

EXCLUSIVE CONNECTION WITH WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE

CANADIAN  
NATIONAL

CANADIAN NATIONAL

J. R. WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER  
TORONTO

TELEGRAPHS

1954 DEC 28 AM 11 52

STANDARD TIME

HXAO08 19= FG TORONTO ONT DEC 28 928A=

LIVERPOOL, N. S.  
PHONE 95

THOMAS H RADDÅLL=

WOULD IT BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO SEE ME IN LIVERPOOL :  
 WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING JANUARY FIFTH. PLEASE ADVISE:  
 GEORGE E NELSON DOUBLEDAY CANADA LTD=

1108A..

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

February 7th, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I have been out of the city for the past three weeks, and on my return I found a note from Mrs. Raddall in which she mentions that you have all been laid up with the flu. This, I trust, is the reason that we have not received definite word from you with regard to you undertaking the writing of the third volume of the History of Canada, which it is still my sincere hope you will do.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Nelson".

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

February 8th, 1955

Mr. George E. Nelson,  
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,  
105 Bond Street,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear George,

The 'flu knocked us all for a loop, and at the present time Edith is suffering a relapse which though not serious is highly uncomfortable.

The enforced confinement to bed gave me a chance to take my mind off the novel on which I have been working for the past six months, and which was still very much in my mind when I was talking to you. I have just been reading over my correspondence with Tom Costain and Ken McCormick in the early months of '53, when the second volume of the History of Canada was in prospect. In the light of what you told me here I feel strongly inclined to take the assignment of the third volume. The royalty rate and the advance would, I presume, be the same as those offered to me in Ken McCormick's letter of March 26th, 1953. In that case my answer is Yes.

Little Brown have an option on the novel I am now writing, which I expect to finish in May, but their option goes no further than that, so there is no obstacle to my doing the history for Doubleday.

Sincerely,

THE REVOLUTION IN EASTERN MAINE AND  
NOVA SCOTIA

Consists of memoirs and letters of Col. John Allan, his work among the Indians. Research was done by Frederick Kidder. There is a letter from Mr. Kidder to one of the Allan Family; also a map of military operations in Eastern Maine & N. S.

Mrs. Robert Mallory

67 Union St.

St. Stephen, N. B.

8/1/52





EXCLUSIVE CONNECTION WITH WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE

CANADIAN NATIONAL

J.R. WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER  
TORONTO

TELEGRAPHS

1955 FEB 14 PM 1 43

IXA019 22/20=FG TORONTO ONT FEB 14 1140A=

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND  
Phone 99

:THOMAS H RADDALL=

DELIGHTED WITH YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY EIGHTH CONFIRM TERMS  
AS OUTLINED IN MCCORMICK'S LETTER OF MARCH TWENTYSIXTH  
FIFTYTHREE LETTER FOLLOWING=

DOUBLEDAY CDA LTD=

139P=...

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

February 15th, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Again may I repeat that we are delighted to receive your letter signifying that you will undertake the third volume of the History of Canada. In the very near future we will submit a contract to you for this undertaking, based on the terms as outlined in your original correspondence with Ken McCormick.

I advised Mr. Costain of your acceptance, and he was very pleased, and suggested that it would be fine if he and Joe Rutledge could get together with you some time in March or early April.

If this would be possible for you, we would suggest that this meeting be held in Toronto. We feel sure that we could arrive at a satisfactory date for Mr. Costain to come here, as long as it is agreeable for you, and as this suggestion has come from him, we feel that it is only reasonable that we undertake the expenses in connection with your trip to Toronto.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Nelson".

George E. Nelson

February 19th, 1955

Mr. George E. Nelson,  
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,  
105 Bond Street,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear George,

Costain's suggestion of a meeting with him and Rutledge is a good one. Certainly we should get together to discuss the whole thing and to co-relate our efforts. I can come whenever you like, although I would prefer to make the trip as late in the spring as possible. I'm working ten hours a day on my novel with a view to finishing it by May. That will free my mind to concentrate entirely on the history, with the whole summer for research and starting to write in September.

As it happens I'm Nova Scotia's representative on the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board, which meets in Ottawa in May, the exact date not yet set. The ideal thing for me would be to go on to Toronto from there and discuss the history with Costain and Rutledge, doing the whole thing in one trip and saving that much time. However, as I've said, I can come any time.

While in Ottawa I plan to see Kaye Lamb, who is head of the Canadian Archives, to discuss the book with him and get a line on the special material available there. My past studies have given me a good working knowledge of the period, but history needs a tang to be readable to the public, and in my experience the so-called dusty archives contain a good many piquant angles that are generally unknown.

We have a quaint climate here on the coast. Two weeks ago I was at the hunting camp, fifteen miles inland at Eagle Lake, which I share with three friends, sawing up a blown-down pine ( a relic of Hurricane Edna) dragging the chunks across the lake ice, and splitting them up with an ax, knee-deep in snow, outside the camp. Three days later I was playing golf at White Point, six miles along the shore, where the bunkers were full of ice but there wasn't a trace of snow. Right now the town is snowed in, for the first time this winter. A couple of days' sun on this, combined with the salt air, will melt it all away. Why go to Florida?

Sincerely,

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

February 21st, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Park Avenue,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We enclose 3 copies of our contract for the third volume of the History of Canada. This is a standard contract, which was executed for us by our American principals, and which I trust you will find in order.

However, Clause 28, with regard to first option on your next full length book, is of concern to me, because you may feel that we are pressing beyond what you have agreed to do. I do hope that you will approve of this clause and allow it to remain, but it is not vital to this agreement. Much as we would like to have the option on your next book, we don't want you to think that we are trying to make it a condition of your agreement to do the history, unless you want it that way.

I hope that all parts of the agreement are acceptable to you, and that we may have these copies signed and returned at your convenience. We will then attach our signature and return one copy to you.

Kind personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb  
encl

EXCLUSIVE CONNECTION WITH WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE



CANADIAN NATIONAL

J. R. WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER  
TORONTO

TELEGRAPHS

STANDARD TIME

HXA J058 43 NL=FG TORONTO ONT FEB 25 1955 FEB 25 PM 8 26. N/S  
 THOMAS H RADDALL=

PHONE 95

IT IS PROBABLE THAT COSTAIN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN  
 MAY AND HIS ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION IS THAT MEETING WITH  
 YOU SHOULD BE IN TORONTO AS EARLY IN MARCH AS POSSIBLE  
 STOP WOULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE ME DATE ACCEPTABLE FOR YOU  
 TO BE HERE=

DOUBLEDAY CDA LTD GEORGE E NELSON=

823P•



George Nelson

Doubleday Canada Ltd.

Toronto.

Make it March tenth

Raddall

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

March 1st, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

In view of your agreement to  
be here on March 10th, and our suggestion  
with regard to underwriting the cost of  
your coming, we enclose cheque for \$175.00.

I am looking forward with great  
pleasure to seeing you again next week.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb  
encl



DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

March 17th, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for \$4,000.00 advance royalty against the delivering of the manuscript for the Third Volume of The History of Canada. The balance we will promptly pay on demand.

I trust that you had a pleasant journey home and that you found your family in good health. For our part here, we had a happy time during your visit, and feel that our time together on Saturday was one of the highlights, even though we did get lost going home.

Both Lily and I shall look forward to your next visit here, and hope that at that time it will be convenient for Edith to come along.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

April 22nd, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

*Ans'd  
Apr. 28/55*

Dear Tom:

We are very pleased to tell you that negotiations have just been completed with William Collins Sons & Co., of London, England for distribution in Great Britain and the other Commonwealth countries, other than Canada, of THE WHITE AND THE GOLD, and all subsequent volumes in the History of Canada series.

This wonderful news only came to us this afternoon, and we are passing it on to you at once, as we feel sure that you too will be happy to hear it.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

*George*  
George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

September 7/55

Dear George,

Here is the biographical sketch you asked for, also a photograph. I've been busy all summer in research for the history. I have most of the material lined up and I have drawn the framework of the book, although I must go to Ottawa next month for a final check in the national archives. From here on it will be a straight-forward job of writing which will take me well into '56, as Tom Costain foresaw. One can't make haste with this kind of thing, where every detail must be checked and re-checked as one goes along; but I'm excited about it and I want to produce a damned good book.

Since February I've been thinking over the other matter you discussed with me here, and the more I think about it the more I feel inclined to make the change. I finished my novel about the first of June. (The title is THE WINGS OF NIGHT). It was too late for Fall publication unless the publishers slapped it through in a hurry, and I didn't care for that. So I'm holding it. I've said nothing to Little Brown (who have a "next work" option on it) and I've told H & S (who have no option) that I'm contemplating a change of publishers. And that's the situation at the moment.

My best to Lily and yourself.

Mr. George Nelson

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

October 19th, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I was glad to receive a photostat of your letter to Ken McCormick in regard to your position on the novel that you have presently finished.

Our New York man who looks after subsidiary rights for pictures, radio and television is coming to Toronto in the very near future, and my thought was that you must have a good deal of short story material that has not been sold in this media. While I do not wish to go out on a limb and state just what we can do, if you would consider us acting for you in this regard on short stories that you have published I would be happy to have your reaction.

You will, I am sure, be interested in hearing that Macleans are showing interest in the second volume of the History of Canada being done now by Joseph Rutledge, and we have an enquiry from a purchaser for the BBC who have shown interest in copyright material that would be suitable for adaptation for one-half hour programs in England.

This whole idea is something that has been of interest to me, and should produce revenue if we can make the right contacts. I would be glad to have your feelings in this matter.

On behalf of Lily and myself we sent our most kind regards.

Sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

December 14th, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I am enclosing the Christmas Books for Everybody catalog, which is used extensively by all department stores and bookstores in Canada, and which we feel is one of the best annual book promotion pieces that is done here. I have marked the pages which we purchased, which I trust will give you an indication of how we handle important titles in this country. We have also done extensive direct advertising, and a good deal of cooperative advertising with book stores and department stores.

We have been notified that your novel, WINGS OF THE NIGHT, has been set for June publication next year, which is an ideal time as we can have it well represented and well established for next fall and Christmas selling.

Joe Rutledge's history is now completed and set for September 1956 publication, and I am sure that we will do yours the following September. In the very near future I hope to have some information for you on the fourth and fifth books, but as the men we have approached are not actually committed it would be wise to forego naming them at the present time.

It is my desire to have a meeting with you some time next year, and if you anticipate being in Montreal or Ottawa in the near future, I would make it convenient to meet you there. If this is not the case Lily and I may take up your kind invitation to spend a few days in Liverpool. If this does occur you may be sure that my golf clubs will be in the baggage.

I trust that you and Edith and your family are well, and that you will have a very happy Christmas.

Kind personal regards.

*George E. Nelson*

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb



December 17 '55

Dear George,

Thanks for your letters of Oct. 19th and Dec. 14th, and for the copies of the Everybody catalogue and newspaper advertisements, which naturally interested me very much.

The negotiations for a contract for WINGS OF NIGHT have gone slowly, in fact I have not yet signed a contract, hence I couldn't reply to your excellent suggestion of Oct. 19th regarding TV and similar rights in my short stories. However I hope the matter of a contract will be settled quickly now, and we can get down to business regarding the handling of my work in general.

I notified McClelland & Stewart some time ago that I was changing publishers in the U.S., and that future publication of my work in Canada would depend on the outcome of these negotiations. They made considerable protest but they have now recognised the inevitable. In a recent letter Jack McClelland mentioned that they have on hand some back titles of my books and that they would offer their stock and rights to the new publisher if I wished. This stock is small, as far as I can see, because there have been no recent reprintings and the back titles have been selling in small but steady quantities each year, and are still selling. In fact they had planned to bring out, next year, a complete set of my books in a uniform format and binding. These plans, Jack informs me, have been cancelled since I ~~was~~ notified them of my intention to change publishers. That may be sour grapes but it seems to indicate amongst other things that their stock of the titles was getting low.

I expect to go to Ottawa in the spring to do some check-research in the Archives and also to look up some suitable maps for my volume of the history. I could run down to Toronto if you like, but if we have a conference there I hope you and Lily will still plan to come down here for some golf and sunshine by the sea. Meanwhile Edith joins me in every good wish to you both for Christmas and the coming year.

Sincerely,

Mr. George E. Nelson

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

December 21st, 1955

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We enclose two copies of the Canadian contract for your book, *THE WINGS OF NIGHT*, which I trust you will find in order, and will return both signed copies to us at your convenience.

In the meantime you will have received contract from Ken McCormick for the sale of your book in the U.S.A.

It is my understanding from New York that the question of terms has been a point of discussion to the present, and I hope that with separate contracts for Canada and the United States, this has been smoothed out to your entire satisfaction.

Our best to you both for a very happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb  
encl



December 29th, 1955

Mr. George E. Nelson,  
Doubleday Canada Limited,  
105 Bond Street,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear George,

Here are the two copies of the Canadian  
contract for WINGS OF NIGHT, duly signed and witnessed.

I am sending Ethel Hulse today the signed copies of  
the U.S. contract.

My son and daughter are home for the Christmas holidays  
and the house is a riot. It's fun to have them home but  
Gad, the racket. As soon as quiet descends after the  
New Year, Edith will be writing to thank you and Lily  
for remembering her with that beautiful plant. Meanwhile  
I can tell you that it arrived in perfect condition,  
a mass of bloom, and she was delighted and so was I.

All the best for '56,

Sincerely,

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

January 4th, 1956

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We are returning your copy of the signed contract for THE WINGS OF NIGHT, and enclose our cheque for \$1,000.00 as arranged. Further payment will be made in July on advance as agreed.

There is also the question of when you require a further payment against advance agreed on your volume of the History of Canada, which is for \$2,000.00, to be paid this year on demand.

We have just received a very enthusiastic letter from Ethel Hulse in regard to the finished manuscript that Joe Rutledge has turned in, which they say they are justifiably proud to publish.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb  
encl.

January 11th, 1956

Dear George,

Thanks for your letter of the 4th, enclosing my copy of the contract for THE WINGS OF NIGHT and cheque for \$1,000.

The balance of the advance on my volume of the History of Canada (\$2,000) can be paid to me next month, preferably on or about February 15th.

Glad to know that Ethel Hulse is pleased with Joe Rutledge's volume. I'm glad that Tom persuaded Ethel to give Rutledge a 1956 deadline on this book, as he was obviously keen to do a good job on it and he was reluctant to rush the thing through for publication in '55. This gives me more time for my own volume, which I can use to advantage, especially in the latter part of the period (which covers the Canadian rebellions of 1837 and their aftermath) -- a tremendous amount of material to be checked over, selected and written.

A violent sea gale has been blowing here for a solid week, with heavy rain. All the snow and ice has gone, rivers are in flood, bridges out, wires down. Oddly enough our rickety old South Shore railway (which you will remember) has managed to keep running most of the time, while other and much better lines elsewhere in the Maritimes had to close down.

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

February 10th, 1956.

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N.S.

Dear Tom:

We enclose our cheque for \$2000.00 for the balance of the advance against royalty on the History of Canada volume.

I do hope that you will try and give me a day or two in Toronto at the time of your spring visit to Ottawa for a mutual discussion in regard to your writing plans for the future.

I am off for Edmonton to attempt to finalize a contract with Dr. W. G. Hardy for the fourth volume. With our present plans for Fall publication of your novel and Joe Rutledge's volume of the History of Canada and a few other commissions that I am undertaking, it begins to shape up as a very busy but exhilarating year.

My best regards to Edith and yourself.

Sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb



DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

May 22nd, 1956

Mr. Thomas Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I just wonder whether you have already been advised that THE WINGS OF NIGHT will be the November selection of the Doubleday Dollar Book Club in the United States and Canada, which I am sure you will be glad of; and I personally am delighted.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Halifax at the Canadian Authors Association Convention at the end of June.

Affectionate best to you both.

Sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

May 25th, 1956

Hello George,

Your letter was news, and I was delighted to hear that THE WINGS OF NIGHT is to be a Doubleday book club selection. I'm sure the novel will be a success in the shops as well. Incidentally the shops here in Liverpool usually sell three or four hundred copies of my novels (it's something to be a local celebrity) and your Maritime traveller probably has this in mind.

Edith and I are delighted, too, that we'll be seeing you at the Authors' convention in Halifax. I'm making a quick trip to Montreal in June (the Royal Society are presenting me with a medal) but I'm dashing right back here to get on with my work before the Halifax doings. Hope you're bringing Lily with you.

Cheero from both us,

Mr. George E. Nelson

EXCLUSIVE CONNECTION WITH WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE



# CANADIAN NATIONAL



J. R. WHITE, GENERAL MANAGER  
TORONTO

# TELEGRAPHS

STANDARD TIME

HXAJ057 42 NL=TORONTO ONT MAY 28=

1956 MAY 28 PM 7:14  
VERPOOL, N. S.  
PHONE 95

THOMAS H RADDALL=

PLEASE REPLY COLLECT WHETHER YOUR VOLUME CANADIAN HISTORY  
WILL COVER PERIOD UP TO EIGHTEEN FORTY AS WE DISCUSSED  
ORIGINALLY STOP GEORGE HARDY DOING FOURTH VOLUME AND HE  
AND COSTAIN HAVING MEETING IN TORONTO THIS WEEK TO PLAN  
HIS PERIOD STOP BEST REGARDS=

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED GEORGE E NELSON=

*reply over*

709P=



George C. Nelson

My book covers events up to and including  
year eighteen fifty

Tom Raddall

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

July 3rd, 1956.

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N.S.

Dear Tom:

I enclose our cheque for \$750.00,  
being the balance of the advance crediting  
of the Canadian contract.

I was very happy to spend the  
limited time available with you and Edith  
and I feel that, while the time was short,  
we did accomplish a number of things that  
will prove to be of great benefit to us both.

Best to you both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George E. Nelson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

George E. Nelson

GEN:umc  
encl.

July 5th, 1956

Dear George,

Having been up to my ears in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries for the past year I'm a bit absent-minded about the present day, hence I was surprised and delighted to see you in that Dalhousie lecture room -- as if you hadn't told me you were coming.

Edith had hoped with me that you and Lily would be free to visit us in Liverpool this summer. I would have pressed you to come on home with us from Halifax, but of course you were tied up necessarily with Shapiro's visit there and I knew you were anxious about your son, so I didn't push the point. E. and I simply dashed away and got right back to work on the book.

However we had an enjoyable lunch and afternoon together, and I like your suggestion for the next novel. I shall keep it well in mind.

Thanks for the cheque, which comes at a useful time. My private secretary joins me the best of wishes to Lily and yourself. Do bring Lily with you when you come again. Meanwhile we hope your boy recovers quickly from what must be a very painful affliction.

Sincerely,

Mr. George E. Nelson

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

August 30th, 1956

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I have talked to our principals in New York, and they are agreeable that if we could secure some sale for HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES they would print some stock for us.

However, the first step would be for you to approach McClelland and Stewart and request that in view of the fact that the book is now out of print you would like the rights returned to you.

This is not an unusual request, because it is frequently done when an author changes publishers, and we think it is possible that McClelland and Stewart would agree to this at no cost, as long as they are unaware that we have any future interest in re-issuing this title. Between ourselves, if they did request a nominal sum, I think we would be willing to reimburse you for this outlay, but before we could agree we would want to know our liability.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

September 4th, 1956

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Under separate cover we are forwarding three copies of THE WINGS OF NIGHT, which has just come to hand.

The publication date for your book is September 20th, and no doubt you will be receiving some stock of this title from New York, but in the meantime I thought you would be glad to see the finished book. I would appreciate it if you would inscribe one copy for Harry Draper, who is an extremely enthusiastic supporter of your work, and a personal friend of mine. The second copy I would like you to inscribe for Lily and myself; and the third you may keep.

I would appreciate your returning these two copies as soon as convenient.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George'. The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with a prominent 'G' and 'E'. The signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

September 10th 1956

Mr. George E. Nelson,  
Doubleday Canada Limited,  
105 Bond Street,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear George,

With reference to your letter of August 30th concerning a new printing of HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES, I wrote McClelland and Stewart regarding publishing rights, and they have replied as follows:

"In accordance with your request of September 4th, we hereby return to you all printing or publishing rights that we have had in the two works HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES and PRIDE'S FANCY. We are holding plates for both these titles and would be glad to sell these to you or to a printer that you might designate. We shall hold these plates until December 31st of this year after which date we shall destroy them unless you should decide to purchase them in the interim.

"All the other titles for which we have made publishing contracts are still in print. We would be prepared to return the rights on any one or all of these titles in the event that you could arrange for our stock to be purchased outright."

I had asked them about the rights in general, hence their reference to the various other titles, but as you see there is a clear field for any new printing of HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES that you may wish to make.

Supplies of THE WINGS OF NIGHT are now reaching the stores in these parts, and Bendelier of the Book Room, Halifax, phoned today asking me to autograph some copies for him some time before the 21st. I promised to do so, and lest the other Halifax booksellers take offence I suppose I'd better drop in and do the same for the others. Will you let me know, please, the names of the other shops handling THE WINGS OF NIGHT there?

Ethel Hulse has sent me a copy of Joe Rutledge's volume of the Canadian history so that I can tie in my work with his. I'm slugging away at my own volume. I've taken great pains with it -- an immense amount of material to be studied and many points to be checked and double-checked for accuracy -- but I should have the book finished by the end of November.

Cheero,



DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

106 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

September 13th, 1956

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Very good news in your letter of September 13th that we now have clearance to do as we like with your title HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES.

As McClelland & Stewart have intimated that they are prepared to sell out stock of your earlier titles, I shall in the near future contact Jack McClelland and see whether we can make satisfactory arrangements with him.

I am also glad to know that you anticipate finishing your volume of the History by the end of November, as we still are very anxious to publish your title in the early fall next year.

At the present time our Bruce Ewart is in the Maritimes, and we have stock orders for THE WINGS OF NIGHT from all the following accounts:

Cannolly's Limited, Halifax  
J. P. Donaldson, Halifax  
Mahon's, Halifax  
T. Eaton Co. Halifax,  
Book Room, Halifax  
Waters Bookshop, Wolfeville  
Community Bookshop, Hantsport  
R. D. Chisholm, Kentville  
Lewis Bookshop, Bridgetown  
Beattie Bros. Annapolis Royal  
May's Bookstore, Digby  
R. H. Davis, Yarmouth  
Flemming's, Shelburne  
Mersey Drug, Liverpool  
McKinlay's, Yarmouth  
La Have Stationery, Bridgewater,

Zwicks Bookstore, Lunenburg  
Smith's Stationery, Dartmouth  
Dobson's, New Glasgow  
White's Bookstore, New Glasgow  
Yould's " , Truro  
Thomas " "

Yours sincerely,

George E. Nelson



September 18th '56

Dear George,

Today I'm forwarding two copies of THE WINGS OF NIGHT, one autographed for Harry Draper and the other for you and Lily. Thanks for the third copy. It will be interesting to see what the reviewers have to say, and how the sales progress.

Sincerely,

Mr. George Nelson,  
Doubleday Canada Limited,  
105 Bond Street,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

November 13th, 1956

Mr. Thomas Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

I am enclosing a review from  
The Kingston Whig-Standard, which I thought  
you might like to see.

This appeared in The Bookmark  
which is written by Mr. Arnold Edinborough,  
editor of The Whig Standard, and was in  
the November 10th issue. The same column  
appears in the Peterborough Examiner.

Yours sincerely,

*George*

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb

# DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

November 16th, 1956

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

We have finally arranged with our principals in New York to republish HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES, and we will offer this title for sale in the fall of 1957. We will also at that time distribute HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES through the Doubleday Book Club in Canada, and we hope that we will be able to secure some use for it in the Dollar Book Club in the United States, as a supplementary title.

We plan here on publishing a pretty substantial edition of up to 75,000 copies. Of course most of these will be used in our Book Clubs although it is our intention to list this title as a re-issue in our fall catalog next year. This will produce additional revenue for you, and I trust it pleases you.

We have shipped more than 5,000 copies of THE WINGS OF NIGHT in Canada to the present, and all the reviews that we have seen have been particularly laudatory. Of course the big distribution will come with the use of this title in the United States for the Dollar Book Club, and our use of it in the spring here in our club.

Would it be possible for us to secure a copy of your manuscript of the Canadian History so that we may present it to Maclean's magazine for consideration, as they are anxious to have an opportunity of bidding for serialization. I do not feel that we should allow them to use as much as they did of THE WHITE AND THE GOLD because it definitely hurt the sale for the trade edition. However I think if we allowed them to use 50,000 words this could create an added market for us previous to the trade release.

I trust that you will be pleased to know that Ralph Allen has agreed to write the fifth volume of the Canadian History covering the period from 1910 to 1945.

We enclose an agreement for the republishing of HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES, which I trust you will sign and return to us, so that we can send it along to our principals in New York.

Affectionate best to Edith and yourself.

*George*

GEN:eb

George E. Nelson

November 22/56

Mr. George E. Nelson,  
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,  
105 Bond Street,  
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear George,

I'm delighted to know that you have arranged for the republication of His Majesty's Yankees, and for a good substantial printing. Many people still reckon it the best of my historical novels and this will give it a distribution that it did not have before. Naturally, too, I can use the money.

I was in Halifax the other day, autographing more copies of The Wings of Night for the booksellers, and they seemed happy about their sales.

I'll see that you get a copy of the manuscript of Volume Three in the History series so that you can show it to Maclean's. As you know, Bruce Hutchinson jumped the gun on some of the more interesting parts of this period with his Struggle for the Border (or whatever it was called) and Maclean's ran quite a lot of it a year or so ago. That being the case I don't think they'll want to use so much of mine, and the trade edition will have a freer field.

I've been going over my History manuscript carefully, cutting here and there, as I found it was running to a considerable length and I had to make elbow room for the final phase. As far as I can see now it will be somewhat more than Tom's volume but a bit less than Joe's. I expect to finish it about the New Year or shortly after that.

Edith joins me in regards to you and Lily.

Sincerely,

DOUBLEDAY CANADA LIMITED

105 BOND STREET  
TORONTO 2, CANADA



OFFICE OF GEORGE E. NELSON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

December 6th, 1956

Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,  
Liverpool, N. S.

Dear Tom:

Our people feel that we should have a more formal contract with you on the re-issue of HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES, than was originally submitted by me.

I think that the detailed contract as enclosed is in essence my understanding of what we have already agreed to, and I would appreciate it if you would sign these copies and return 2 of them to us.

Another point that has been raised by our subsidiary department is that we would like to know what use has been made of this book either for a digest, radio, paper bound edition or subsidiary release.

We would be glad to get this signed contract back as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Nelson

GEN:eb  
encl

December 11, 1956

Mr. George E. Nelson,  
Doubleday Canada Ltd.,  
Toronto 2.

Dear George,

Here are duplicate copies of the formal contract for HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES, duly signed.

Previous uses of this novel were as follows.

In 1950 the John S. Winston Company published a version of the story, condensed and edited for juvenile readers, under the title SON OF THE HAWK. It still has a small sale to school libraries etc. in Canada and the U.S.

In that year or soon afterwards Harlequin published a soft-back edition of HIS MAJESTY'S YANKEES in Canada. This has been out of print for several years.

The book has not been used in digest, radio, T.V. or movie form. In Great Britain, Blackwood's brought out a hard-back edition during the late war. It has been out of print since 1945.

Sincerely,