



Lockeport N.S. March 2/11

Dear Mr Raddall:

Thanks for your note of last Tuesday. I am sending you the article I mentioned — not because of its merit but because it is my one eye lamp.

My wife and I would like to have you and your wife come over and have supper with us on Sunday much sixteenth if that is a convenient time for you. I trust that you will find this convenient, and we shall look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,
Clement Russell



Fredericton N.S. Sept 21st 1944

Dear Tom:

Esther and I very much appreciate the kind thoughtfulness of Edith and yourself. Fortunately we have since heard that he was wounded in the foot. I say fortunately because we were afraid it might be much worse. We have had no direct word from him but know he was in a British Field Hospital in France and expecting to be sent to England.

I shall be in to see you, bye long.
Last year the world was too much with me.
Yours, Glen.



Lockeport, N. S. March 26th., 1945.

Dear Tom:

Just a word to say that we are counting on you to speak at the Home and School Association meeting at Lockeport, Thursday evening, April the 19th.. I shall call for you Thursday afternoon and bring you down. I might say, that the people of Lockeport are very anxious to see you and hear you.

I listened to you and Mr. Gillis over the Radio Tuesday evening with much enjoyment. I would judge your visit to Halifax must have been very interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Gem.

*Acknowledge
Mar. 27/45*



Shelburne, N. S. January 29th., 1947.

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
President Queens County Historical Society,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

A group here in Shelburne met last evening for the purpose of organizing an Historical Society for Shelburne. There should be plenty of material for a Society to work on in this town and we are hopeful that something may be accomplished.

Before proceeding with the actual organization a committee was formed to bring in a report with regard to nomination of officers, constitution, and general aims of the Society. When we started to think where we might find some help, you were the first person to come to our minds. Could you take a few minutes of your valuable time to give us some advice? Would it be possible for us to have a copy of your constitution? Some of the other questions which come to mind would be as follows:

How often do you meet?

What procedure do you follow at your meetings?

Have you set up any general aims?

What pit-falls should we try to avoid?

A suggestion was made that various members might pursue researches according to their own interests along various lines, such as, land holding and tenure, houses, furniture, shipping, genealogies, industries. What would you think of that idea?

We are hopeful that, when we get organized, you may be able to visit us some evening.

Sincerely yours,

blew.

CWC:R.

Edith + I may be able to accept your invitation some time next month. L.

*E. H. Crowell,
Inspector of Schools,
Shelburne, N.S.*

February 5th, 1947

Dear Clem,

I'm very glad to know that Shelburne is to have a Historical Society, because the town and district have a very rich past, and much of the story has been lost for lack of some interested group to gather and preserve it.

Our society here was formed in the summer of 1929, with :-

President
5 vice-presidents
1 secretary-treasurer
5 trustees
1 librarian
3 membership committee
6 library committee

Most of the vice-presidents and also the membership of the Library Committee consisted of people in various parts of the town and county who had some interest in matters historical, whose names were important in their communities. The board of trustees were appointed in case we acquired property -- as in fact, after some years, we did.

From the above officers we chose a committee of three to bring in motions with regard to constitution and bye-laws. The result was simple:-

- (a) "That the purposes of this Society be to gather, preserve and disseminate data relating to the history of the County; to engage in research for folklore and tradition, and in the collection of ballads and sea-songs of long ago; to prepare a museum in which antique objects shall be preserved; to establish a historical library in which books, maps, old records and pictures shall be kept, and in due time to open a reading room for the public."
- (b) "That any persons ladies or gentlemen, resident or non-resident, may become members on application, with the approval of the Membership Committee; that the fee for Membership be One Dollar annually, Sustaining Membership Five Dollars annually, and Life Membership Ten Dollars."
- (c) "That there be a meeting on the first Thursday of each month from November to May, both months inclusive."
- (d) "That the constitution and bye-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present -- a preliminary notice of one month of the proposed change being given to all members through the public press."
- (e) "That seven members shall constitute a quorum at ordinary meetings, and ten members shall constitute a ~~xxx~~ quorum at annual meetings."

We usually hold our "annual meeting" actually on the evening of the first or second monthly meeting after the New Year, in order to elect officers for the calendar year. When the late W.F. Kempton was president the meetings were conducted in great state and with all punctilio; but whenever I found myself presiding I made the affair as informal as I possibly could, trying to create the atmosphere of a friendly group who had come together on matters of mutual interest, and with little time to waste on frills. Thus I open a meeting simply by tapping on the table, at which I sit with the secretary-treasurer, and announcing, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is a meeting of the Queens County Historical Society. We shall first hear the minutes of the previous meeting" -- and so on. The secretary-treasurer, having looked after the notice of the meeting (an advertisement in the Advance on the week before, and another in the week concurrent with the meeting) provides me with an agenda. A typical one:-

1. Minutes of the previous meeting, and motion of approval.
2. Report of the treasurer, including current bills, which are approved by vote.
3. Reports of committees. (You will notice that in our original set-up no provision was made for a Programme Committee, it being thought that the president could arrange to have papers read. But we found a Programme Committee necessary -- it consists of three members. Their report follows those of the Secretary-Treasurer, the trustees or Property Committee, the Library Committee and any other committees which may have been set up for particular purposes -- such as our Old Cemetery committee, which looks after the fence and general care of the original town burial ground. Thus the Programme Committee report really introduces the speaker of the evening, after all business has been cleared away.
4. The address or paper of the evening.
5. Motion of thanks to the speaker.
6. The question, "Is there any further business or matter for discussion before we adjourn?"
7. Motion to adjourn.

The chief pitfall to avoid is letting the meeting drag on to a great length, so that people become bored. I try to dispose of the business as quickly as possible, so that we can sit back and enjoy the speaker. And the address or paper should not be too long -- if the paper is very long it should be spread over two evenings. We meet at 8 p.m., and the ideal length permits us to adjourn not later than 9.30.

The eternal difficulty is to get interesting speakers and papers, but by diligence and persuasion it is surprising what a number of people you can get -- men or women who have interested themselves in some phase of local history, or in antiquarian research for their own amusement.

Here are some subjects that occur to me:-

1. The Indians. There were Indians in considerable numbers in the vicinity of Shelburne in very early times. The sites of their summer camps may be found in shell-heaps along the coast, of their winter camps in places up the Roseway River. Relics such as arrowheads, pottery fragments and stone tools must have been found at various times.
2. The site of the McNutt settlement at False Passage. Very little is known about it historically but there must be considerable tradition remaining, and the sites of buildings, etc.
3. Data on "The Barracks". How big were the buildings? What shape? Apparent type of construction? How was this military area laid out? (I was shown foundations of the commandant's house, and his well, for instance, and the trace of what had been a good road running down to the shore opposite Shelburne town.)
4. Has anybody conducted research in the old cellars which still exist in the bush behind the town? Many relics of the hey-day of the Loyalists must have been found, or are lying there waiting to be found.
5. (And this is the big one.) Family traditions and relics passed down from the loyalist days. I suggest that the story of Shelburne as told in the Collections of the Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, Historical Societies, be read to members, and discussed with a view to errors or omissions or better interpretations.
6. The old Annapolis road, cut through the woods from Shelburne in 1784 and used by military parties and probably others. (Mersey Paper Company timber cruisers found traces of a small settlement on this road, in the vicinity of Wainright Lake.) There must be a good deal of tradition surviving about this road. One, related to me by the late Tom White, said that when the last small garrison was withdrawn from Shelburne in the 1790's, the troops were transferred to Annapolis and marched there by the forest road.
7. The story of Birchtown. What became of all the negroes?--most of them refused to go to Sierra Leone, but where did they go?
8. The story of the Welsh settlement on the Roseway River.
9. Since your organisation will be presumably County, the stories of Lockeport, Sable River, Jordan, Port Clyde, Barrington, etc. The origin of place names is always interesting -- The Hawk, Port Saxon, Bloody Creek on Clyde River, Church Over, Ohio, etc.

Well, these are suggestions; many others will occur to you and your members. I'll be glad and interested to visit your group some time when the road is fit. All good wishes,

Clement M. Crowell
Lake Annis, Harmonth County
Nova Scotia

July 8/68

Dear Tom & Edith:

Esther and I
enjoyed our day in Liverpool
with you very much and we are
looking forward to seeing Friday
afternoon August second. We'll
hope for some lovely sunny day.

Our Bill is at present at Summer
School in Buffalo working toward
an M.A. in Art. He is doing a
thesis on Canadian Art and wishes
to get in touch with Jack Gray.
Would you know Jack's present
office address at the present
time? If you could send it to me
I would forward a letter to him I
have here.

Sincerely,
Clem.

Clement W. Crowell
Lake Annis, Yarmouth County
Nova Scotia

July 9/68

Dear Tom:

I woke up in the middle of the night and remembered that Friday August 23rd is the night of our Yarmouth County Historical meeting. Not only that but I am in charge of the program. I had agreed to look after the program for the next meeting but had to go for a meeting in Halifax as I really ~~had~~^{very} have to attend the next meeting.

Would you be willing to talk for a short time about Brudeney. That subject would be of interest in Yarmouth and you must know it as well it would not require much preparation. I have promised to say something about S. J. Murphy who is giving us the money for the museum. That would make up the program.

If you have any other subject you could talk on more easily, that would be ok. The Yarmouth people would

be delighted to hear you on any subject.

Because of this change in plan we would ask you to meet us at Harris' Seafood restaurant in Hebron at 5.30. You would be our guests for a leisurely meal there and we would go down to the museum about 7.30. If you will agree to this, the Historical Society members will, I am sure, be charmed to meet you and Edith, & shall be greatly pleased and everyone will be happy. How about it?

Next week I am going back to Halifax and will spend most of the week in the Education's Office getting my Health Guide ready for printing so it can be typed out this fall. ^{will, to coin a phrase,} Hoping to hear from you soon,
I am, yours truly, Wm.

Winterlude

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2926 51st Street South
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Jan 27/70

Dear Tom:

Before I left Yarmouth last fall the chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Yarmouth County Historical Society asked me to ask you if you would speak to the society this year. I told him you had been very good to the society by speaking on two previous occasions. He replied that you were the most popular speaker the society had had and they would certainly love to have you again.

My proposal is that you speak to the society on Friday June 5th on the subject of the Port Maitland settlement by Tashiro's

whether or not you can give the talk to the Society
we would like you and Edith to spend the week-end
with us.

Langue. This would not take
much preparation on your part and
it can be tied in with our historical
program because — if I am not
mistaken — Yarmouth was part
of Queens County until 1784.

If you can do this, I would suggest
that you and Edith come down
Friday afternoon and have dinner
with us in Yarmouth, then we would
like you to spend the week-end
with us in Lake Annie. Bring
your old clothes so we can go out
and troll in the lake for a big
trout and we now have a 4 hole
par three golf course where we could
do a few rounds. All you would
need for that would be a "5", "9"
and putter.

I have just finished a boat with
the 'fli' hog as I should not be

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in the hospital again this
June.

I finished up my work for Dept.
of Education and Health last summer.
It is in the form of a "Guide" for
elementary school teachers and the
school nurses may use it some
for reference. I think the Dept. of Health
was more interested in the project
than the Dept. of Education. By the
time I finished it, I could see many
ways to improve it. I am hoping
it will be improved year after
year as it is used.

after a spell of cold weather
down here there appears to
be a warming trend. The last
few days have been in the

middle seventies. We have taken
up the game of shuffleboard the
year. I used to rather look at
the game with some disdain
as a golfer — but we find
it rather fun. Eight of us
Mrs. Astoria joined the club
here at the same time and we
play together as a couple. I
have not been playing as much
yet but may play a little more
later.

I think I may continue with
some kind of writing for a couple
of hours in the morning. I got
accustomed to that routine with
the health and feel rather lost
without some project in hand.
Hope you and Edith come through
the winter in good shape.
Best regards to you both
from Ethel and Clem.

C. W. Crowell
2926 51st St. South
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U.S.A.

February 14, 1970

Dear Clem:

It was good to hear from you and to know that you and Esther are well and happy. Like you, Edith and I had a session with 'flu in the latter half of January, otherwise we are enjoying life as usual.

So far this winter we have had very little snow, and I have been able to play golf at White Point a number of times in December, January, and the first six days of February, as the snow came and went. The February games were played in sunshine and calm air, so that we didn't have to bundle up too much, and it was quaint to be playing along No. 7 fairway, on bare grass, when just a few yards to the right a bunch of young fellows, in full hockey kit, were playing on the ice of the lake. Even now we have barely half an inch of snow, but the temperature has got down to 10 above zero, with a northwest wind, so I'm content to stay indoors.

Now about your invitation. Edith and I will be happy to spend the weekend June 5-7 with you and Esther, coming down to Yarmouth on Friday afternoon, and leaving Sunday afternoon. And I can deliver my paper on Tarleton's Legion to the Historical Society on Friday evening, as you suggest. Until 1784 the present counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth were part of Queens County, so the subject is relevant, and it's quite possible that some of Tarleton's people may have moved into what is now Yarmouth County after the swift decline of the large settlements at Shelburne and Port Mouton.

I'm now at an age when the National Library at Ottawa, the Provincial Archives at Halifax, and some universities are asking me to donate or bequeath all my papers, manuscripts, diaries, etc. I haven't made up my mind, and in the meantime I'm wading through my letter files of 42 years (my first short story was published in 1928) and slowly compiling some sort of autobiography from the letters and diaries, to go along with the papers as a summary. All of which is a chore that must be done before I can contemplate anything else. No more novels or short stories, but there are some matters of history that I'd like to research.

All good wishes,

May 27, 1970

Dear Clem and Esther:

I am afraid our plans for a weekend at Lake Annis must be cancelled, owing to a sudden complication in Edith's health. Several months ago she began to complain of pains in her arms and legs, and our doctor has been treating her for arthritis. Two weeks ago she began to suffer blurred vision, and this developed rapidly into an almost complete blindness in one eye.

I took her to a specialist at Halifax, and he drew me aside and said E. had an inflamed artery in one eye, which could be a circulatory ailment, but might be a symptom of brain tumour. Further inspection by a neuro-specialist gave a hope that it might be just a circulatory thing due to old age. He recommended some sort of pills, and told me to bring her back to Halifax for further tests on May 29th. Our own physician here told E. to take along night clothes etc. in case the specialists decided to put her in the V.G. hospital for a time.

Her vision has cleared up somewhat, and we are in hopes that it is something that can be treated. But she has great difficulty in sleeping, despite a prescription for Seconal.

All this makes our contemplated visit to Lake Annis quite impossible, as you will readily understand.

I shall drive to Yarmouth on the afternoon of Friday, June fifth, and put up at the Grand Hotel, returning to Liverpool the first thing in the morning.

With our regards and regrets,

Sincerely,

Clement W. Crowell

CLEMENT W CROWELL

h, Nova Scotia

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Answered by
handwritten letter
Sep 8/79

Sept 1st '79

Dear Tom: I am sending you under separate cover a book just published for me by N.S. Museum. It has been a long road since I started the project but finally finished. I became sick about three years ago and have been in and out of the hospital ever since. It took a long while to find the trouble. They finally operated on gall bladder, kidney and prostate. I now take pills which seem to have arrested any else for time being. However my head isn't much good. I finish the manuscript just in time and it was in the vault of museum for almost two years.

It's the story of the ship N. B. Lewis managed and partly owned by Esther's grandfather and great uncle. There is so much about

the local conditions in Farmouth
that the big publishers wouldn't
publish it. It was a long story
I won't go into. You can
realize it with your own experience.
I did it for the record and
for research purposes of the
sailing area as it was ending.

I hope you will enjoy it,
or at least find some interest
in it.

With best regards,
Tom.

P.S. Hope your attention is not
too ~~blurred~~ blurred
L,

Nov. 21/79.

Dear Tom:- Bill's wife - Fran
says that she had written
a note to you but I want
to say a few words.

I want you to know
that Gem was especially
pleased and proud to have
you say that "Nova Scotian"
was a worthwhile work,
and it was the first letter
of its kind to arrive so had
first place in a book which
he started.

There should be many
stories like "Nova Scotian"
out of the old-time part of
Yarmouth but the material
is not to be found or too
many with the ability to

price things to gether as
Clem did.

Clem's end came sudden-
ly. We had had a fairly
normal day - a well walk-
a spot of tea at 3.30 p.m. and
then the paper. I had left
him to prepare supper when
he called me and I shortly
realized that he was very
sick. The doctor came quickly
but Clem had slipped away.

In my sensible moments I
think perhaps mercifully, but
I shall miss him for he was
a nice - nice person to live with.

I am in a cosy apartment
in the back of Bill's big farm-
house in Post Maitland for
the winter - then back to the
lake, and I shall manage.
Thanks I am for your nice
letters. Sincerely.

E. K. H.