

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

10th March, 1938.

Personal.

Thomas

~~James~~ H. Raddall, Esq.,
Liverpool,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Raddall,

I have just finished reading in Blackwood one of the most delightful short stories which I have recently seen. I have long been an admirer of your Blackwood stories, and I venture to send you a line to tell you of my admiration. The modern short story is too apt to be a limp nebulous thing, but yours have real bones and blood. George Blackwood tells me that you live in Nova Scotia, and I hope on my next tour of the Maritimes to have the pleasure of making your acquaintance.

Congratulations and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

W E Edmond

General
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James H. Hobbs, Esq.
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Hobbs,

I have just finished reading in Liverpool one of the most
delightful short stories which I have ever read. I have found
it an edition of your "Hobbs" stories, and I believe to find you
a line to tell you of my admiration. The author writes in the
apt to be a long tedious thing but yours have real power and
force. I have read your "Hobbs" stories and I have found them
on my part of the greatest. It has the pleasure of writing you

respectfully,

Congratulations and all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. G.

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THOMAS H. RADDALL
LIVERPOOL, NOVA SCOTIA

15th March, 1938

Personal

His Excellency The Governor General,
Government House, Ottawa.

Your Excellency,

I cannot adequately express my pleasure in your letter and the very kind things you have said about my work . I strive for bones and blood in my tales because I hope to reflect in some measure the life and mood of our people -- and Nova Scotians are seldom nebulous.

Living so far from places where these things are discussed I wonder often what sort of impression my tales create; my own impression is usually dissatisfaction with the workmanship. Consequently your interest is a most encouraging surprise. Praise from John Buchan is very high praise indeed.

It would be a great honour and a pleasure to meet you on your next tour of the Maritimes. I live very quietly and simply with my wife and family in this little Nova Scotia town, rather out-of-the-way, but I have a car and the roads are excellent and some part of your route is sure to be within my reach. Perhaps you will let me know when and where I may have the privilege of expressing my thanks in person.

Yours very sincerely,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

1st May, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Raddall,

I am so glad you approve of my little preface. I really think most highly of your work, and I believe your first book will be a great success. I only hope you follow it up soon.

Have you read the book of Lawrence's Letters, some of which were written to me? I think he was a better letter-writer than anything else.

I hope to be in the Maritimes this summer, and to have a chance of meeting you.

Yours very sincerely,

J. W. Edmunds

Governor's House
October

Dear Mr. [Name],
I am so glad you approve of my little proposal. I really
think most likely of your work, and I believe your first book will be
a great success. I only hope you will finish it up soon.
Have you read the book of [Name]'s history, you will
very written to me. I think he was a better historian than any
thing else.
I have to go in the morning and cannot
close of meeting you.

Yours very sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

THE CITADEL
QUEBEC

15th July, 1939.

Personal.

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

My dear Mr Raddall

I must send you a line to congratulate you most warmly upon your story in the July Blackwood. It is one of the best things you have done, and one of the best short stories I have read for many a day. It is a wonderful piece of historical reconstruction.

Colonel Jones of Price Brothers dined here last night, and I was interested to find that he knew all about you.

With kindest regards.

Yours very truly
J. W. S. M. S.

THE NATIONAL
MUSEUM

1875

Thomas H. ...
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Mr. ...

I was glad you took the trouble to congratulate me very
upon your story in the July Magazine. It is one of the best things
you have done, and one of the best stories I have read for
many a day. It is a wonderful piece of historical reconstruction.
I was interested to find that he knew all about you.
With kindest regards,

John ...
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

2nd March, 1940.

Dear Mr. Raddall,

In going through His Excellency's papers we have come across the enclosed chapters. Lady Tweedsmuir thought you might like to have them back, so I am sending them to you.

Yours faithfully,

R. Wilkie

Personal Secretary.

*Answered
March 11*

JOHN H. BUCK
ANSON T. MCCOOK
WILLIAM W. HOPPIN, JR.

BUCK AND MCCOOK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
50 STATE STREET
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

April 9, 1938

William Blackwood & Sons, Ltd.,
37 Paternoster Row,
London, England.

Gentlemen:

I recently purchased five copies of your excellent magazine for March, 1938, for I was interested in the sketch entitled "Before Snow Flies" by Thomas H. Raddall. It concerns a country where I have spent the larger part of the last eight or ten summers. I have distributed my copies among friends and we are having a race to see who can locate or identify the place called Kezzigoosa. It does not appear on my maps of Nova Scotia. It may be an old Indian name.

Would you be kind enough to forward this letter to the author, Mr. Raddall? I would be ever so much obliged if he would write me where or what Kezzigoosa is -- and thus help me to win the race! The sketch is delightfully written and we have enjoyed it tremendously.

Very truly yours,

John H. Buck

P.S. I regret it is not possible for me to enclose forwarding postage.