

January 2nd, 1957

Dear George,

Edith will be writing to thank you herself for the very lovely plant, which arrived in perfect shape and delighted both of us, and to add her good wishes to mine for the good health and happiness of Lily and yourself in 1957.

I spent most of the holiday season working on the final chapters of my history volume but I took time out to enjoy the feasts and the company of our son and daughter, who came home to enjoy them with us.

I expect ~~to~~ to send Tom Costain the manuscript of the history on or about January 15th. This brings up the matter of writing plans for the year. I have in mind your suggestion of a historical novel as my next book for Doubleday. I am strongly attracted to the subject of Frances Wentworth, the beautiful American girl who married her cousin John Wentworth, governor of New Hampshire before the American Revolution. They built a large estate in the forest and lived a luxurious and romantic life there until the Revolution. Wentworth, although popular with the people, chose the Tory side in the war and fled with Frances to Halifax. Both were ambitious and the lady wasn't averse to using her charms to get promotion for her husband. Her famous and most useful lover was wild Prince William (long afterwards King William the Fourth) who was a captain in the British navy on the Halifax station. Through him and others Frances got the governorship of Nova Scotia and a title for John, led the giddy society of Halifax in the days when Prince William's brother Edward was living there with Julie de Montgenet de Saint Laurent, and in general kept her good looks and talents in use until she was well on into the fifties. A colonial Ninon de Lenclos and a fascinating subject.

Now here is another matter which does not directly concern Doubleday but which I feel I should mention lest there be any misunderstanding. Many years ago I wrote (and issued in a private and limited edition) a small book giving the history of a Nova Scotia privateer called the "Rover" during the Napoleonic wars. It was a crude job, my first attempt at anything beyond a few short stories, and it has interested a few collectors of Canadiana simply because it happened to be scarce. In the summer of 1954 I addressed a national convention of the Canadian Library Association, and while there John Gray of MacMillan asked me if I would consider enlarging the "Rover" book and letting his company have it for publication. I said I would but that I was too busy to do anything about it at the time.

Gray has now brought up the matter again, and as I shall have finished my history volume in two more weeks or so I see no reason why I shouldn't polish up my little "Rover" book for them before going on to write my next novel for Doubleday. It wouldn't take more than a month. They want to include the book in their "Great Stories of Canada" series and they are prepared to pay for it in cash outright instead of royalties if I prefer. As it's a one-book affair I might as well take the cash.

Let me know soon what you think of all this.

Sincerely,

Mr. George E. Nelson

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

January 9th, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

It was very pleasant talking to you on the telephone last night, and to have your assurance that Tom Costain will have very nearly all the manuscript for your volume of the Canadian History in a few days.

I am taking the liberty of lifting the outline of your projected new novel and forwarding it to George Shively, who is now and will be responsible for all future volumes in the Canadian History. He will also be your contact editor for any new novels. I know that Tom Costain has a great personal regard for George Shively's ability as an editor and also as a friend, and you may rest assured that you are and will be in very competent hands at headquarters.

I wish to confirm by letter that your suggestion to re-issue the title "ROVER" with Macmillan's does not concern us, nor worry us, in view of the fact that it will only be a revising job for you and will take a very short period.

I do hope that you will give serious consideration to my suggestion that you visit our principals in New York, as I am sure it would be most helpful to us and of benefit to them. When it gets closer to the time that you plan on going I would be happy to make a few suggestions for both you and Edith that would, I am sure, give you both some pleasure.

We will require a new photograph of you for use both on the History volume and for publicity purposes, and if I may be forgiven for saying it, I would suggest that you have a full face photograph taken, as the profile on THE WINGS OF NIGHT does not do you justice.

My affectionate best to you both.

George E. Nelson

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

cc: Mr. Thomas B. Costain
Mr. George Shively

CERTIFICATE OF POST OFFICE REGISTRATION

This receipt is necessary if enquiry is desired

DATE

No. 216



Postmaster

FEE if more than 20c.

Against LOSS ONLY

c.

STAMP

MAXIMUM INDEMNITY PAYABLE

CANADA—20c. fee \$25; 30c. fee \$50; 35c. fee \$75;
40c. fee \$100; for loss, rifling or damage.

GREAT BRITAIN—\$8.17 for loss or rifling.

UNITED STATES—\$25.00 for loss only.

OTHER COUNTRIES—Information may be obtained
at the Post Office.

CERTIFICATE OF POST OFFICE REGISTRATION

This receipt is necessary if any article is lost.

m/s to

DATE

POSTMASTER

George Nelson



POSTAGE PAID ONLY

Jan 28/57

MAXIMUM INDEMNITY PAYABLE

CANADA—\$5.00 for loss; \$10.00 for loss or damage; \$25.00 for loss, theft or damage.

GREAT BRITAIN—\$2.17 for loss or filing.

UNITED STATES—\$25.00 for loss only.

OTHER COUNTRIES—information may be obtained at the Post Office.

CERTIFICATE OF POST OFFICE REGISTRATION

This receipt is necessary if enquiry is desired



STAMP

No.

Postmaster

FEE if more
than 20c.

c.

Against LOSS ONLY

MAXIMUM INDEMNITY PAYABLE

CANADA—20c. fee \$25; 30c. fee \$50; 35c. fee \$75;
40c. fee \$100; for loss, rifling or damage.

GREAT BRITAIN—\$8.17 for loss or rifling.

UNITED STATES—\$25.00 for loss only.

OTHER COUNTRIES—Information may be obtained
at the Post Office.

CERTIFICATE OF POST OFFICE REGISTRATION

This receipt is necessary if postage is desired

Chapter headings
& index to

George Nelson



MAXIMUM INDEXABLE PAYABLE

CANADA—25¢; U.S. 50¢; FOREIGN—50¢; 10¢ for postage
on 10¢ stamps; 10¢ for 10¢ stamps; 10¢ for 10¢ stamps

GREAT BRITAIN—25.17 for 10¢ or 10¢

UNITED STATES—15.00 for 10¢ only

OTHER COUNTRIES—Information may be obtained
at the Post Office

Jan 28/57

200-0001 2000-12-4-72

January 25/57

Dear George,

I sent off to you today a complete carbon copy of my volume of the history. I have put the title THE PATH TO DESTINY on it and I think it a good one but naturally that matter is one I haven't discussed yet with Tom Costain or George Shively.

I presume you will want to send the M/S along to Ralph Allen of Maclean's right away, so he can decide how much, if any, he wants to use in his magazine. After sending off the M/S I realized that Allen would probably find the chapter headings and index useful in reading ~~xxx~~ it, and I enclose a set of them.

In a letter to me asking advice about the volume he is doing Allen asked also for an early view of my M/S, and if I remember rightly he had approached you on the subject also. As I mentioned in a previous letter, Maclean's ran some pretty extensive excerpts from Bruce Hutchinson's "The Struggle for the Border", which dealt in a slapdash fashion with much of the matter covered in my book; hence I don't think Allen will wish to use a great deal of mine. However, that remains to be seen. I can certainly use the money.

You getting any winter up your way? We had a rugged January up till about the 20th, and then a kind of chinook blew in from somewhere and melted all the snow and ice -- I even thought of playing a game of golf.

Cheero,

Mr. George Nelson.

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

March 21st, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for \$450.00, which is payment from Maclean's Magazine for the use of up to 5000 words of your manuscript, which we submitted to them some time ago.

I had hoped that they would use more. In fact my feeling was that it might run to 30,000 or 40,000 words, but I was not going to allow them to use more than that because it would hurt the sale of the book rather than help. However, in view of their decision to publicize the actual book at the time they run this one section I think it has worked our satisfactorily, and we at least have received a token payment.

As you will see from the copy enclosed, Ralph is extremely enthusiastic about the splendid job you have done, and on his recommendation we have started our subsidiary department in New York attempting to have some further material used in either Atlantic Monthly or Harper's. We shall advise you further in this connection as soon as we hear.

No doubt it came as a great shock to you to hear of the sudden death of Joe Rutledge. It so happened that Lily and I were spending a few days with Tom and Ida Costain at the time, and the news was extremely upsetting to Tom.

I would like to pass along to you the high praise that has started in the New York office for PATH OF DESTINY from both Tom Costain and George Shively. You have a fine editor for your contact in New York now, and his judgement is respected by the whole editorial department.

My best regards to both Edith and yourself.

Sincerely,

George

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb
encl

March 23rd, 1957

Dear George,

Thanks for your letter and the cheque, which is useful at this moment. I wasn't surprised that Maclean's decided to run such a small part of my book, for as I mentioned before they had used a good deal of Bruce Hutchinson's "Struggle for the Border", which covered the same period.

Some months ago Cyril Robinson of Weekend Magazine, Montreal, asked me if their editorial department could look over the manuscript of THE PATH OF DESTINY, as they might wish to run some of it. I told him that Maclean's had been promised first choice but that I saw no reason why Weekend shouldn't have a look at it when Maclean's had made their selection. What do you think of this? Maclean's are using only chapters 10 and 11. Would it be possible to get the rest of the manuscript from them and offer it to Weekend for a look-see? The only copy I have left here is a rather faint carbon and in any case I should keep it at hand for reference in correspondence with Tom Costain and George Shively.

I was shocked indeed to learn of Joe Rutledge's death. He was so hale and full of steam when I met him in Toronto that he seemed the sort of man who could live forever. However, as Tom remarks in a letter to me, it was a wonderful thing that he was able to close his career with an excellent work like his volume of the series.

Edith joins me in cheers to Lily and yourself.

Sincerely,

Mr. George E. Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Limited,
105 Bond Street,
Toronto 2, Canada.

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

March 26th, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall.
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

According to the agreement we have with Maclean's, the money that they have paid us is for the first serial rights on PATH OF DESTINY, and I know that they would not agree to another media here using part of the book. We also feel that if Week End agreed to use material from the book they would want to use more than we would be willing to release.

Our attempt to sell your material in the United States is an entirely different matter because Ralph Allen has already agreed with me that if we are able to secure a substantial sale for the first serial rights to any American magazine he would be willing to withdraw from the present contract we have signed. This approach appeals much more to us because the material used in the United States would have a limited distribution in this country, and would tend to help to sell the book, rather than mass coverage such as Week End, which now has a circulation of nearly a million and a half across Canada.

There is a possibility that some time in the future we would approach Week End for the sale of your book for second serial rights, but we would not be able to do that until at least two years after publication, as it is our intention to promote this title extensively through the book clubs here, after the immediate trade sale has been exhausted.

I trust that you agree with me in our thinking in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

March 29th, 1957

Dear George,

I see your point with regard to letting Week End have any part of THE PATH OF DESTINY. I didn't realise that Maclean's had exclusive rights, and in any case there is more to be lost than gained in a large use of the book by a magazine of Week End's circulation. So, let's forget it.

Cheero,

Mr. George Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,
105 Bond Street,
Toronto 2, Canada

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

April 2nd, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Maclean's are planning on considerable publication and pictorial spreads in their magazine in connection with their publication of the selection from PATH OF DESTINY, and we would like to have a new photograph of yourself for use in this regard.

If you will send us a photograph - full face rather than profile - we will have glossy prints made which we can also use for distribution with review copies and newspaper publicity when the book is published in September.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

April 8th, 1957

Hello George,

With regard to your letter of the second,
I'm arranging to have a new photograph taken and will
send you the result next week. Photographers tell me
I don't make such a good picture full face as in profile,
however I'll have it done full face as you wish.

Sincerely,

Mr. George E. Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,
105 Bond Street,
Toronto 2, Canada.

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

May 8th, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

The two photographs you sent arrived today, and I think they are magnificent, and prove that you are a much more handsome guy than that reproduction on the jacket of THE WINGS OF NIGHT.

I am sending the photograph of you wearing the Canadian Legion jacket down to New York for prints to made for newspaper and publicity use, and I trust that they will also use a reproduction on the jacket of PATH TO DESTINY.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

May 22nd, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I have just returned from a ten day conference in New York, and while sales conferences are already "old hat", this one has been most inspiring and exhilarating. Among the books presented was your PATH TO DESTINY, on which George Shively did a magnificent job, and for which they have prepared a special release to go out to different parts of the United States that are featured in the history you cover.

At a special meeting that was called between Ken McCormick, Lee Barker and Tom Costain I was invited to attend, and they have some splendid ideas on Canadian subjects that could be done, both in fiction and non-fiction, and I think it is extremely important that we make an opportunity for you to enter these discussions personally. I raised the point with Mr. McCormick, and he is very anxious to have an opportunity to talk to you personally, and he went so far as to state that the American Company would be willing to pay half your expenses in connection with a visit to New York. It was also proposed that I should attend this discussion, and I only urge you that it should be done as soon as convenient.

I have one or two commitments coming up in the next few weeks. It is necessary that I go to Winnipeg for the presentation of the Governor General's Award at the end of June, and it is presently proposed that one of the New York editors will be here early in June, which will necessitate my going to Montreal with him. Neither of these journeys will be for an extended time, and if you are disposed to consider a trip to New York I would recommend that it be done as early in the summer as convenient, because of the extreme heat and humidity that they suffer during the summer months.

Please let me know as soon as possible your decision in this important matter.

My best regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Nelson

George E. Nelson

Answered May 25, suggesting any time between June 3 and June 13. Pointed out that I've promised to entertain 25 or 30 N.S. authors & books here on June 15, but that I could cancel this at a pinch.

EXCLUSIVE CONNECTION WITH WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE

**CANADIAN NATIONAL****TELEGRAPHS**J. R. WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER
TORONTO

STANDARD TIME

HXAJ1017 15=FG TORONTO ONT MAY 28 1001A=
THOMAS H RADDALL=

MCCORMICH CONFIRMS DATE OF JUNE TENTH FOR CONFERENCE
PLEASE ADVISE IF MRS RADDALL IS COMING=

GEORGE E NELSON DOUBLEDAY CDA LTD=

1134A..

George Nelson,
Doubleday Canada Limited,
105 Bond Street, Toronto

June tenth will be fine stop I shall come alone

Sam Raddall

Note M. Russell will make reservations for me, return ticket, T.C.A.,
leaving Nfx 8 a.m. Sunday June 9 via Boston.

EXCLUSIVE CONNECTION WITH WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE



CANADIAN NATIONAL



TELEGRAPHS

J. R. WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER
TORONTO

STANDARD TIME

(52)=..

957 MAY 29 PM 4 59

HXAJ047 31=FG TORONTO ONT 29 328P=

THOMAS H RADDALL=

HAPPY THAT JUNE TENTH IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU STOP DO YOU
WISH US TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION IN NEW YORK AND IF SO
WE WILL REQUIRE YOUR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES=

GEORGE E NELSON DOUBLEDAY CDA LTD=

*Please ~~make~~ make hotel reservation stop
I shall fly via Boston arriving New York Sunday afternoon
June ninth leaving again June eleventh*

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

May 31st, 1957.

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We have reserved a single room
for you at the New Weston Hotel, Fiftieth
Street and Madison Avenue, from Sunday
afternoon, June 9th to Tuesday afternoon,
June 11th.

I shall plan on seeing you there
on your arrival, or shortly after.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George".

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

September 24th, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for returning the inscribed copies which we sent to you. I would like to tell you that I was very pleased with what you had to say to me, and Tom Costain was delighted with his inscribed copy.

The main reason for writing today is to offer our heartiest congratulations; I am sure you must be pleased with the general enthusiasm of the press and the reviewers in regard to THE PATH OF DESTINY. To say the least they are whole-heartedly laudatory in their approval, and we wish to add our felicitations for a splendid work. You may rest assured that we will beat every damned drum available to get the best sale we can between now and Christmas for you.

One thing that you may not know is that Doubleday, New York are just about to announce a Kenneth Roberts Memorial Award, which carries a nice little token offer of \$2500.00. As soon as the complete brochure is available we will send you a copy, which should be of interest to you.

I am particularly interested in hearing how you are progressing with your new novel. While we have had a preponderance of manuscripts submitted in the \$10,000.00 Novel Contest, we have not to the present found a great deal of merit, and it would be wonderful, although it might be too great a task, if by any chance you were able to submit the manuscript before the expiry date, which is April 1st next year. I wouldn't for one minute have you think that I was pressing you to meet this date, because I gathered from our visit together in June that you expect it will be well on to the end of next year before you complete the writing of the story as outlined to the boys then. It is extremely important to us that when the award is made we have a strong selection, which would not only increase the prestige and importance of this award, but would stimulate further interest in its continuance by our New York principals.

I have just returned from a week's vacation with Ida and Tom Costain, who are presently spending a month at Sherwood Inn on Lake Joseph, and on at least three occasions they mentioned that it would be wonderful if you and Edith could spend a holiday with them there. It now seems to have been pretty well established that they will spend each month of September in Northern Ontario, and while I realize that it would be impossible this year, you might keep this idea in the back of your mind

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,

Liverpool, N. S.

if it should fit in with your vacation plans, perhaps the six of us could spend some time up there next year. Certainly one of your staunchest admirers is Harry Draper, the owner of the Inn, who, without hesitation claims that you are the finest Canadian writer. That support alone would, I am sure, tend to make your visit enjoyable.

Lily and I send our affectionate best to you and Edith.

Yours sincerely,



George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

LIABILITY LIMITED TO \$50.00, OR 50 CENTS PER POUND (ACTUAL WEIGHT) FOR ANY SHIPMENT IN EXCESS OF 100 POUNDS, UNLESS HIGHER VALUE IS DECLARED BY SHIPPER AND INSERTED HEREIN, IN WHICH CASE AN EXTRA CHARGE IS MADE DEPENDING UPON VALUE DECLARED. NO EXTRA CHARGE IF VALUE DECLARED IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT STATED ABOVE.

THE POST OFFICE ACT GIVES THE POSTMASTER GENERAL THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF CONVEYANCE OF LETTERS WITHIN CANADA. THIS INCLUDES CIRCULARS, ETC., ENCLOSED IN ENVELOPES, SEALED, OR READY TO BE SEALED AT THE POINT OF DESTINATION.

HEAVY PENALTIES ARE IMPOSED FOR VIOLATION OF THE ACT.

THE COMPANY DOES NOT ACCEPT FOR TRANSPORTATION PACKAGES CONTAINING SUCH LETTERS OR CIRCULARS.



WHEN REMITTING, PURCHASE
CANADIAN NATIONAL EXPRESS
MONEY ORDERS AND FOREIGN CHEQUES
PAYABLE EVERYWHERE
PROMPT REFUND MADE IF LOST, STOLEN, OR DELAYED IN THE
MAILS. WHEN TRAVELLING, CARRY TRAVELLERS CHEQUES,
ISSUED BY CANADIAN NATIONAL EXPRESS.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY—EXPRESS DEPARTMENT

NOT NEGOTIABLE

OFFICE AT

Imperial

PROVINCE OF

Ont

DATE

Sept 14 19 50

RECEIVED OF

*T. H. Radball
1 ctm*

(HEREIN CALLED THE SHIPPER)

SAID TO CONTAIN

Books

VALUED AT

DOLLARS

ADDRESSED

*Mr. George Nelson
Doubtless Canada Ltd
105 Bland St, Toronto, Ont*

WHICH THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY—EXPRESS DEPARTMENT, HEREIN CALLED THE "COMPANY," AGREES TO CARRY AND DELIVER UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE BACK HEREOF, TO WHICH THE SHIPPER HEREBY AGREES, AND, AS EVIDENCE OF SUCH AGREEMENT, ACCEPTS THIS SHIPPING RECEIPT.

FOR THE COMPANY,

THIS AGREEMENT IS ISSUED SUBJECT TO THE CLASSIFICATION AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERS FOR CANADA, AND ALL THE CLAUSES OF SAID CLASSIFICATION, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THIS AGREEMENT, ARE INCORPORATED HEREWITH.

8 1/2 lbs Collected
A. C. ... / J. H. M.
AGENT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. THE WORD "COMPANY" SHALL INCLUDE ANY CONNECTING EXPRESS COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE RAILWAY ACT.

2. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL EXTEND TO AND BE BINDING UPON THE SHIPPER AND ALL PERSONS IN PRIVACY WITH HIM, CLAIMING OR ASSERTING ANY RIGHT TO THE OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF THE SHIPMENT, AND SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON OR COMPANY TO WHOM THE SHIPMENT MAY BE DELIVERED FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY ACT OR DUTY IN RESPECT THEREOF, OR IN WHOSE CUSTODY OR CHARGE THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY BE, OR IN WHOSE VEHICLES OR VESSELS THE SAME IS BEING CARRIED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND SHALL APPLY TO ANY RECONSIGNMENT OR RETURN THEREOF.

3. THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY UPON ANY SHIPMENT IS LIMITED TO THE VALUE DECLARED BY THE SHIPPER AND EMBODIED HEREIN, OR, IF LESS, TO THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE SHIPMENT AT THE TIME OF THE RECEIPT THEREOF BY THE COMPANY, INCLUDING THE EXPRESS AND OTHER CHARGES, IF PAID, AND THE DUTY, IF PAYABLE OR PAID, AND NOT REFUNDED. IF THE SHIPPER DOES NOT DECLARE THE VALUE OF THE SHIPMENT, LIABILITY IS LIMITED FOR ANY SHIPMENT OF ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OR LESS TO FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00), AND FOR ANY SHIPMENT IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDRED POUNDS TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING FIFTY CENTS (50 CENTS) PER POUND (ACTUAL WEIGHT); OR, IF THE VALUE IS LESS, TO THE ACTUAL VALUE OF THE SHIPMENT. IF THE SHIPPER DESIRES THE COMPANY TO ASSUME LIABILITY IN EXCESS OF THAT STATED HEREIN, AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL BE MADE AS PROVIDED BY THE CLASSIFICATION.

4. MONEY, SPECIE, COMPLETELY SIGNED AND EXECUTED BONDS, COUPONS, BANK NOTES AND NEGOTIABLE PAPER, OR INCOMPLETELY EXECUTED LEGAL TENDER AND BANK NOTES, JEWELLERY AND PRECIOUS STONES SHALL NOT BE PACKED, OR INCLUDED, WITH SHIPMENTS OF ORDINARY FREIGHT, AND IF SO PACKED THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR LOSS OF, OR DAMAGE TO, SUCH GOODS.

5. THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE —

(A) FOR DIFFERENCES IN WEIGHT OR QUANTITY CAUSED BY SHRINKAGE, LEAKAGE, OR EVAPORATION, OR

(B) FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE OCCURRING AFTER FORTY-EIGHT HOURS (EXCLUSIVE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS), AFTER NOTICE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE SHIPMENT AT DESTINATION, OR AT POINT OF DELIVERY, HAS BEEN MAILED TO THE ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE;

UNLESS, IN EITHER CASE, SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE COMPANY;

(C) FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR DELAY CAUSED BY THE ACT OF GOD, THE QUEEN'S OR PUBLIC ENEMIES, THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAW, QUARANTINE, RIOTS, STRIKES, PERILS OF NAVIGATION, DEFECT OR INHERENT VICE, OR THE ACT OR DEFAULT OF THE SHIPPER OR OWNER;

(D) FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY DELAY OR BY INJURY TO, OR LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF THE SHIPMENT, OR ANY PART THEREOF, FROM CONDITIONS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE COMPANY, UNLESS SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RAILWAY COMPANY UPON WHOSE TRAINS OR PROPERTY THE SHIPMENT WAS AT THE TIME SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE OCCURRED;

(E) FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE OCCURRING IN CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE;

(F) FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR DELAY RESULTING FROM IMPROPER OR INSUFFICIENT PACKING, SECURING OR ADDRESSING, OR FROM CHAFING WHEN PACKED IN BALES;

(G) FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE, IF THE PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE 4 BE VIOLATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART;

(H) FOR ANY DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF ANY FRAGILE ARTICLE, OR TO SHIPMENTS CONSISTING WHOLLY OR IN PART OF OR CONTAINED IN GLASS, UNLESS SO DESCRIBED UPON THE PACKAGE CONTAINING THE SAME, UNLESS SUCH DAMAGE OR LOSS IS DUE TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE COMPANY, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES;

(I) FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE FROM DELAYS BEYOND ITS CONTROL, OR CAUSED BY THE REFUSAL OF ANY RAILWAY, STEAMBOAT, STAGE, OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION LINE TO RECEIVE OR FORWARD THE SAID PROPERTY OWING TO ANY UNUSUAL OR UNFORESEEN MOVEMENT OF OR INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC;

(J) FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF THE EXAMINATION BY OR PARTIAL DELIVERY TO THE CONSIGNEE OF C.O.D. SHIPMENTS;

(K) FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO SHIPMENTS OF LIVE OBJECTS ARISING FROM THE CONDUCT OR ACTS OF SUCH OBJECTS TO THEMSELVES OR TO EACH OTHER, OR ARISING FROM THE CONDITION OF SUCH OBJECTS WHEN RECEIVED FOR SHIPMENT, OR FROM THEIR NATURE OR PROPENSITIES, OR FOR DELAY, INJURY TO OR LOSS OF SUCH OBJECT, UNLESS SUCH DELAY, INJURY OR LOSS IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE COMPANY;

(L) FOR ANY DAMAGE, PARTIAL LOSS, OR SHORTAGE, UNLESS WRITTEN NOTICE THEREOF IS GIVEN AT ANY OFFICE OF THE COMPANY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM DELIVERY;

(M) FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE OCCURRING TO SHIPMENTS ADDRESSED TO STATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO AGENT OF THE COMPANY AFTER SUCH SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN LEFT AT SUCH STATION;

(N) FOR NON-DELIVERY OR LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF THE SHIPMENT IN CANADA, UNLESS WRITTEN NOTICE THEREOF IS GIVEN AT ANY OFFICE OF THE COMPANY WITHIN FOUR MONTHS FROM THE TIME DELIVERY SHOULD, IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF TRANSIT, HAVE BEEN MADE.

6. DUTY AND CUSTOM HOUSE EXPENSES ARE GUARANTEED BY THE SHIPPER.

7. (A) AT POINTS WHERE THE COMPANY HAS DELIVERY SERVICES, TENDER OF THE SHIPMENT FOR DELIVERY TO THE CONSIGNEE WILL BE MADE AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN, IF WITHIN SUCH DELIVERY LIMITS.

(B) WHERE THERE IS NO DELIVERY SERVICE, THE COMPANY WILL FORTHWITH NOTIFY THE CONSIGNEE, AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN, OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE SHIPMENT.

(C) THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY TO DELIVER TO ADDRESSES OUTSIDE DELIVERY LIMITS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE CLASSIFICATION OR SPECIAL TARIFFS.

(D) IF NO EXPRESS COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE RAILWAY ACT HAS AN OFFICE AT THE PLACE TO WHICH THE SHIPMENT IS ADDRESSED, THEN, UNLESS OTHERWISE ROUTED, THE COMPANY ONLY AGREES TO CARRY THE SAME TO ITS OFFICE, OR THAT OF SOME OTHER EXPRESS COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE SAID ACT, MOST CONVENIENT FOR FURTHERANCE TO DESTINATION, AND UPON ARRIVAL THERE, THE COMPANY MAY SO NOTIFY THE CONSIGNEE, OR, UPON DIRECTION OF THE SHIPPER OR CONSIGNEE, WILL, OR UPON ITS OWN DISCRETION MAY, DELIVER THE SHIPMENT TO ANY CONNECTING CARRIER FOR FURTHERANCE TO DESTINATION.

(E) IF THE SHIPMENT IS DELIVERED TO AN EXPRESS COMPANY OR CARRIER NOT SUBJECT TO THE RAILWAY ACT, THE COMPANY SHALL ACT AS THE AGENT OF THE SHIPPER IN EFFECTING SUCH DELIVERY, AND CONTRACTING FOR FURTHER TRANSPORTATION, AND THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY SHALL THEREUPON CEASE.

8. IF ANY SUM OF MONEY, OTHER THAN THE CHARGES FOR TRANSPORTATION, IS TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE CONSIGNEE UPON THE DELIVERY OF THE SHIPMENT, AND THE SAME IS NOT PAID WITHIN THIRTY DAYS, THE COMPANY MAY RETURN THE SAME AND COLLECT THE CHARGES FOR TRANSPORTATION BOTH WAYS, AND THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY SHALL BE THAT OF WAREHOUSEMEN ONLY WHILE THE SHIPMENT REMAINS IN ITS POSSESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING SUCH COLLECTION.

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

August 29th, 1957

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Our stock of THE PATH OF DESTINY has come in, and we are very pleased with it, as I hope you will be.

Under separate cover today I am sending you six copies, and I would appreciate it if you would personally autograph five of them for the following people, and return them to me so that I can send them out:

Thomas B. Costain,
Harry Draper,
Dr. W. G. Hardy,
Ralph Allen
and myself

The extra book is for you in case you have not received your copies from New York yet.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

return label enclosed

Got the books & sent them off, autographed, Sep. 14/57

Sent him a card on Sep 12 saying the books had not arrived although I had got 6 copies (apparently) from New York

EXCLUSIVE CONNECTION WITH WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE



CANADIAN NATIONAL



J. R. WHITE GENERAL MANAGER
TORONTO

TELEGRAPHS

STANDARD TIME

AXX-043 MN

HXA208 39=FG TORONTO ONT 30 907AME=

THOMAS H RADDALL=

LIVERPOOL NS=

PM 12 58

LIVERPOOL, N.S.
TELEPHONE 4-3111

WE DESIRE TO USE YOUR STORY RESURRECTION IN A
DOUBLEDAY CANADIAN ANTHOLOGY DO YOU HOLD THE RIGHTS
AND WILL YOU GRANT US PERMISSION FOR ITS USE OR DO
MCCLELLAND AND STEWART HOLD THE RIGHTS STOP PLEASE
REPLY WIRE COLLECT=

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LTD GEORGE E NELSON=

reply over

George C. Nelson 105 Bond St. Toronto

McClelland & Stewart have some stock of Muster
of Arms on hand hence they retain right to handle
subsidiary uses of Resurrection

— Tom Raddall

September 30, 1957

Hello George -

Thanks for your very good letter of the 24th and the copies of the reviews, which naturally gave me a nice warm feeling in the heart. I liked Walter O'Hearn's review (Montreal Star) especially, because he gave due credit to Tom Costain and to Doubleday for the series as a whole. This effort to tell the story of Canada -- to Americans as well as to Canadians -- is something unique in the publishing industry, and a timely one just now when Canada is filling with new people and the U.S. is aware of her booming neighbor as never before. I hope it sells a million.

The Kenneth Roberts Memorial Award is interesting -- I'd like to see a copy of the brochure. I have the \$10,000 Novel Contest well in mind, of course; but I don't think I could possibly have my Lady Wentworth book finished in time for the spring award. At least one-third, and perhaps close to one half of the story takes place in New England, and recently I've spent much time on research in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and in going over the scenes of the Wentworth's early married life as far as Lake Winneposee, where the Governor built his mansion in the forest. All this was necessary if my book is to be authentic to American as well as Canadian readers. All I can say is that I'm working very hard and I'll do the best I can, but I'm very doubtful about April 1, 1958.

The notion of a September holiday in Northern Ontario next year sounds good to Edith and me, and it would be wonderful to get together with Tom, Ida, Lily and yourself. We'll keep it in mind, anyhow.

Cheers!

P.S. My income has run much higher this year than I expected, and the Receiver-General is taking quite a bite. Please pass the word to the cash departments in Toronto and New York:- Don't pay me anything more until after Jan. 1, 1958.

Mr. George Nelson

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

January 24th, 1958

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We enclose our royalty reports showing the earnings up to October 31st, 1957 for THE WINGS OF NIGHT, HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES and PATH OF DESTINY. Details of our sales are enclosed with our cheques.

I was very pleased to hear through Edith that you both plan on going to England in April, and may I jump to the conclusion that your present novel will be finished by that time, and is it your intention to do some research on the story you outlined to me last summer in regard to a novel on the success, and fantastic story of the Cunard line.

I would be glad to have an outline of the places you plan on visiting in England, because I would like to make our people in London aware of the time you are going to be there, and where they can get in touch with you.

Kind personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb
encl.

George Nelson,
Toronto.

January 28th, 1958

Dear George,

Thanks for the cheques and for your letter. Yes, I'm taking Edith to Europe in the spring, sailing April 9th from Halifax and returning about June 9th. She has been on the verge of a nervous breakdown for the past six months, and as we've never had a really long trip together for years I decided to get her away as soon as the weather is fit. Apart from that I can do with a holiday myself. I studied and worked like a horse for almost two years on "The Path of Destiny" as you know. When I finished that last February I turned at once to re-writing my old book on Nova Scotia privateers for MacMillan's, as I'd agreed to do. After two years' intensive study of one subject it's not easy to switch lightly to another, and this job took me longer than I'd expected. However I was finished with it in July.

The novel for Doubleday, based on the lives and affairs of Sir John and Lady Frances Wentworth, was now before me. I began the Nova Scotian research at once. When we discussed the subject in New York, Lee Barker was very keen about having a good portion of the book's plot and action laid in the U.S., having in mind the American sales. I agreed, because of course the Wentworths were Americans and had quite a career in New Hampshire before they turned up in Nova Scotia. Hence I spent most of September in New Hampshire, hunting in the records for material about my lively pair, and going over the ground in the vicinity of Portsmouth and about the site of their country mansion near Wimpiesaukee. It was a lot of work but highly interesting; considerably more than one third, possibly close to one half of the novel will be laid in those parts, in Boston, and to a slight extent on Long Island.

I am well into the New England chapters now, but as you can see I can't possibly finish the book before this Fall. The Wentworths are authentic and romantic characters in American as well as Canadian history (in New Hampshire they still reckon him one of their most famous figures and have named one of their modern highways after him), and so I want to do the finest job I can. While I'm overseas this spring I shall be able to dig up material on the Wentworths' sojourn in England, and on John's mysterious visit to Paris in the midst of the Revolution, when he talked with Benjamin Franklin and his old Harvard classmate John Adams.

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



May 3rd, 1958

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
C/o Captain C.W. Coplin,
Cranmore House, Epson Road,
West Horsley,
Surrey, England

Dear Tom:

We enclose tear sheet of an ad that we ran in the Globe and Mail this morning, and on behalf of our company I wish to congratulate you most sincerely on the award that has just been announced. While at publication date of PATH OF DESTINY you must have been pleased with the splendid critical acclaim given you by a unanimous press, this award is further confirmation of the quality and sincerity of your effort.

I hope that both you and Edith are having a wonderful holiday, and if you plan on being home for the Canadian Authors Association Convention, which is being held in Montreal the week of June 2nd, I will look forward to the pleasure of seeing you there. If your plans are such that you do not intend being back by that time I would assume that it will be my great honour to accept this medal on your behalf. Some time, at your convenience please confirm to me your plans in this regard.

Affectionate best to you both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George E. Nelson'. The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a prominent 'G' and 'N'.

George E. Nelson

GEN;eb

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

June 9th, 1958

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
44 Park Street,
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I have just returned from the Canadian Authors Assoc. Convention in Montreal, which I can assure you was a very successful affair, and both you and Edith were greatly missed. The remarks I made in accepting the Governor General's Award on your behalf are enclosed, and I trust will meet with your approval.

Under separate cover by registered mail we are forwarding to you the medal in recognition of your fine example of authorship. I only wish that there was a substantial monetary reward for this honour.

Some time in the early future, when you are organized and back into the swing of things, I would be glad to hear how your work is progressing, and just what you feel should be a comfortable time for the completion of your present book. I have talked to Ralph Allen in this regard, and while I do not think any one of us should be premature in arriving at a decision as to whether we want serialization for it, there is a distinct possibility that Allen would be more than interested in first serial. However, let's not make any definite commitments because I have high hopes for this book in our own book clubs, and that may have some bearing in regard to the time element.

Tom Costain is presently doing some research, and is undertaking to do a biography of Alexander Graham Bell. It is likely that he will be in Montreal some time in October. I will keep you posted in regard to the date, and if by chance you should be contemplating a trip as far as Montreal, it might work out to our pleasure and mutual advantage if your visit coincided with his.

Affectionate best to you both.

Yours sincerely,



George E. Nelson

Your Mr. President, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of Mr. Thomas H. Raddall I am pleased and honoured to accept this Award. Tom Raddall himself would like to have been here, but it was impossible. He and Mrs. Raddall are on the Atlantic tonight on their way home from a two months' tour of the British Isles and Europe, where Tom has been combining a sightseeing trip with research for his next book. It wasn't until he arrived back in London from Italy that he learned that THE PATH OF DESTINY had been given the Governor-General's Award for creative non-fiction.

This is the third time that Tom Raddall has won this award - the highest honour that can be bestowed on a Canadian writer - and in each case it has been richly deserved - for these are books of which we can all be proud, books that rank high with the literature of any country in the world. A recent editorial in Maclean's magazine says of Raddall that he is a scholarly writer with an easy flowing style, and in any list of Canadian authors his name would appear among those at the top.

In spite of this acclaim, and the honours and success that have come to him, he remains an honest and sincere writer, and a man of modesty and deep humility. I would like to quote from Tom's reply to my letter advising him that THE PATH OF DESTINY had been given the Award. He said "The Award is an honour that warms the heart and mind as well, after long toil. Canada's history is a magnificent tale in itself, and in writing THE PATH OF DESTINY I had magnificent material. In that respect I was a minor party, and I could only hope to do the subject justice. It seems to me that any award for history really belongs to the generations of men and women who have preserved the original facts and made them available to people like myself."

George Nelson
Toronto

June 16th, 1958

Dear George,

Thanks for appearing for me at the Authors' convention. Your remarks to them were very nicely put -- I must get you to write my speeches for me after this, and I might as well warn you that I'm being assailed with demands for speeches all the way from here to Brantford, Ontario. Why do people assume that because a man can write a book he must be a silver-tongued orator, too, and itching for the platform? I'm saying No and pleading pressure of work, which is the truth. I learned a long time ago that writing is a whole-time job if you want to make a success of it, and the less you talk the better.

I'm cleaning up the mass of correspondence and other work which awaited me when I got home, and hope in another week or two to plunge back into my novel -- and I shan't emerge until it's done. Exactly when that will be, I can't say. Say the end of this year, tentatively. Possibly before, of course.

Tom's (Costain's) book on Bell sounds both interesting and useful. Bell was a magnificent character, and while the public think of him solely as the inventor of the telephone, he did a lot of sound pioneer work on the airplane, the hydrofoil boat (which the Canadian Navy is now developing), and a score of other things. I've visited his grave on Beinn Breagh a number of times -- marked by a modest plate on a small boulder, and almost concealed in a growth of spruce.

If Tom is going to be in Montreal in October, it would be a pleasure to run up and see him. Or in Cape Breton, if he comes down to look over Bell's old stamping ground.

Cheers,

The medal came safely, thanks.