

the finer piece of work.

Your characters are all very clearly drawn, so I feel I would know any of them should we meet all in all, I am just tickled to pieces over it, and hope the next one won't be too long in coming. I still wonder how you got your information, and how much of it is fact.

Please give Mrs Raddall my best regards. I have a very pleasant memory of the delightful party at your home. I expect that Tom, my and Frances are both a lot bigger than when I saw them.

Once again, congratulations on a very great achievement.

Sincerely,

Vivien M. Fowler.

Ans'd  
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Hampton, N.D.,  
Jan. 3, 1943.

Dear Mr. Raddall, -

One thing  
'His Majesty's Yankees'  
has taught me, and that is never to start a book of yours unless I see a clear way ahead. I have been able to think of nothing else since I got it for a Christmas gift. I can't tell you how very much I have enjoyed it. It holds ones interest from the opening

on your part. Where in the world did you get all your information on the little things that make the book so readable. How I laughed over Bigtooth's discourse on the flea and louse, - Experience or hearsay? I hope your idea of our province has changed from that expressed on page thirty - three; we have come a little way since then.

Something else that adds to the value of the book is the way you have kept an open mind throughout the book. I kept comparing it constantly with 'Oliver Twist' just because one could not do anything else, and yours is much

paragraph right through to the closing sentence, and that is the reason I spent a whole week on it; I couldn't skip or skim a line, and you know how few books hold one so closely.

Another thing I appreciate, - your leading character rings true through every speech and action; there is not a false note anywhere. I think that when a book is written in the first person, the narrator is often a bit stiff, but David has the ability to see himself clearly and to laugh at himself once in a while. That makes him very human.

I have loved your descriptions of nature. They show a keen observation