

Answer 4/20/90

8 Gormley Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.,
September 27th.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

More than a year ago I read a story of yours in Blackwood's Magazine that delighted me. I have enjoyed many more of your stories, since, in Blackwood's, "The Pied Piper of Dipper Creek", Maclean's and the Saturday Evening Post. I have always wanted to tell you how much pleasure your writing has given me and have begun several letters to you. It was coming upon one of these letters to-day in tidying papers that has determined me to write a letter and actually post it.

Besides telling you of my appreciation of your writing, I want to make a suggestion. There is a great dearth of interesting historical writing about Canada. There has been such extensive writing on American history and historical background recently by American writers that I feel their interest may soon extend to Canada. Of course there have been colloquial books of travel in Canada by Americans lately. The book that I feel should be written

is one on the St. Lawrence River, and it would seem more suitable that it should be written by a Canadian or Britisher. How about your doing it? Not doing it from a patriotic motive ~~but~~ because I should think the subject of engrossing interest. I am not really expecting you to be interested in the idea, or even to have the time to do it. I feel so enthusiastic on the subject of such a book and the time seems so opportune on account of the increased interest in Canada by both the United States and Britain, I had to write of it.

Anyway, thank you for the pleasure your stories have given me.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Patton

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