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EATON, Louis Woodbury

b. Calais, 1893
February 15, 1954

Mr. Louis Woodbury Eaton
Calais
Maine

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Congratulations upon the completion and nearing publication of your book, PORK, MOLASSES AND TIMBER. We are always eager to have books about Maine, and we shall be sure that this title is on our order list.

Do you know of the Maine Author Collection? It is a permanent exhibit of books written by Maine people, and constitutes a valuable testimony to Maine's literary production. The inscriptions are varied and original, and lend distinction to a collection which constantly attracts students and visitors.

We also collect biographical information, and reviews and critical articles. We shall be watching for these when PORK, MOLASSES AND TIMBER is published. We hope that you will want to inscribe a copy of your book for inclusion in the collection.

Our warm good wishes to you for its success.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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February 16, 1954

Maine State Library
Attention of Mrs. F. W. Jacobs,
In charge of Maine Author Collection
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mrs. Jacobs:

Needless to say that your letter of February 15th referring to my book PORK, MOLASSES and TIMBER was very gratifying to me, this being my first attempt as an author.

I am interested in your reference to the Maine Author Collection. Although I was a member of the House for two Sessions, I did not know that such a department existed. It will give me real pleasure to inscribe a copy for the Author Collection.

The good wishes expressed by you for its success are really appreciated on my part.

Most sincerely,

LOUIS W. EATON
March 9, 1954

Mr. Louis Woodbury Eaton
P. O. Box 333
Calais, Maine

Dear Mr. Eaton:

The pleasantly anticipated copy of your book, PORK, MOLASSES AND TIMBER, is acknowledged with appreciation of your generosity and interest; and we add it happily to the Maine Author Collection.

It is well to capture such memories and put them in permanent form. So many things have changed in Maine's logging camps, and so few people who experienced the "old" days have the inclination or ability to write of them, that we are always especially glad to have such material in book form and available for researchers and for the average reader in search of a good story. You write with authority and a familiarity that comes from knowing your subject thoroughly, and we congratulate you upon this book. There must be much more you could tell -- may we hope for more books?

We will note PORK, MOLASSES AND TIMBER in the next issue of the Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, so that all the librarians in the state may know of its availability.

Thank you very much for the presentation copy for the Maine Author Collection, and good luck to the book.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
September 2, 1954

Mr. Louis W. Eaton
Calais
Maine

Dear Mr. Eaton:

It is good news to learn that we may expect a sequel to your popular PORK, MOLASSES AND TIMBER. In your extensive experience, there must surely be a number of books, and we look forward to the publication of the new one with great interest.

When its date is settled and more information is available, we shall add it to our order list; and we hope that the Maine Author Collection also may have an inscribed copy, to place beside your earlier volume.

Good luck with the progress of the new book.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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Maine State Library  
State House  
Augusta, Maine  

Attention Mrs. F.W. Jacob, In charge  
Maine Author Collection  

Dear Mrs. Jacob:  

Thank you for your letter of September 2nd and your complimentary remarks regarding my book PORK, MOLASSES and TIMBER. 

It is true that I have about completed a sequel which should be ready for the publishers sometime in December this year. You may be sure if, and when it is published, you will receive an autographed copy for the Maine Author Collection in the State Library.  

Assuring you that your letter is much appreciated. 

Most sincerely, 

LOUIS W. EATON
Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Just to let you know that I have completed the sequel to *Pork, Molasses and Timber* and it should be released from the press sometime in September I would think. It will be published by The Blackmore Press and the title will be *Salt Water, Fresh Water* and *Fire Water*. When it is released I will see that an autographed copy is sent you for the Author Collection.

In going over my file re *Pork, Molasses* and *Timber*, I happened to note again your nice letter of February 15th, 1954, and that in the last paragraph you state that you also collect biographical information and reviews and critical articles. I am, herewith, attaching a few in connection with *Pork, Molasses* and *Timber*, in case you haven’t these in the Library files; also reference made to *Notae River* in the last book which is the St. Croix River and Tidewater is Calais.

Most sincerely,

Louis W. Eaton

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August 1, 1955

Mr. Louis W. Eaton
Eaton Land Company
P O Box 333
Calais, Maine

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Thank you very much for the clippings, and for the good news that we may expect your new book soon. SALT WATER, FRESH WATER AND FIRE WATER is an intriguing title, and we shall be eager to see it. Its publication date is a little late for us to include it in the Maine in Print list for the August Bulletin of the Maine Library Association, but we'll see that it makes the November issue.

Good luck to it, and thank you for the promise of an inscribed copy for the Maine Author Collection.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

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January 10, 1956

Mr. Louis W. Eaton
P O Box 333
Calais, Maine

Dear Mr. Eaton:

An announcement of your new book was in our mail last week, and we hoped that meant that the pleasure of seeing a copy would soon be ours. Now the inscribed copy for the Maine Author Collection is here, and we send you our thanks for SALT WATER, FRESH WATER AND FIRE WATER.

Regular library copies are ordered, but we are gratified that the exhibit copy arrived first. It is a fascinating book. How wise you are to capture these stories and experiences in print for the nostalgia of readers who knew the woods and ways of which you write; and for the envy of those who didn't. Your enthusiasm and humor are infectious, and it is a delight and a privilege to be able to add SALT WATER, FRESH WATER AND FIRE WATER to our Maine Author Collection.

Best wishes for its success.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Dear Mrs. Jacob:

Letters such as yours of the 10th well repay me for the effort of assembling in book form some of the varied experiences of my life in the woods.

I am glad that that you like my second book SALT WATER, FRESH WATER and FIRE WATER equally as well as PORK, MOLASSES and TIMBER.

With all good wishes for 1956.

Most sincerely,

LOUIS W. EATON

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