



Nova Scotia Legislative Library

*Province House
Halifax, N. S.*

August 17, 1967

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Dr. Raddall:

It was very good of you to write me concerning "Nova Scotia in Books, 1752-1967". I am delighted to know that you liked it, for I value your opinion highly, and all who have worked on the project will be very pleased too.

You will, I am sure, appreciate the problem of organizing a comprehensive exhibit of this type. Rather than make it too formidably bibliographical, we decided to select and arrange the titles in order that the history and character of the province would be outlined. I am only too well aware of gaps, some of them obvious, but I hope we have succeeded to some degree at least in interpreting the province through the medium of books to both its natives and those beyond our borders.

May I take this opportunity of saying how very much I enjoyed Hangman's Beach. It has been a great favourite here in the Legislative Library, and it has succeeded in sparking an interest in local history of which I am sure you would approve.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness,

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Shirley Elliott

Shirley B. Elliott
Legislative Librarian



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April 10, 1980

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall
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Dear Dr. Raddall:

It was most kind of you to express your appreciation of the Nova Scotia Book of Days. The book is very largely a labour of love and would never have been more than a notebook if my niece's husband, who so cleverly conceived its format and layout, hadn't urged me to go into print. At first we visualized an engagement calendar, later realizing we had far more material than was essential for this treatment. There is the odd error, mainly thanks to the printer, but I trust it's basically sound.

Ever since In my time was published I have wanted to write to tell you how much I enjoyed it. You will remember it appeared early in December, and I assure you it all but sabotaged my 1976 Christmas card effort, for I couldn't put it down. It struck several responsive chords, more particularly your reference to Robert Long, whom I hold in very high regard, for his Nova Scotia Authors has helped me enormously through the years. I've often wondered what happened to his own library. Then there is that delightful account of the visit to Camp Hill Cemetery with James D. Gillis in March, 1945. That 'whimsical lawyer, Roy Laurence', on more than one occasion related the events of that day, but I could never wholly accept his version. It exactly tallies with your own, however, and I hereby offer Roy my belated apologies.

Thank you again for your kindness in writing. I consider it a great honour that you should find pleasure in my Nova Scotia Book of Days.

My best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Shirley Elliott
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