

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
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Ottawa 2, July 3, 1953.

Dr. Thomas Raddall,
Liverpool, N.S.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

It was a great pleasure to meet you in Toronto, and I hope that we may have an opportunity for another and longer visit before too long. If you have occasion to come to Ottawa do please let me know, as I would very much like to see you.

I have just had indirect news of Norman Hacking. I looked through some copies of the Vancouver Province in the Rideau Club yesterday, and found that each contained a column of marine news signed by him. So he is evidently home again, and back on the Province pay-roll at last! I hope to spend part of August in Vancouver, and no doubt shall see Norman then.

I am enclosing a formal letter about the Perkins diary. If you can do anything to further the end in view, I shall be most grateful.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*W. Kaye Lamb*Wm. Kaye Lamb,
Dominion Archivist.

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Ans'd July 22, informing him that Liverpool town council agreed to send Perkins Diary to Ottawa for microfilming.

C O P Y

July 23, 1953

Mr. Wm. Kaye Lamb,
Dominion Archivist,
Public Archives of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Re: Simeon Perkins Diary

With reference to your letter of July 3rd to Dr. Thomas Raddall, I have been authorized to send the Simeon Perkins Diary to the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa to be microfilmed.

Please advise when you will be prepared to go ahead with this work and I will forward the diary at that time.

What do you consider would be suitable insurance on the diary while being transported?

Yours truly,

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

RM:JC



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Ottawa 2, Ontario
February 2, 1955.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Thank you for your most interesting letter about the Perkins Diary. I like your phrase, "the Pepys of colonial Canada." It sums up the position very neatly, for in the diary of this Pepys, like that of the original, great and small things are mixed in a way that is both entertaining and revealing.

The Council of the Champlain Society will be meeting later this month, and I shall report that you are willing to edit a Perkins volume for us, provided that the work can be fitted into your very busy writing schedule. I shall tell the members that the earliest possible date is the summer of 1956, but I shall also tell them that I hope very much indeed that you may be able to undertake the job for us at that time.

We are recommending that the editorial fees paid to people who prepare volumes for us should be raised to a modest extent, and if the change is approved I shall feel slightly less guilty about asking a professional writer to do a job for us.

I shall look forward to seeing you at the meetings in May. Could we not arrange to spend an evening together at that time at my home? It would be a great pleasure if this were possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. Kaye Lamb".

Wm. Kaye Lamb
Dominion Archivist.

(President, The Champlain Society)

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