

# Port Warden's Office

Halifax, N. S. February 8th, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Raddall:

I received a copy of your book, "His Majesty's Yankees" for a Christmas present, and have just finished reading it. I have not read many long books since I stopped going to sea in the windjammers, and being a slow reader, have found it hard to keep enough interest to finish some of them, but I enjoyed reading your book through to the last word. Mrs. Inness also enjoyed it very much.

It had an added interest for us, coming as we do from Queens County where our forebears were among the early settlers, and in my younger days I remember hearing the names of many you have mentioned in the book. We were both very much interested in the description of the "Festival of St. Aspinquid", as "Sunnybank", where we live, on the West side of the road that turns South at the Arm Bridge, overlooks this part of the Arm, and we have decided the centre of the Festival was at or near where the Public Baths are now located.

In looking over my family tree, I find that my ancestors were among those of which you have written. On my mother's side, one great grand parent was a Mailman from Lahave. The Inness family was started by Robert Inness, a Scotchman who deserted from the British army at the time of the Revolution, and after spending some time in Virginia, settled at St. Catherine's River in Queens County near Port Joli in 1787.

Thanking you for the pleasure we derived from reading your book, and looking forward to another, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

W. A. Inness