



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
CHARLOTTETOWN

September 24, 1962.

Dear Mr. Raddal,

In the course of the very interesting T.V. interview with you last evening you mentioned that you were interested in new fields.

There is a Prince Edward Island story which has never been written up as yet, and which might make the basis of an historical novel. I refer to the expulsion of the Acadians from this province. Probably you have read the story, but in case you have not, I would point out that they were loaded into the barques "Duke William" and "Violet" and I believe another. At least two of the barques sank enroute to France and there is a very touching story in this connection.

Frankly, I suggested this story to Elmer Harris and he reported that there was a story in this event, but he would not write it, because he felt it might create feeling between English and French. Surely this could be done without offence.

There is another somewhat scandalous story concerning the first Governor and the second Chief Justice, which probably could be turned into a bit of a thriller.

I hope you may be interested in one of these thoughts, and if I can be of any assistance any time, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With kind personal regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

F. W. Buchanan

Mr. Thomas H. Raddal,
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Sep.27, 1962

Dear Mr. Hyndman,

It was most kind of you to write. I have read an account of the "Violet" and "Duke William" in Dr. Harvey's "The French Regime in Prince Edward Island", which he presented to me many years ago. As you point out, it is a tragedy(greater than that of the Acadians deported to various parts of British America); but it does not seem to me to have the necessary basis for an historical novel.

Your hint about the first Governor and the second Chief Justice has a more intriguing sound. Some years ago, while engaged in research for a book on John and Frances Wentworth, I discovered that Governor John had a nephew, also named John Wentworth, who at one time was appointed Attorney-General for Prince Edward Island. He did not stay long. Indeed he did a remarkable about-face for a Loyalist, returning to his native New Hampshire, marrying a local heiress, and giving the chief oration at the Portsmouth celebration of the Fourth of July!

With my best wishes,

Lieutenant-Governor F.W.Hyndman,
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