



NOVA SCOTIA

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF NOVA SCOTIA

CURATOR
DONALD K. CROWDIS

SPRING GARDEN ROAD, HALIFAX

March 20, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Raddall:

About a week ago, Lieut. George W. Tanner, Cnr. (T), R.C.N.V.R., was in requesting information about the Micmacs, looking toward the commissioning of the Canadian destroyer of that name. I took the liberty of referring him to you, since I believe you know considerably more about the subject than I, and thinking also that you might take an interest in supplying Mr. Tanner with the legends and factual information he was after.

Yours very truly,

Donald K. Crowdis.

March 23rd, 1945.

Mr. Donald K. Crowdis,
Curator,
Provincial Museum of Nova Scotia,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Crowdis,

Thanks for your letter of the 20th. I have been in touch with Lieut. Tanner regarding the Micmacs. I don't profess to be an expert on the Indians of Nova Scotia but I know something and Tanner seems quite satisfied with the information I was able to supply.

To change the subject rather abruptly, here is a matter which has been on my mind for some time. Many years ago (in 1922, to be exact) I came to Halifax from a year's station on Sable Island, bringing with me an old-fashioned three-edged bayonet found in the sand there. I was still in the service, and a two-foot bayonet is an awkward bit of baggage, so I left it with Harry Piers, thinking it might be of interest to visitors of the Museum. I didn't know then that bayonets of this sort are as common as dandelions, and when I mentioned it some years later Piers told me the thing was still up in the store-room with a lot of other stuff that he had no room to exhibit.

Assuming that the bayonet is still in the store-room, I wonder if I could have it? I presume Piers put a tag on it showing its origin. It is of no use there, and it would make an interesting souvenir to hang on the wall of my den.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

*Crowdis sent a verbal reply by Anne Peltone
"Piers didn't tag half the stuff in the store room. There are
dozens of bayonets. Come & take your pick!"*