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Dear Mr Raddall:-

It was most awfully kind of you to write to me. I appreciate it greatly. I agree that the little cannon and the cutlass post-date Cabot by many, many years!

As soon as I got home I wrote to Mr Baldwin at Baddeck as he had been my original informant, and we had a telephone conversation and he also wrote to me. I will retail relevant bits from either one or the other communication. First, he has studied the Cabot question and while he admits that the Cabot records are too sketchy to be able to say definitely his actual landfall he considers that Cape Breton wins out over Newfoundland, basing this belief largely on S.E. Dawson's 'The St. Lawrence Basin'. When Professor Sam. Morrison was in these parts he was an advocate for Nfld. so Casey Baldwin lent him Dawson's book and he returned it with a letter saying it had quite convinced him that Cape Breton was the landfall. *(from Dingwall to Pleasant Bay)*

Now about the tablets...the Trail was opened on Oct. 15th, 1932, by Premier Harrington and Mr Black, and about this time there was an exchange of plaques between the N.S. government and Bristol. To quote... 'Our plaque was a straight record of the opening and recorded that the road was built by the Dept. of Highways under Harrington and Black [Note: this is the one Prof Harvey meant when he asked if I wasn't getting mixed up with the 'local' pro-

duction] 'The other plaque was sent with the compliments of the town of Bristol in return for the one sent by the Government of N.S. I have not seen either of these plaques...I tried many times to get information about them from MacMillan when he was Minister of Highways but he made one excuse after the other and finally gave the excuse that there was considerable doubt that Cabot had landed in Cape Breton...J.M.Campbell M.P.P. for Victoria assures me that he has recently seen it in the local office, [that sounds as if it was some where in Victoria Co], and he has undertaken to find out about it as soon as possible.'

I had suggested writing to the present Mayor of Bristol to ask to have the matter looked up. Casey thought this was quite a good idea so I wrote a letter which I have sent to him, (Casey), to see if he thinks it is all right. So the matter rests, for the present.

I made a great mistake bringing the matter up when I knew so little about it, (but I had no idea that Harvey would mind so much), and also I was very much at fault in saying that it was not put up because of Harrington's and Black's names being on it...the thought of that depressed me for a long time after!

However, I think we...if I may say 'we'...will have a nice little case by next meeting, but, now, knowing how Prof. Harvey feels about it I will watch my step and try not to make a 'fuss'.

I got a letter from an English friend the other day...she had just read your 'H.M's Yankees' and found it most interesting...

I am going to send her 'Roger Sudden', *I thank you again for your letter.*

Very sincerely yours, *Katharine McLeana*