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PARRY SOUND GENERAL HOSPITAL,
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Dear Tom:

I must apologize for the fact that it has taken a fractured hip bone and a few weeks flat on my back in the hospital to introduce me to your Pied Piper of Dipper Creek, and other stories. As a matter of fact it was Isabel who did the introduction. In order to find me something with which to while away the time she, not very hopefully, investigated the possibilities of the local library and came up with this book.

The book as a whole appeals to me first because although the stories might be termed "regional" they are all thoroughly Canadian. "Roderick John Little-Sandy MacDonald" may not be recognised by some who hail from the land of the heather, but to me, (a British Columbian) he is as Canadian as W.O. Mitchell's Jake Trumper. I am sure Conrad would have been flattered had someone mistaken him for the author of "The Road to Fortune". And I particularly like "North" and think it should be in the school books of every province.

Fortunately Parry Sound is only sixteen miles from our cottage at Sans Souci, on one of Georgian Bay's famed 30,000 Islands. Isabel and the children can come to see me frequently which allows Isabel a chance to help me with correspondence which otherwise would have to wait till the bones were more nearly mended.

Isabel tells me that the library has several other Raddal books that we have not read and will exchange the Pied Piper today. Or rather get another book while she takes this one to the cottage to read herself!

Sincerely yours,

I. LeBourdais

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