

PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE

CHARLOTTETOWN
Prince Edward Island

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

December 14, 1951.

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Raddall:

Prince of Wales College sponsors the "Samuel N. Robertson Memorial Lecture" which is given annually in memory of a former principal of the College, and which is delivered by a distinguished speaker from outside the Province. We have been considering the question of a speaker for the 1952 lecture which will be given in the spring and it was with much pleasure that we agreed on extending the invitation to you. I know the College would be much honored if you would consent to be our guest on this occasion and deliver the Robertson address.

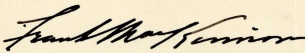
The topic of the lecture would be entirely up to you. It could be on some aspect of history, literature, public affairs or education which would be of interest to both the scholar and the private citizen. The lecture is subsequently published by the Dalhousie Review and reprints are made for distribution. Last year's speaker was Monseigneur Ferdinand Vandry, Rector of Laval University, and our guest the year before was Dr. A.E. Kerr, President of Dalhousie.

The date of the lecture will be entirely at your convenience. The best time for us would be during the period February 15 to March 15. We would pay the travelling expenses of the trip, and we would like to have the honor of your company as a guest of the College while you are here.

Dr. Robertson, for whom the lecture is named, was one of the Maritimes' most distinguished educationalists. He was widely respected and the lectureship was planned as a fitting tribute to him as well as a means of bringing distinguished Canadians to the College and to Charlottetown.

I do hope you will be able to come. I recall with much pleasure meeting you when you addressed the historical society at Acadia University a year or so ago, and I know that your visit would be appreciated and enjoyed.

Yours sincerely,



Frank MacKinnon,
Principal.

December 18th, 1951

Dear Doctor MacKinnon,

I am honoured indeed by your invitation to give the Samuel N. Robertson Memorial Lecture, and were it possible I should be very happy to accept. Unfortunately the return trip at that season of the year would take me away from my work for five days at least, just at a time when I must concentrate every thought and moment upon my new book if it is to meet the publishers' deadline. The book is far behind the working schedule and I am driving myself mercilessly to catch up by Spring.

Under these circumstances I am afraid that I must forego the honour of giving the address to Prince of Wales College, as well as the pleasure of meeting you again, and of renewing my acquaintance with Charlottetown, which I have not seen for ten years. My wife and I have very happy memories of our tour of the Island in 1941, when we promised ourselves to return soon; but that, like many other pleasures, has been forbidden so far by the peculiar demands of my work.

With regrets, and with every good wish for the Christmas season and the New Year,

Sincerely,

Doctor Frank MacKinnon,
Prince of Wales College,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE
CHARLOTTETOWN
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

December 8, 1953.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Just a personal note
to ask you if you would be
receptive to an invitation to
deliver the Robertson Lecture this
year. We would like very much
to have you, and now that the
book is finished (rejoyed at thorough)
I thought you might be in a
position to come. Any time from
mid-January to mid-April
would suit us.

Yours sincerely
Frank MacKinnon

December 12th, 1953

Dear Doctor MacKinnon,

It is very good of you to think of me again in connection with the Robertson Lecture. I shall be happy to deliver it any day in March, and if you will set a date best suited to the College I can mark it down and make my own schedule conform.

How long should I speak? I don't believe in very long lectures, myself, but I should like to do whatever is customary.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank MacKinnon,
Prince of Wales College,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

December 18, 1953.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Dr. Raddall:

I was delighted to hear from you and to learn that you will deliver the Robertson Lecture in March. We look forward to having you.

As I mentioned in my letter to you last year the subject and length of the address are entirely up to you. Anything you wish to speak on will be acceptable to us. The lecture is a public occasion and it will be attended by both educational people and the general public. Last year's speaker was Dr. R.C. Wallace of Queen's, whose address you will find in the spring, 1953, issue of the Dalhousie Review.

I would suggest Tuesday, March 16. Will this be convenient for you? We would like you to come over the day before because (a) the travelling is uncertain that time of year and (b) there will be a dinner party in your honour before the lecture.

I shall be writing you again and letting you know of the arrangements for your visit.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for the holiday season,

Yours sincerely,



Frank MacKinnon,
Principal.

December 24th, 1953

Dear Doctor MacKinnon,

Thanks for your letter of the eighteenth. Tuesday, March 16th., shall be the day, and I shall plan to arrive in Charlottetown on the 15th, as you suggest. Air travel being subject to weather, and weather uncertain in March, I think I had better come by train and boat. The subject of my address will be "The Literary Art", and I propose to speak exactly half an hour. The dinner party beforehand sounds delightful and I do hope it will be informal, as I detest formal clothes and in fact never wear them.

With every good wish for Yuletide.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank MacKinnon,
Prince of Wales College,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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CHARLOTTETOWN
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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

March 5, 1954

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Dr. Raddall:

This is just a note to tell you that all the arrangements have been made for the lecture on the 16th. I understand that you will be arriving by train on the 15th. If so, I shall meet you at the station. Many people have expressed their interest in your visit, and I am sure you will have an appreciative audience.

Both newspapers have requested the text of the address for publication the following day, and I wondered if you could have two copies ready for them.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Frank MacKinnon,
Principal.

*Train leaves Hfx about
8:15 a.m. & arrives in
Charlottetown about 6:20 p.m.*

March 9th, 1954

Dear Doctor MacKinnon,

Thanks for your note of the fifth. I shall arrive on Monday the 15th by train, and I understand it arrives in Charlottetown shortly after six o'clock in the evening. I shall bring two copies of my address as you suggest. I am looking forward to meeting you again and to seeing Charlottetown after thirteen years.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank MacKinnon,
Prince of Wales College,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

March 19th '54

Dear Doctor MacKinnon,

I enjoyed every moment of my stay in Charlottetown and I think I have never met so many pleasant and interesting people in so short a time. The dinner at your house was delightful and so was the reception at the College, and I felt that I had a most receptive audience.

I find that my expenses amounted to \$53.90. I obtained a copy of the Guardian, with its very nice editorial comment, and I hope you will send me a copy of the afternoon paper. If you and Mrs. MacKinnon ever venture to the South Shore of Nova Scotia, do come and see us.

With thanks for such kindness and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank MacKinnon,
Prince of Wales College,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE

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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

March 30, 1954

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Dr. Raddall:

I am enclosing herewith our check for \$53.90 to cover your expenses with respect to the Robertson Lecture.

I must say again how very much we all appreciated your visit and enjoyed your lecture. As you have noted from the Guardian and from the Patriot which I have sent you, the address was published in full. I have heard many favourable comments from those present and from those who read the address.

I am very happy to thank you most sincerely on behalf of the College for your kindness in coming.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Frank MacKinnon,
Principal.