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Dr. T. H. Raddall
44 Park Street
Liverpool, Nova Scotia
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Dear Dr. Raddall:

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying a pleasant summer.

I thought I would forward the enclosed information pertaining to the Raddall Symposium. You will note that the dates are September 21-23 and naturally we would like to have you with us if at all possible. I will contact you again before the event.

Kindest personal regards,

William Parker
Vice-President
(External Relations)

Enclosures

P.S. -- Perhaps you can suggest some people you would like to have invited to attend the symposium.

6:45-7:30 Reception (Blomidon Inn)

7:30 Banquet (Blomidon Inn)
Chair: Ed Eagles, Acadia University

L.W. Collins (Halifax), *Thomas Raddall
from a Distance in my Time*

Arthur Motyer (Mt. Allison University),
The Language of Thomas H. Raddall
(A Reading)

John Leefe (Minister of the Environment),
A Tribute to Thomas H. Raddall

Sunday 23 September

9:00-10:00 Women in Raddall's Fiction
BAC 241 Chair: Carrie Macmillan, Mount
Allison University

*Women in the Fiction of Thomas H.
Raddall*
Michele Lacombe, Trent University

*The Nymph and the Lamp and the Cana-
dian Heroine of Consciousness*
Helen Buss, University of Calgary

10:00-10:15 Archives and the Use of Archlves
BAC 241 Chair: Nell Fisher, Nova Scotia
Teachers' College

Archival Sources for the Study of Raddall
Charles Armour, Dalhousie University

10:15-10:30 Coffee - BAC 142

10:30-11:15 *Thomas Raddall's Sable Island* (Slides)
Thaddeus Holownia, Mount Allison U
Chair: Mary McGillivray, St. Francis
Xavier University

11:15-12:00 Concluding Panel Discussion: *Raddall
Scholarship and Future Directions for Research*
Chair: Gwen Davies (Acadia University)
John Lennox (York University)
David Staines (University of Ottawa)
Clara Thomas (York University)

THOMAS H. RADDALL

SYMPOSIUM

Acadia University
Wolfville, Nova Scotia

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for the Symposium is available at various local inns and motels at a range of prices. The least expensive is the Sleep Inn at \$44. At the other end of the price scale are the Tattingstone Inn and the Blomidon Inn with prices of \$70 and up. A limited number of rooms have been set aside at all the places mentioned below. However, reservations are the responsibility of each delegate and should be made by 1 August if possible. Early booking is advisable if you wish to get a place at the inn of your choice. When you book, please identify yourself as a delegate at the Thomas H. Raddall Symposium in order to obtain any available conference rate.

In Wolfville: Blomidon Inn (902 542-2291); Tattingstone Inn (902 542-7696); Victoria's Historic Inn (902 542-5744)

Outside Wolfville: Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich (902 542-5751); Planters Barracks, Port Williams (902 542-7879; Sleep Inn, New Minas (902 679-5000); Wandlyn Inn, Coldbrook (902 678-8311). You will need your own transportation if you stay at any of the places named in this category.

TRANSPORTATION

If you are coming from outside Nova Scotia, you will probably wish to fly to Halifax International Airport. Wolfville is a further 100 kms. on a good highway. Taxis booked from the Valley charge about \$50 for a one way trip (Wood's 902 684-9621; or Fundy Airport Service 902 542-5248), so you may wish to consider renting a car at the airport.

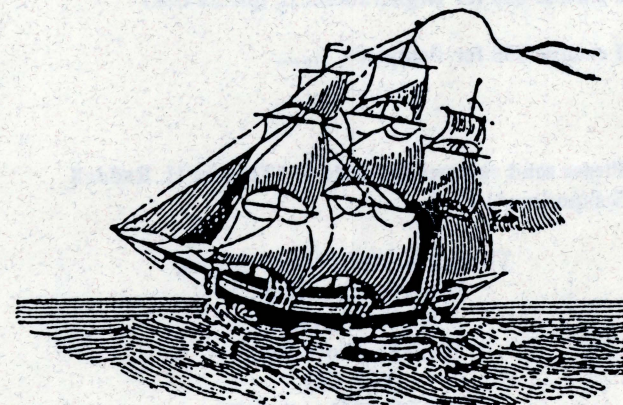
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SYMPOSIUM

(Revised Schedule)

Acadia University
Wolfville, Nova Scotia

21-23 September 1990



REGISTRATION

The Thomas H. Raddall Symposium will take place at Acadia University, 21-23 September. The registration fee (which includes a reception, a lunch, and coffee) is \$25 and tickets for the banquet at the Blomidon Inn will be \$30. Please note that space at the banquet is limited and tickets will be sold on a "first come" basis. We strongly advise that you register in advance and purchase your banquet ticket at the same time.

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Postal Code..... Home Phone.....

Office Phone.....

Organizational Affiliation (if any).....

I enclose \$25 for Registration..... (please tick)

I enclose \$30 for Banquet

Please send cheques (payable to "Thomas H. Raddall Symposium") to:

Thomas H. Raddall Symposium
 Department of English
 Acadia University
 Wolfville, Nova Scotia
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 (902 542-2201, ext. 502)

Schedule of Events

Friday 21 September

3:00-5:00 Registration
 (Beveridge Arts Centre 142)

7:30 Opening Welcome
 BAC 244 Dr. J.R.C. Perkin, President,
 Acadia University

Keynote Address: Elizabeth Waterston
 Professor Emeritus, University of Guelph
*Thomas H. Raddall, Historical Fiction, and
 the Canadian Romance*

Kirkconnell Reception and exhibition of Raddall
 Room Papers arranged by Charles Armour,
 Dalhousie University Archivist

Saturday 22 September

8:00-9:00 Registration
 BAC 142

9:00-10:00 *Raddall and the Canadian Critics*
 BAC 241 Alan R. Young, Acadia University
 Chair: James Gray, Dalhousie University

10:00-10:30 Coffee & Book Display - BAC 142

10:30-12:00 Raddall the Historian
 BAC 241 Chair: Brook Taylor, Mount St.
 Vincent University

*The Novelist as Historian: The Nova Scotia
 Identity in Thomas Raddall's Historical
 Novels*
 Barry Moody, Acadia University

*The Halifax Brahmin: Class & Mentality
 As Revealed by an Episode in the Career
 of Robert Motton*
 David Sutherland, Dalhousie University

*Thomas H. Raddall in the Role of Conser-
 vator of Historic Buildings*
 Allen Penney, Technical University of
 Nova Scotia

12:00-1:15 Lunch (Location T.B.A.)

1:15-2:15 Raddall, Readers, and Sources
 BAC 241 Chair: Andrew Wainwright, Dalhousie
 University

*The Role of the Implied Reader as Child in
 Thomas H. Raddall's Stories*
 Hillary Thompson, Acadia University

*The History of a History: Tracing Thomas
 Raddall's Research into Grey Owl*
 Judy Dudar, Dalhousie University

2:15-3:15 Heroes and Paradigms
 BAC 241 Chair: Andrew Seaman, St. Mary's
 University

*Aspirant and Ondine: Hope and Vision in
 Raddall's Novels*
 Hubert Morgan, Dalhousie University

*Life and the Way Out in Thomas H.
 Raddall's Novels*
 Bruce MacDonald, Luther College,
 University of Regina

3:15-3:30 Coffee - BAC 142

3:30-4:30 Raddall and Historical Narrative
 BAC 241 Chair: Alan Wilson, Gorsebrook
 Institute, St. Mary's University

*Thomas H. Raddall's Narrative Strategies
 in his Historical Fiction*
 Donna Smyth, Acadia University

*Building a Country; Losing an Empire: The
 Historical Fiction of Thomas H. Raddall
 and J.G. Farrell*
 Chris Ferns, Mount St. Vincent University

4:30-5:30 Raddall, Music, and Folklore
 BAC 241 Chair: Diane Tye, Mount Allison
 University

Performance and lecture by Clary Croft

Books

Raddall symposium's focus

Event will honour author's accomplishments, contributions

By Anna-Maria Galante
VALLEY BUREAU

WOLFVILLE

Thomas Raddall, the Nova Scotian author of 25 books and more than 70 short stories, is to be honoured this month during a symposium at Acadia University.

The three-day event is set for the Wolfville campus Sept. 21.

Established to bring together outstanding writers and scholars in the field of Atlantic literature, the inaugural symposium "will be entirely devoted to the life and work of Raddall," says Dr. Alan

Young, Acadia's English department head and symposium chairman.

"Raddall is one of the most widely read Atlantic Canadian authors. Our symposium will honour his literary accomplishments and provide a forum for a full consideration of his contribution to Canadian culture as both a writer of fiction and as an historian."

Elizabeth Waterson, a professor emeritus from the University of Guelph, opens the symposium Sept. 21 with a public lecture entitled Thomas H. Raddall, Historical Fiction and Cana-

dian Romance, in Room 244, Beveridge Arts Centre at 7:30 p.m. A reception and exhibition of Raddall papers will follow in the Kirkconnell Room.

Saturday's sessions, all scheduled for Beveridge Arts Centre, deal with different aspects of Raddall's work, including his role as a conservator of historic buildings. That contribution will be discussed by Allen Penney of the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

A gala banquet, scheduled for Wolfville's Blomidon Inn at 6:45 p.m., follows a late-afternoon performance and lecture by singer and

folklorist Clary Croft. The dinner features three speakers, Halifax writer Lou Collins, Arthur Motyer of Mount Allison University and Provincial Environment Minister John Leefe.

The symposium concludes Sunday with four papers, including a talk by photographer Thaddeus Holownia of Mount Allison University, who will use some of his recent photographs to explore Raddall's Sable Island.

A concluding panel discussion will summarize symposium deliberations and consider future directions for research.



Thomas Raddall

Hobbies/Heritage

Astronomers delight in Mars opposition

THESE CLEAR, CRISP evenings are a real boon to astronomers. The autumn season presents Maritimers with the best observing conditions of the whole year.

Take a look near the southeastern horizon around 11 p.m. The bright, star-like object you will see rising is the planet Mars. It should be brighter than any of the stars, and should show a distinct reddish colour.

The red colour of the planet is caused by two things. As it appears low on the horizon, Mars' light is subject to the same effect as that of the moon or sun near the horizon. But the colour is even more striking because the planet is actually an orange colour.

Mars also periodically passes



Sky Scan
By Doug Pitcairn

Antares, which means rival of Mars, is a red supergiant star with a pronounced red colour.

Mars is the fourth planet from the sun and the next beyond Earth. It is a small world — its diameter is about half the Earth's and it has about a tenth of Earth's mass.

Although observed for centuries, little was known about this mysterious planet until space probes visited it in the '70s.

The Mariner and Viking

atmosphere of carbon dioxide, water vapour and other gases.

The discovery of a thin atmosphere was a great disappointment to many astronomers who had hoped it would be more substantial. Mars is thought of as the most likely place for any other form of life to exist in our solar system but the thinner the air, the less likely any form of life will be present.

Mars is approaching a period when it will be almost ideally located for astronomers to study it from Earth. Telescopic observations of Mars usually reveal only a few large details but the planet is approaching what astronomers call opposition.

Planets close to the sun orbit faster

Earth catches up with and passes the slower orbiting Mars. At these times — oppositions — the distance between Earth and Mars is at a minimum, and the image of the planet in our telescopes is at its largest.

Mars next opposition is Nov. 20 when it will be located high in the south. Any half decent telescope using a fairly high magnification should show some of the surface features which have so long tantalized peoples' imaginations.

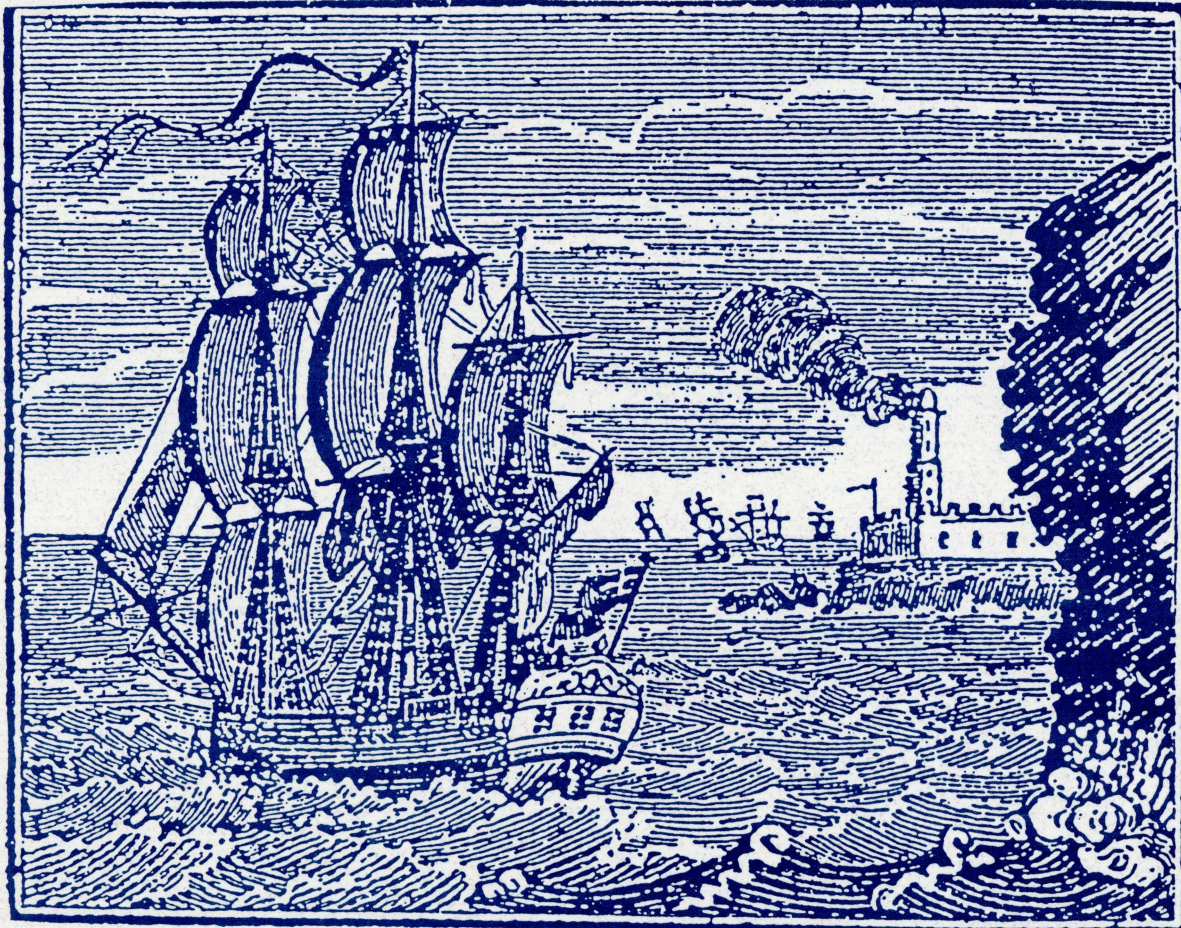
In fact, you should be able to make out a small orange-coloured disk with a greenish or bluish spot or two, as well as a white area which is the frosted surface around the polar region.

Doug Pitcairn is a lecturer at Halifax

Fruits, veg of gardeners reach peak

AT THIS TIME of year, vegetable gardens really begin to pay dividends for a gardener's labour in May and June. But when should vegetables be picked?"

Too many gardeners fail to enjoy the delicacies of early harvested vegetables because they mistakenly believe harvesting should be done until each vegetable variety reaches maximum size. It's a pity gardeners wait for a variety to pass from its tender best to



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Papers Include:

Raddall's Historical Fiction, Narratives, Role as Historian,
Children's Literature, Female Characters,
Integration of Music and Folklore, Sable Island

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Waterston

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