

Mrs. B. D. L. Johnson
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Friday, August 4, 1972

Dear Mr. Raddall:

We have been enjoying about
three weeks of fine weather - so
much so, that I've been able to
catch up on long promised read-
ing: and I've just finished Roger
Sudden - I enjoyed it very much
& it has brought to mind the
thought - has a book ever been
written about the Barons of
Nova Scotia?

When we were in Scotland last July we visited Craignevan Castle and as you probably know "Willie the Merchant" was succeeded by his son, also William, who in 1630 was created by Charles I a Baronet of Nova Scotia. This is taken out of the booklet on Craignevan Castle.

Years ago the Forbess home in Liverpool was called Craignevan. I have seen pictures & have heard of it's glory -

Recently Elsa Forbess sent to Jan Holden an account & papers

pertaining to the Forbes family,
possibly you have seen these as I
understand they were turned over
to the Historical Society -

During our all too brief visit
in N.S. last year we stopped off
at Chester Basin & had a very
pleasant visit with R/Adm. &
Mrs. Hugh Pullen - while there
the discussion came up about
the Barons of Nova Scotia & we
were told that the Lieut. Governor
Victor de B. Oland had a dinner
in London for the Barons of
N.S. do you know anything
of this?

One of the interesting highlights
of the Sea Festival here in July
was that the Hudson's Bay
replica ketch *housuch* was
very much an active participant.
I am enclosing a programme
of events. Barney & I kept the
office going during January to
April, when paid staff took
over; it was a most interesting
experience —

Barney joins me in sending
regards to you & your wife.

Sincerely,

Janie Johnson

August 11, 1972

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you for your interesting letter of August fourth.

The Baronets of Nova Scotia did not come within the scope of my own historical researches because, as you know, they were a "paper" order, and had no actual effect on the province itself.

I did not know that the Forbes house on Park Street here was called "Craigievar". I have a photograph of it, and years ago while going over some old copies of the Advance I read a description of the house at the time it was built. Nothing now remains of the beautiful grounds and trees and shrubs except a lone red hawthorn at a corner of the tennis court.

I have been told that the house was destroyed by fire during the first world war, but have no exact date. Someone suggested 1917.

If so, the house existed just about twenty years. It was certainly the "show place" of Liverpool in its day.

I used to think Park Street got its name from the Forbes house and grounds, with their gardens and shrubs. It was certainly the first house on the street, which up to that time had been merely a lane through the pastures between Church and Waterloo streets. However I found in one of the old Advance copies an advertisement of building lots for sale on "Park Street" some years before the building of the Forbes house.

With best wishes to yourself
and Barney,

Sincerely,

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