

Royal Military College
Kingston, Ont.
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N.S.

Dear Mr. Raddall:-

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy your stories, and how I always look for two names when my copy of Blackwood's arrives; yours and Weston Martyr's.

I think "A Harp Among the Willows" is the best Canadian short story I have ever read, and I wish we had someone ~~xx~~ in this part of the country to awaken pride in the Ontario Loyalists as you are doing in Nova Scotia. Now that you are writing for MacLean's, many more Canadians will become familiar with your stories, for comparatively few Canadians (at least in this part of the country) see Blackwoods.

Should you find time to answer this letter (not that I am asking it for you are no doubt a very busy man) I should be very glad if you would tell me whether the remnants of Tarleton's Legion did really come to Canada. When I was a small boy my old grandmother took me down to South Carolina two or three winters, and I heard quite a lot about Tarleton's Legion - from the other side. I was therefore particularly interested in the story. A namesake (though not a relation of mine) Lt. Commander J.M. Grant who is now instructing officers of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve here told me that he thought he could identify Oldport as Liverpool. As he is a son of a former lieutenant-governor of N.S. he was very much interested in ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Sumter Larrabee.

Again thanking you for several very happy half-hours, I remain

Yours very truly,

J. M. Grant
(L.F. Grant). Lt Col.

P.S. At the moment this place is a melting-pot for Canadians. A few days ago I had soldiers in my house from as far west as Victoria and as far east as Sydney. I managed to get up a fine argument between the Maritimers and the British Columbians as to what part of Canada is really entitled to be called THE Island, P.E.I. or Vancouver I. The westerners finally won - but only because there were more of them.

Answered June 4th.