am getting it into type immediately and it will be ready in plenty of time for the issue of December 15th.

I think there is a job to be done in popularizing Canadian history and you have done the type of popular piece I was hoping to get.

We are doing each week on our book page a gossip column under the heading of Writing and Writers. I hope you will let us know about any plans you have for forthcoming books.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Farquharson.

RAF/MB

Office of
the Editor

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Dear Mr. Raddall:-

I noticed in a story in the Windsor Star that Halifax Citadel is in process of restoration. My only knowledge of the Citadel comes from your Warden of the North and I found your description exceedingly interesting.

I wonder if you could, using the restoration as a news peg, do a Saturday Night piece on the Citadel?

Your story on Joe Howe appears in the December 8th issue of Saturday Night. I have written an editorial on the period and I hope you agree with the slant I took. It is a period which has always interested me.

If you can do the story on the Citadel, from 1500 to 2000 words would meet our requirements. I enclose the clipping that led to the request.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Farquharson.

RAF/MB

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

Ancient Halifax Citadel Hill Is in Process of Restoration

Casements Being Repaired and Unnecessary Buildings Removed; Great Drawing Card For Tourists in Summer Months

By W. GRAHAM ALLEN

The Windsor Star's Correspondent in Nova Scotia

HALIFAX—Citadel Hill, which towers above Halifax, has been a familiar landmark for many years. That is not as obvious as it sounds. The shape of the hill has been changed once or twice as army engineers strengthened its fortifications.

But for generations the familiar bulk of the hill has been a feature of local topography, and a vantage point from which visitors could view the city and harbor sights.

Early in this century and before, the Citadel was actively manned by the army. Band concerts and tattoos were held on the surprisingly large parade ground inside its ramparts. Soldiers in blue or scarlet drilled and wives of the garrison and others added to the color of the scene with bright-hued parasols.

No Longer Manned

Before the days of wireless, the signal station for this port was on top of Citadel Hill and most small boys in Halifax knew the meaning of the flags and balls and cones which would be hoisted to control the movement of ships entering or leaving harbor, or to warn mariners of approaching storms.

Other means are used today and the Citadel is no longer manned by the Army. One familiar practice remains. At noon each day, a time gun booms from the Citadel's summit as it has for so many, many years.

During the lean years between World Wars I and II, when defence estimates were pared so drastically, the Citadel fell into a shabby state. Some of the stonework of the casements which form the star-shaped Vauban outline of the fort tumbled into the moat; buildings inside the parade square lost their spruce appearance.

Since then military money has

been used for more practical purposes and the Citadel has been in sorry state.

Picturesque Old Fort

Now, however, the picturesque old fort has been taken over by the Historic Sites Branch of the Department of National Research and Development and the Citadel is to know something of its former glory. It will be restored and preserved as a showplace akin to the Citadel at Quebec or other famous forts.

This year seven casements are being repaired, as well as electric and heating systems. A room has been set aside for the marine museum which had been in the Dockyard but whose building has to go to make way for a harbor-bridge support. The museum eventually will be housed in the Citadel's "Cavalier Barracks" which are yet to be refurbished.

The complete restoration job will take several years but will provide something of great interest for visitors.

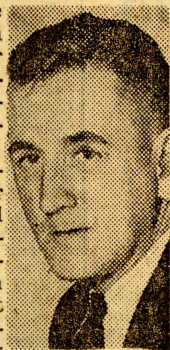
Old Cannon Found

Workmen shoring up a broken casement recently unearthed some old cannon. These are believed to be guns mounted in the Citadel many many years ago. If they prove to be authentic they will be remounted in their original positions.

Meanwhile the Army has been busy preserving some old forts in Point Pleasant Park against the day when the Historic Sites people will be ready to take them over.

The job, incidentally, provided some welcome practice for Reserve Army Engineers. A few buildings stood in these old forts, having been added through the years. These were ugly brick or concrete buildings of no historic or aesthetic value and had to be removed. The Reserve Engineers, to their great delight, were allowed to blow them up, which they did with loud bangs.

The engineers have few opportunities in peacetime to demolish anything so solid and they were delighted with the opportunity.



Mr. Allen

Essex Auto Club

Moving pictures of British Columbia and Albert will be shown to directors of the Essex County Auto mobile Club at the regular dinner meeting of the board of directors Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m., at the Norton Palmer Hotel. The pictures will be under the supervision of Dave Mechanic.

Windsor Ele

12 Qualify For Election In Township

Hot Contest Promised In Sandwich East

One of the most hotly contested Sandwich East municipal elections in recent years is shaping up in the township with 12 candidates having qualified for six public seats. The election will be held Dec. 3.

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Qualifications are as follows:
For reeve: Barry E. Atkinson and Gilbert Trudell.

For council: (three to be elected) Robert Sampson, Ulric Brunett, Walter W. Horton, Emile Seguin, Wilfred C. Etches and Albert E. McWha.

For P.U.C.: (two to be elected) J. K. Young, Victor Renaud, Frederick W. Myers and Everett Bale.

All candidates are seeking two-year terms in their respective contests. They were nominated at the township's largest and most exciting nomination meeting in many years, held Friday evening in the township hall.

At the meeting, 21 candidates were nominated for office. In addition to the 12 who qualified, eight failed to do so. Deputy Reeve Robert McDonald was re-elected by acclamation, no candidates being nominated to stand against him.

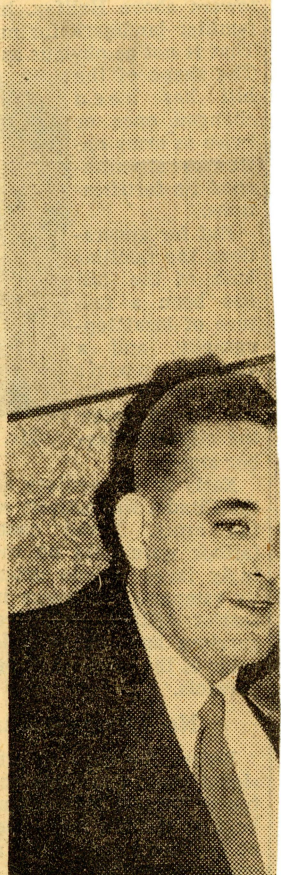
DRIVE STARTS TONIGHT

First of three election meetings, at which all candidates will be invited to speak, will be held in the Sandwich East Community Club on Jefferson boulevard at 8 o'clock tonight.

COUNTY QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications were also held in four county points over the week-

LaSalle Ma



Mayor Herbert Runstedler's acclamation to serve a second term was met with a resounding vote of confidence from the LaSalle residents when the deadline for qualified to oppose him. Runstedler as he heard the g the town hall.

Acclamat LaSalle M

LaSalle residents have resounding vote of confidence in Mayor Herbert Runstedler turning him by acclamation to a second term of office as the

January 11th, 1952

Dear Mr. Farquharson,

I must apologise for the long delay in answering your letter of November 28th, which got lost somehow in the flood of Christmas mail here in my house, and has just emerged.

I'm glad you liked the Joe Howe piece, and I note your suggestion about an article on Halifax Citadel. Unfortunately at the present time I'm sweating blood over a novel which must be finished by the end of May, and I can't take on anything else until the job is done. It would be easy to dash something off, but that's not my notion of workmanship, nor yours. How wonderful it would be to have at least a two-track mind!

Sincerely,

Mr. R.A. Farquharson,

Saturday Night,

Toronto.