

*Replied
Mar 19/43*

JOHN H. CHAPLIN
Box 2190
HARTFORD CONNECTICUT

March 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Raddall:

Ever since I finished your book "His Majesty's Yankee" I have wanted to write and tell you how much I have enjoyed it.

Just as I finished it, I read in the "Liverpool Advance" of a party given to you by the Liverpool boys and I certainly should have enjoyed that dinner along with my other good Liverpool friends.

I enjoyed your book thoroughly, but perhaps the end of it appealed to me more than the rest because I am so familiar with that country down to the west of Liverpool, and I got a great kick out of that canoe trip you made with the good-looking gal from Barrington to Liverpool, and I'll bet I have visited the camp where you stayed over night, and I can taste those Port Joli clams, of which I have dug a great many at one time or another.

You perhaps wonder whether I come from that section, and while I can't claim any citizenship, I am a son by adoption. For several years we have been frequent visitors to Wobamkek Beach and a few years ago bought the little cottage at Carter's Beach near there. It is such a delightful spot that Mrs. Chaplin and I spend almost all of our spare time there, but I am afraid our visits will be out now for the duration. When I do come up again I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you.

Perhaps in the meantime you will write another book or two, or if there are any others, I should certainly like their names.

Many thanks to you for a grand story of Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

J. H. Chaplin
John H. Chaplin

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

*Ans.
May 11/43*

JOHN H. CHAPLIN
Box 2190
HARTFORD CONNECTICUT

May 8, 1943

Dear Mr. Raddall:

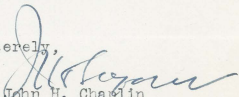
A couple of days ago I had a letter from Major Willys who said you had just happened to drop in at the Elmwood Hotel, looking for an old flintlock gun.

I don't know anything about guns, but I do see them in homes from time to time around here and I think I might be able to get one. If so, I guess I could get it up to Canada the next time I come up, without much difficulty.

If you will let me know what it is you want, and how much they are worth (and I mean actual cost rather than some intrinsic value they might have to you), I shall be glad to visit a couple of the old antique places around here and see what I can dig up. I shall be glad to be of service if I can.

I enjoyed your letter some time ago, and I am still looking forward to a pleasant session with you when I come up again.

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Replied
May 28/44

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HARTFORD 2, CONN.

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

May 24, 1944

Dear Mr. Raddall:

You will remember we had some correspondence about an old gun, and last Fall I was able to locate one which I promptly forgot.

However, while reading your book "The Piper of Dipper Creek", I naturally thought of you and then thought of the gun.

Last week I took it to Montreal and I am arranging to have it sent down to you from there. I hope it will be something you want...it is supposed to be made around 1800. In any event, I should like to have you accept it with my compliments.

We hope to be able to get down to Nova Scotia this Summer and hope to have an opportunity to see you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

P.S. I enjoyed your book very much.

Ans'd Aug 28

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JOHN H. CHAPLIN
PRESIDENT

August 26, 1944

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Tommy:

It was a great pleasure to have you call in to see us a few weeks ago when you were down to the beach for a picnic, and I am only sorry you didn't come down earlier and we didn't have a little more opportunity to talk about the history of Port Mouton Bay.

I was particularly interested in what you had to say about Massacre Island...so much so that I went out there to investigate. It is a useless place and difficult to land on, but I did find the old hole where they dug up old gold, and I couldn't help but think I would like to go over there and dig myself, although I guess my efforts would be fruitless.

Perhaps when we are there again you can come down and spend more time with us. Certainly we should like to have you, and I am sure I would get a little better understanding of Nova Scotia history.

With kind regards to you and your family,

Sincerely,

John H. Chaplin
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JOHN H. CHAPLIN
PRESIDENT

October 26, 1944

Mr. Thomas Raddall
P.O. Box 459
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of October 3rd received some time ago. We did have a grand short visit at Carter's Beach and we escaped most of the storm, although there was a little damage done down here in Hartford.

I had saved a story for you which I hoped to tell you when I saw you, but under the circumstances I will give it to you now. Just after my mid-summer trip I was having lunch at a local club when an old gentleman came along and sat down beside me and asked me what I was eating. I told him it was flounder...and very good, too. He said the best thing to do with flounder was to make flounder chowder, and since I had never heard of such a dish, I asked him where that was so popular and he told me Nova Scotia. Of course I asked him what part, and he said "Chester". I then told him I had just returned from Nova Scotia and of course he was interested to know what section, and when I told him Port Mouton he was very familiar with the place because of his frequent trips down there over a long period of years.

Then he asked me if I knew a young man in Liverpool by the name of Tom Raddall, to which of course I answered affirmatively. "Well", he said, "He wrote one of the grandest stories I have ever read", and he said he had been searching for the copy of the Blackwood Magazine in which it appeared. Then he went on to describe the story of the old chap who built a boat to go down to the South Sea Islands, and finally landed up in Yarmouth when the snow began to fall. This sounded familiar to me and I told him about "The Pied Piper of Dipper Creek". However, he assured me that was not the case because he didn't know of any other story you had written, but he has now read "His Majesty's Yankee" which he thoroughly enjoyed, and he

is about to read "The Pied Piper of Dipper Creek" as soon as I can get it back from another person to whom I have loaned it.

He went on to say he was so impressed with the story that he drove around to see you, so perhaps you will remember him...his name is John H. Buck, and he is a prominent attorney here in town.

So you will see your fame has spread far and wide, and it is unfortunate that it is so difficult to obtain your two excellent books down in this country. I did get an extra copy of "His Majesty's Yankee", but I have got to wait until I get to Montreal to get another one of "The Pied Piper".

We have had a grand Fall down here and I hope you have, too, and that your hunting expeditions have been very successful.

With kind regards and best wishes to your family and to you,

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

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JOHN H. CHAPLIN
PRESIDENT

March 20, 1945

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Tom,

A couple of weeks ago, during my absence, your nice letter of March 1st and your new book "Roger Sudden" arrived, and you may be sure that I appreciate them both very much.

There is no need to make any apology for the quality of the paper in the book as it made a nice looking job, I thought, and the quality doesn't affect the reading.

In any event, I have read and thoroughly enjoyed the book...it is a great story, and I was as delighted with it as I was with "His Majesty's Yankee".

Incidentally, I was in Canada last week and tried to buy a copy of "His Majesty's Yankee" and found it was all out of print, but I was fortunate in getting another copy of "Roger Sudden" to send to a friend of mine in Toronto.

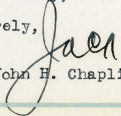
However, the other "Raddallists" around Hartford will have a good time enjoying "Roger Sudden"...I have already loaned it to one former Nova Scotian, and our good friend, John Buck, will get it next.

We are still hoping we will get down to Port Mouton this summer and now that we have finally got rid of the most snow we have had for years, we keep thinking about the place and will be delighted to get down again.

It was very thoughtful of you to send the book and I thank you for it.

With kind regards to you and your family, I am

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

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JOHN H. CHAPLIN
PRESIDENT

July 25, 1945

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

It was thoughtful of you to write on July 14th and I am glad you got the old pipe back...the cigarettes and match packs were extras that could be easily spared.

I am glad you enjoyed the dinner that Shirl put on. It was a good one, but I want to assure you she enjoyed getting it ready just as much as you did eating it.

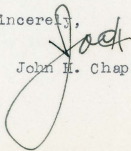
We were delighted to have you and Edith down and we were glad to see the children again...they are certainly well-behaved youngsters and a pleasure to have around.

We hope to be able to get down again "before snow flies" and perhaps we will be able to see you again.

I saw John Buck today for the first time since I got back and he was interested in having word from you. He has just returned from a trip to New Brunswick where he caught some salmon and had a good holiday.

With kind regards to you and your family,

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

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JOHN H. CHAPLIN
VICE PRESIDENT

August 2, 1945

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool,
Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

Enclosed you will find some of the pictures that we took down at the beach when we were there. They didn't come out very well, but I think they are not bad in view of the weather that we had, and I thought you would like to have some copies.

We are still hoping to get down again and perhaps then we will have a better day and we can get some better pictures.

All the best to you,

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

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Ans'd

Aug 6

Ans
Sep 8/45

THE RED HOUSE
CHAP'S BEACH
PORT MOUTON, NOVA SCOTIA

Sept 5 1945

Dear Tom -

I am sorry we didnt get to see you on this hurried trip - Have had a terrible time with this old car so never again in it.

Am sending "Forever Amber" for you & Edith and some nuts for the youngsters -

All the best to you and your family and next summer, hope we can have an outing

Jack.

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OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

October 17, 1945

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of Oct. 1st with which you returned the old Guide for Nova Scotia and the booklet describing early railroading in Nova Scotia.

You were prompt and considerate in returning the Guide and very thoughtful in enclosing the railroad book which I have read with a great deal of interest.

I have read about your meat rationing and understand it is pretty tight, and I have some difficulty in understanding the psychology of clamping down on meat rationing now that the war is over, and I can't blame the Canadians for being somewhat disturbed and annoyed about it. We still have meat rationing but it is not as tight as it was and I don't believe it will last much longer as it is becoming pretty unpopular.

We, of course, are all reconverted to peacetime products and together with every other manufacturer are having our difficulties with increased wage demands and the attempt of the Government to hold down selling prices. It is a little difficult for me to see how wages can be increased 30% without an increase in selling prices if our Government is to expect profits from which taxes are to be paid instead of losses. I must admit that the new way of life is beyond my conception.

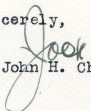
Mr. Thomas H. Raddall

October 17, 1945

I read with interest your little article in the LIVERPOOL ADVANCE about the vacation business that you are going to pass up in and around Liverpool and I am heartily in accord with what you have to say for certainly Liverpool and the surrounding country has a good deal to offer to the tourist.

Shirley and I send best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

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February 5, 1946

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool
Nova Scotia

Dear Tom:

For Christmas Jill gave me a copy of the book titled "Uncle Lish", and some days afterward with some misgivings about its interest I opened it up, read the first page, decided to go a little further, and then found I couldn't lay it down.

I am sure I met Uncle Lish several times in different places, and after reading the book I think you will feel the same.

I asked Jill how she happened to pick out this book for me and she told me the lady in the bookstore thought it would be a good book for a middle-aged man. I don't know whether she had read the book, but if she did her vocabulary is considerably enlarged ~~and~~ not improved.

In any event, I got so many laughs out of it that I am sending you a copy of it and hope you will enjoy it.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Jill
John H. Chaplin

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Ans'd Feb. 19/46

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JOHN H. CHAPLIN
PRESIDENT

July 24, 1946

Mr. Thomas Raddall
P.O. Box 459
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom,

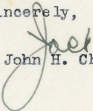
We were delighted to have a short visit from you while we were down in Nova Scotia, and I am only sorry that we didn't get an opportunity of having you down for a day later.

However, as you will remember there was a lot of fog early in the morning and the last couple of days we were so busy getting ready to come back that there was no opportunity for a day's holiday.

We are planning to come back in a couple of weeks, however, and perhaps we can have a get-together at that time, and we will certainly enjoy it.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,


John H. Chaplin

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Sep. 24/46*

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OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

September 18, 1946

Mr. Thomas Raddall
P.O. Box 459
Liverpool, Nova Scotia

Dear Tom,

When we were down in Nova Scotia the last part of August we had hoped we would be able to get together, but the weather was so miserable practically all the time that I didn't think it was a good time to have a picnic; in fact, we had only one pleasant day while we were there, and that was unusual.

Dr. Partridge, who went down a little while after we did, told me he had a visit from you which he enjoyed thoroughly, and while I don't expect we will get down again this year, we will be able to travel by boat next year I am sure and I hope we can have a pleasant day together.

With kind regards to Edith, you and the children.

Sincerely,

John H. Chaplin
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