

ODE TO THE ACADIANS

THE STORY OF THE DYKELANDS
IS ONE OF THE GREATEST REVEALDE.
A STORY ABOUT GREAT HANDS AND HEARTS,
NO LONGER TO BE CONCEALED.

THIS CAST OF MASTER BUILDERS
MUST BE KNOWN THE WHOLE WORLD WIDE,
AS THE CHAMPIONS OF PERSISTANCE,
FOR DEFEATING THE FUNDY TIDE.

THE CREATION OF THE DYKELANDS
IS BEYOND ONES COMPREHENSION.
FOREVER THEY STAND AS MEMORIALS,
AND A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION.

THIS LAND, AS LEVEL AS THE SEA ITSELF,
FROM WHENCE IT WAS GIVEN BIRTH,
A TREASURE FOR FOOD PRODUCTION,
FOR CENTURIES HAS PROVED IT'S WORTH.

WALK IN THE QUIET OF A DYKELAND BREEZE,
AND CONTEMPLATE THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE.
THOSE WHO ESTABLISHED A WORLD WONDER,
HERE ON GRAND PRE'S FUNDY SHORE!

TO: THE FRIENDS OF GRAND PRE

FROM: GORDON R. GREENO

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Dear Lucille:

First, let me thank you for the positive comments regarding the "Acadian Pyramids". I did this believing that few people would have the step-by-step knowledge of how the dykelands evolved. I'm happy if it provided some insight to those who otherwise may not understand this great, great feat by the Acadian people.

I am presently seventy six years of age. I believe that I was between seventeen and eighteen years old when I began working on the marshlands. It follows that I've had plenty of time to reflect on the knowledge and courage of the Acadians.

I have attempted to condense the Acadian story in poetry form, a copy of which I have included here.

Be assured that "The Friends of Grand Pré", have no enemies!!

all the best - always.

GB Greeno