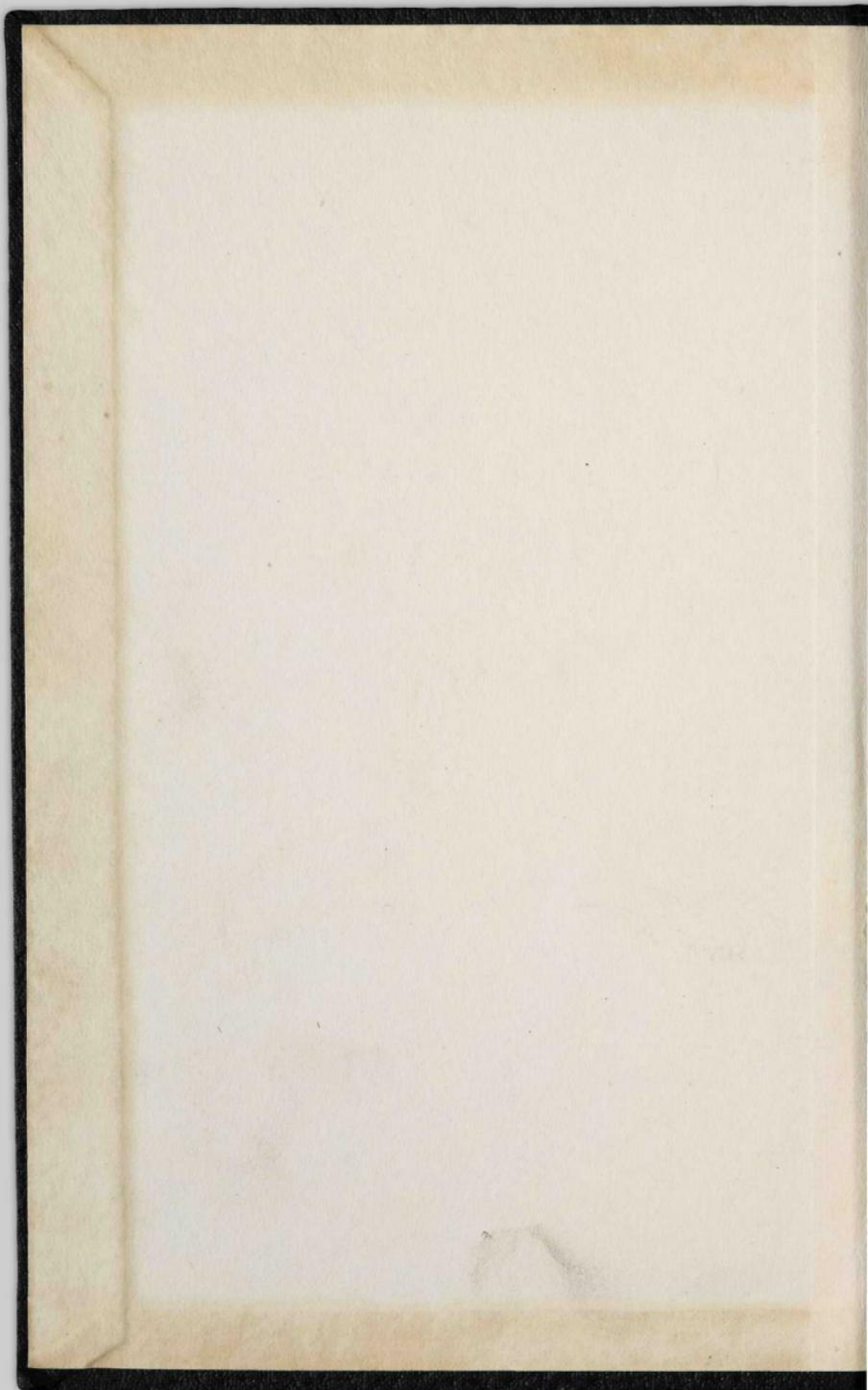
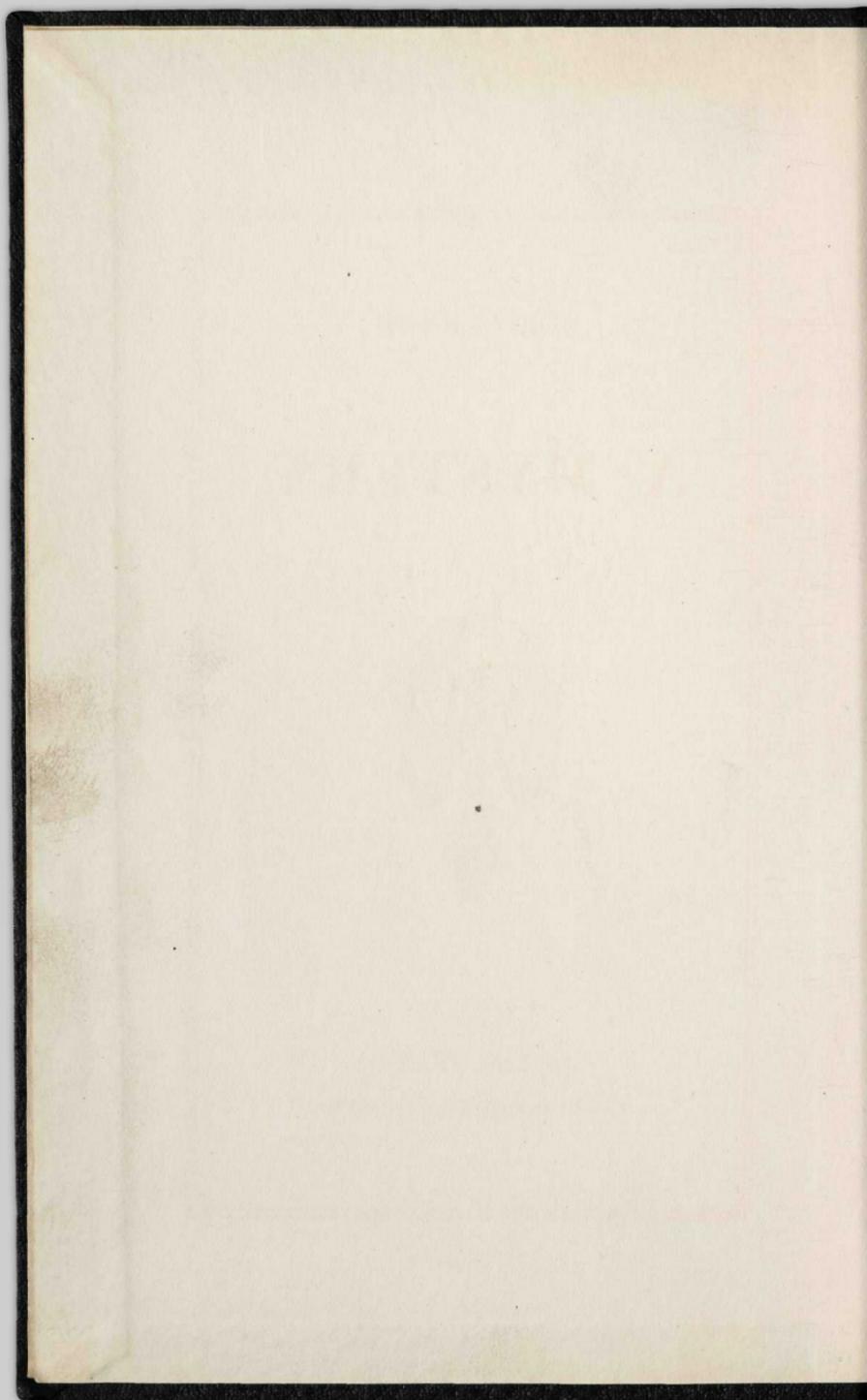


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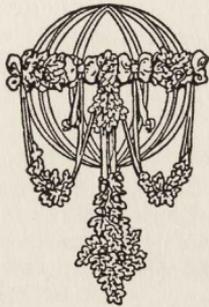
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## INTRODUCTORY

Vancouver, B. C., April 22, 1920.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that James Ivany was employed by us as Captain and Manager of the S.S. "Elsie" for one year, 1909. Previous to that time he was employed as a Carpenter for several years. We always found him a good, conscientious worker.

Yours truly,

ROBERTSON & HACKETT SAWMILLS, Ltd.  
Geo. R. Hackett.

Frintz, Newfoundland, 1868.

This is to certify that James Ivany served me for four summers to the Labrador Fishery. I can recommend him to any man for carrying on the Fishery, and, also, an able hand in repairing seams or nets for its use.

JOSEPH MORRIS,  
Master and Owner.

St. John's, November 18, 1884.

This is to certify that James Ivany has been several springs to the seal fishery with me, also foreign voyages, and I can recommend him as a sober, industrious man and a good gunner.

FRANCIS ASH.

St. John's, Rfld., 16th July, 1888.

I have known James Ivamy for many years.

He has been engaged in the cod and seal fisheries and for the past few years has been working as a carpenter, and lately as a boilermaker. He has earned for himself the approval of those with whom he has been employed. He is a sober, industrious and exemplary citizen, and as he is now about to leave Newfoundland in the hope of advancing his interest, I wish him every success, and I give him this letter to avail of in case he should meet with any person with whom I am acquainted, and I should feel much obliged if such a one would do him a kindness in case he requires a recommendation.

W. O. WHITEWAY.

## A MYSTERY

No. 60, Written in 1906.

A copy of this number may be sent to the leaders of foreign nations, but don't work for them till you get their photograph to study. I got Roosevelt's from a newspaper during the Spanish war with the United States, also the picture of the little King of Spain from the American war book, but he was too young to get his marks correctly, but apparently his face looks good. Roosevelt shows great love for small children. I could show you how to manage fish when in good health or when sick; when not fit for the market, how to increase the fisheries and how to destroy them. Also I can tell you of a system that would build up a country or a city and the system that would ruin them. How to weaken a city or nation or make them rich, and how to move the business from one city to another. What puts some people out of their mind. What increases love or what destroys it. What makes people so cruel. Why men get better health on the water than they do on land, or better health out of town than they do in it. What country has the best government officers. The United States had better military officers than Spain had during the late war. Why some men are more intelligent than others. What signs are

shown for high or low wind. How to settle disputes between labor and capital. How to build up a city without borrowing money, and a city of forty thousand people under my system would not find work enough for four policemen. Some years ago I offered to show the people all I know about fish free of charge, so I would advise you not to offer free service to the public unless you wish them to put you to death, as they did Christ. I could show you the system that brings both rich and poor to want in a land of plenty, that is now close at hand in England. Later it will happen in the United States and Canada, for the signs have been shown for many years. I can give the cause and remedy. Do not trust your country in the hands of a foreigner, as he has only one home and one trade. The Japanese are a very intelligent people and are in a good position to become prosperous, so is China. Big wages and short hours of labor are a great drawback to any country or people. Free schools and compulsory education are a curse to humanity. My father could not write his own name, and I am glad to say I never got six months at school in my life, and today I would not give my experience for the best education the world can give. I could test every word of this for you, or show you how to test for yourself. Japan is likely to rise in power and fall quicker than any other country, owing to the system they are taking from civilized countries. Their fisheries and our ruined fisheries will be something the same in a few years. Chinese are in the best position to rule the world, according to the history of Christ, but the United States have the best country, and Canada would rise in power with good systems. Study human nature and get good health: it is the best fortune.

Young blood for a vessel and old blood for a council, but it must be of experience, or the busi-

ness will go to ruin like the fisheries of Newfoundland, Canada and the United States; men working for wages have the best chance to live a happy life. Never judge the weight of another man's load till you have carried it yourself. A self-made man is the artist of his own work, but the educated man has his secondhand, without experience, as a rule. Life is too short for both education and experience. Any person wanting to know anything of you, concerning other men's business, it should be in writing and signed by the leader of such country for one and only one law for all people in our country, and you should not hold office or work to the interest of any sect against the leader of any country for the world's value as we have been doing for years.



**No. 71, Written Nov. 23rd, 1908.**

When Newfoundland started to go back from prosperity, it took about 30 years before the banks broke. During the 30 years previous everything seemed to flourish. Canada and the United States use the same system that was used in Newfoundland, and other systems still worse. The fisheries and timber in British Columbia are a great drawback to Canada and the United States. I fail to find an industry in British Columbia profitable and permanent. It takes about 16 years to ruin a salmon industry with this system. We have in British Columbia other fisheries, which vary more or less. The United States could have the ruling power in 20 years by altering their system. The day will come when Canada and the United States will be one in government. We are the same people in two divi-

sions. This I cannot understand: Why Canada and the United States people try so hard to destroy their timber and send their gold out of their countries. Their fisheries are destroyed through ignorance, influence or graft.

See No. 70. It gives the cause of poor health of fishes, birds and beasts and mankind. No. 70 should go with this, but it would be a great drawback to the United States and Canadian stockholders who have their money in salmon and other fisheries. This has been very useful to me when fishing and in other branches of work, and you need to study it all if you want to be a good fisherman. It would be a guide for you. We may show these two numbers to the government, and greater work may be done as we have no education or influence to do any good outside ourselves. It is studied for you, and it is for you to say when you are 21. You may then judge for yourself by the books you read. I like to read of Joseph, and I would like to do his work as he did it. The fisheries are a mystery to the people. Many people are under the impression that fish in British Columbia are of a poor quality, but they are of a good quality if handled right and sent to market in good condition. It is not wise to say too much in public at first, as what would benefit some would ruin others. The expenses in the seal and codfisheries that ruined the stockholders and the banks in Newfoundland could be done better without than with. The greater part of the expense in the salmon fisheries in British Columbia could be done better without than with on the cannerymen's part and take better care of the fisheries for the next generation. A fisherman has no plans drawn for him, he must use his own judgment. If you take up this work you may learn enough for another man to start on. I would not advise you, as you are not of my blood,

and the work is too heavy for you, as you lack in measurement. If you had a dollar for every drawback that British Columbia has, you could spend \$1.00 a day while you live and live a long life and leave much more behind you and money to spare. You can find it in the fish log book, if not in this number. It is not the money you make while you live counts for you; it is the good you do with it. When I read the newspapers once, it spoils my study for a week. I gave up study and have gone to work by the day in order to increase my weight. Sixteen (16) years previous to this date (March, 1909) I heard an Indian speak in the City Market Hall, Vancouver, concerning the future. He told us the banks and businessmen would not be able to finance their business with the system they use. We had the experience in the United States last year, 1907 and 1908, and it is due to Canada and the States again if the systems are not altered. And I quite agree with the views expressed by our forest brother.

As I am putting this in print you can hand this to the Government before you are 21,—if you want to. They can investigate if they want to. You put No. 70 before the public and let them that are nervous and committing suicide and suffering with a pain in the head and other suffering—the cause in many cases you need to know yourself. No. 70 is the best number in the book. Some day I may inform you on it. It seems to me the leading men of the fisheries in cities and countries are in great darkness and are more to be pitied than blamed for the wrong that is done by them. I want you to put No. 70 before the public as soon as you are 21, for the sake of the poor children that are suffering through ignorance of parents. Making your own charge, you can keep all the other numbers for your own use if you want to, or sell them and become rich and full of

care and trouble. I will rest from study till you are of age if I can. It was seven years from the time I tried to get the sturgeon traps removed from off the sandheads till it was done, and it cost me \$50.00 for loss of time and expense.

Now the people and cattle are suffering on the low lands of the Fraser River from bad water. I will do all in my power to get good water for them, and if I fail, you try it in your time. The means will come if the will is there. I will never give it up since I made the attempt. I can see my way clear to do it, but it would cause more pain than pleasure and put many out of business. Be careful along these lines, for all children are trusting to some person for a living. Learn to understand yourself and you will be a good judge of others. If you want to see what machinery will do for your country, see Numbers 42 and 43.

The future life of the fisheries of this country are very simple.



Written January 18th, 1909.

There are places in B. C. where a city could be started and be a much better city than Vancouver in ten years with good systems. The cost of one saw mill is all the capital required to start with. The systems would do the rest. The systems explained would stand for ever—would cost three million dollars, with five miles of land or more. This is yours and not mine to give now.

Systems that would stand for ever in fisheries explained, would cost one hundred thousand dollars. This is mine to give.

The truth concerning the fisheries, given to the public, would ruin the stockholders. It would take sixteen years to make good the cod fisheries of Newfoundland; the salmon fisheries of B. C. the same. You must understand yourself before you understand anything else, if it is not told you by others. I am a self-taught man. If foreign people wish to have their fisheries, countries and cities in a prosperous condition, I will show you and you can show them for the above sum stated, but only in writing. I don't want to fill any office in any country now. My health is worth more to me. It is easier for me to work a month than to study a day. If I report the fisheries in public, as I intended to, it will be plain enough for old and young to understand the condition of fish and the cause. It would be better done through the Government, since they have refused to hear me, but it must be made in public to my sorrow. I don't like to see the stockholders suffer through the truth concerning the fisheries.

#### THE COLD STORAGE

should be made known to the public. We have just as good a right to report as we have to pay for the rotten fish that are sold by them for the number one. You may give a few of these copies to the U. S. and Canadian stockholders before you let on to the public.

I saw a report in a Vancouver paper showing how much better the working-class of Canada are than the working-class of foreign countries are. In testing that report, I find the foreign people three dollars per head per day ahead of us in B. C. in prosperity, and if steps are not taken to better the condition, we are likely to see days like the days of Belshazzar. Some years ago, I asked for a job as inspector of fish and was told by a

Mayor of Vancouver that it was no use to ask for a Government job unless I had voted for certain parties in the last campaign. I have not voted for members or aldermen since. Don't let the world move you. Don't tell all you know at one time. Don't dwell on two opinions while I am alive. Ask in writing after you are 21, or I cannot explain. Never run a bill you don't intend to pay. Never vote for any person to gain a favour. Never fill an office for a Government or city while you have an office of your own. It cannot be done right, and there is only one person you can get revenge on, and that is yourself. There is another fishery in this country that could be handled by foreign people, but not by white people with the systems we have in Canada. It would be a good paying business, but it would be a drawback to Canada.

A prophet tells what will happen, the cause and signs he keeps for himself. In these days influence and gall are of more value than experience, unless you own the business. This is power that will not stand: it will break stockholders and bankers. In 1888, when I was about to leave Newfoundland, I told Sir William Whiteway, Prime Minister of Newfoundland, it would not be many years before they would not have enough money to finance their business and the people would leave the country. About seven years after, the banks broke.

Never take away liquor licenses or shorten the number once they are given, or you will ruin your people, or city or country. The greatest evil caused by liquor is a mystery to many.

When the railways were put through to the Pacific Coast, there was a great drawback to Canada and the United States, and a great benefit to

foreign countries. To my mind, it has been a great drawback to European countries, but this is not the only stumbling block the white people have put in their way. Prosperity depends on the leaders of the country, city or business. The indolent shall suffer and come to want in the land of plenty: the signs are plain to be seen now.



#### A Lesson That Was Written For You When You Were Little.

If you marry a woman and she has a son for you, and he breaks or destroys to the amount of \$1,000,000, make light of it. Tell him of some rich man that lost twice that amount; keep him by you while you replace or repair, and the confidence he will gain in you will be worth the money twice over.

For many years in early life, it caused me great study to know how Jesus could tell who among His disciples would betray Him. All signs were plain to Him.

The white people cannot have any more big cities with the present systems, if Christ is the truth. The good book is the best chart in the world. The compass and chart is the best pilot at sea, and what you don't know in your mind you cannot do with your hands.

Sister Francis has kept a home for sick people for more than 30 years, and has adopted and raised many small children. She has been a hard working woman. Never see her in want if you have the means to help her.

Pitch and gravel will stand good on one ply of tar paper for twenty-eight years—how much longer I do not know. The people should be taught how to put on pitch and gravel, and what material is right to build with. Don't use kiln-dried shingles. Don't use wire nails to put on shingles, or for any outside work.

No man shall have a city, but by me. Our Saviour shall again be seen, walking on the water and will be a mystery to many, and I will open the eyes of many that are now blind, but I speak not of myself. My Father is greater than I am.

I offered, years ago, to the public, free of charge, all I know, and was treated with contempt. Don't offer free service to the public as long as you labour for a living, or have any person depending on you.

This book explained would be worth billions to any country. If three million be paid over to you, build a city with it. If you should build or manage a city for another man, don't own a single cent in it. You cannot serve two masters. Don't make any choice which country you work for.

The church laws are the best laws I know of. They are carried out yet by some of the wild beasts, and would be worth much to the people if they used them. The British laws are the best laws I know of now. You will find them all in the history of Christ. Do justice to yourself, and you will do justice to all people. On this you may hang all the law.

If you have a bank in your name while you live, use the systems certain wild beasts use now. It will open the eyes of the blind, and give light to the wise, and be of worth to the people beyond estimation.

The signs are now shown in full for the future. The next book will explain more clearly.

Before the German war with Great Britain, I told you that hard times were close at hand in England. Later it would be in Canada and the United States. The war has carried us over until now, May 15th, 1922.

It may be wise for the government of any country to have this book explained, that have not had the ruling power, and let their people see the true light, and avoid the darkness we are now in.

As I am passed through the greater part of my life, I have nothing to look forward to. I would like to be wrong in all my writing. It would be better for me to be wrong than for so many to suffer. He that has Christ born in him has the best teaching the world can give him, and will see happiness and do well, and as a rule live a long life.

He that starts a new system has the lead. Those that are of most value to our country and cities are the least cared for by us working class, and we are like the man that sowed his seed of destruction, but the harvest is not ripe yet. Take no thought for me or yourself when we get old. God will take care of us the same as the woman took care of her that you called Mother. She was not your mother, neither was you her adopted son. All that is good must come down from heaven before it can go up to heaven. I cannot show you anything in man, beyond the grave.

My God has no power in the dead. Teach your children the Commandments that open the eyes of many blind people, that they may know other blind people. My mother taught me.

To the Young Women of Any City, or Country  
or County:

If it is your wish to settle in married life, get good health, live a long life, and be of full value to your country and do justice to yourself. I may go into details with you for one hundred thousand dollars. This money may be paid by the government or some rich lady who has great love and regard for small children and old people. All questions and answers must be in writing, if any. I have had lots of experience in different countries and cities, that have been wet and dry. If little children like strong drink, give freely to them. I may go into details for one hundred thousand dollars. If paid, 80 per cent. must go to make homes for young people.

I have many things yet to say, but we cannot bear them now. United States, Great Britain and all Colonies, please copy.



No. 93

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 1, 1916.

To Whom It May Concern:

I know the future life of the fisheries, of all countries managed under the present system, also the cause of good and bad health of all animals, birds and insect life, and know how to prolong the life of fish. Also the cause of poverty and unemployment. I could drop the price of fish 50 per cent. in B. C. and Newfoundland, managed under the present system. I lay claim to understand more about the fisheries and existing conditions than all the paid officials of the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland. I have a

life experience and know the signs. I know and can show to you the future of any city, or country under any system, also how to build a city that would always remain in good condition. While using my system. So you would at all times have plenty for your people. The city or cities must be owned by one man or a company. \$3,000,000. Three million dollars would build seven (7) cities in Newfoundland. The pulp industry has a good output and would increase very rapidly, giving employment to about 30,000 people. Millside, B. C., on the Fraser River, is another good site for a city. It already has a splendid start. I don't know if it is owned by one man or a company, or not. Ladners, B. C., is another good place for a city, subject to change of the present system. It contains sixty-four square miles of good soil. It is at the present time owned by too many to be useful to the future children of the said people. I consider the children's future of greater value to me than all the gold this earth possesses.

How to save money on steel or trestle work, if I was manager of Vancouver, B. C. I would not use a foot of steel or cement in public works. The secret of this you can have for \$3,000,000. How to take the business of a city or country from one place to another, and to get the ruling power. The business men of Western Canada must go out of existence under the present system, and the people will come to want in the land of plenty. Now is a good time to start under my system, but before any person can start to build a city they must understand the signs or else they cannot manage a city or country, as it is a large undertaking. The signs: The rising and setting of the sun, the dawning of stars, the northerly lights, waters, rain, and the man you hire, also east and west winds, birds, fish, and beast;

also how to live a long life and to understand the raising of all cattle. The best work can be done among the Japanese and Chinese, and Hindoo people. The people of Newfoundland don't know how to catch fish; they don't understand fish: therefore they cannot run their business, and under these conditions the fisheries will come to ruin. Seal fishing is a drawback to the country. The people don't know how to use a rifle, and I doubt if the people in England do. Don't expect the people to be honest; they may steal your gold. You can stop that by using a certain system, but they cannot steal your wisdom or your grave. I was studying how to destroy a warship at anchor at the age of ten. Don't blame the people for doing wrong; they did not make themselves; they are living in darkness. The system should be made to suit the people, and not the people to suit the system. They should be taken out of darkness into the light. The working people of Canada, England, and U. S. A. have done all in their power for many years to cause the war with Germany, and the people of Germany have done likewise; under the circumstances they could not avoid it. Neutrals and Newfoundland have ruined the fish trade. \$8,000,000 could be used to good advantage in this city, by the government, a company, or a rich man. It would carry the people over the hard times and do away with relief work which is a curse to any city or people. It shows lack of common sense among the people that they cannot manage to their own benefit. The timber and farm lands and fisheries of B. C. are an encumbrance to it and England and U. S. A. I may be out a little, but as I have no way to list it on a large scale I cannot say, until it has been tried under my system. I offered all this for the benefit of the world, 16 years ago. And was treated with scorn and contempt. My object was to have the salmon and other fisheries

from ruin here and in other countries where conditions are bad now. I will now offer this again, but at a price, \$100,000, with the signs that are worth millions. Without them it is worthless. This explained in a book form would drop the price of fish here and in Newfoundland 50 per cent. I have made the ways and systems of countries a lifelong study, and can give signs, facts, and experience of all causes of poverty and crime and the waste of public monies, the cause of bad markets for fish, and all other causes of business failure. This the people of any city or country can have for the sum of three million dollars. All communications for all knowledge pertaining to this subject must be made in writing.

**No. 94****To Whom It May Concern:**

This is my last offer to the public, and I will not be disappointed if I am again treated with contempt. To my mind 90 per cent. of the lives and property that are destroyed on the streets could be avoided. I may go into details for any reasonable offer. Also the cause of the "Titanic's" disaster, and other losses with ice. I speak from experience.

**To Whom It May Concern:**

I may give my mind and time as an adviser to any city, county or country for one million dollars per year, for three years, or we may sell out for three million dollars. If it was my business

I would advise Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Newfoundland and United States to get busy. This offer is good for 30 days after it goes through the press. Don't forget to clip the paper if you mean business.



To the Boys of Any City in Western Canada  
or the United States:

I have studied your interest, in making ice and in many ways in which you may prosper. If it is your wish to own your own sporting ground and large sheets of ice when little frost, and many other systems that would be of great benefit to you in the future. If you wish to go into details, this will be the first course: 10 per cent. of all profits must go to make homes for young people without parents. I myself was left without parents in early life. Have done more than fifty years' labouring. Never learned a lesson in a public school, and I would not give my experience for the best school education that could be had in the world, and all the gold. I have been well cared for by my employers all through life. I may show you the right and wrong course through life. You may choose for yourself which you take. You need to know the signs. Wisdom is of the most value. Wisdom may be born with you, and yet you may have no chance to use it. If you wish to go into details, write me in type-writing if you can, and I will act accordingly. This offer is good for 30 days. Write James Ivany, 401 Seventh Ave. W., Vancouver, British Columbia.

As I am now a free man, I may show the people of Newfoundland how to manage their fish-

eries, and save 75 per cent. of their cost, to catch codfish and seals, and how to handle their men, so as to save great losses of lives in the future; such as have happened in the past. This is not a free offer. I have all the experience necessary in the Newfoundland fisheries and B. C. as well. I would like to accompany a party or go captain of some sealing vessel, or hand my system over to some young person fit for the work.

The real cost of a single man to live right is much greater than a married man's expense to raise a large family.



No. 95. Written July 20th, 1915.

To Whom It May Concern:

We may show you how to use a rifle for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); how to fill in tidal land, for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); the cause and remedy for insanity; how to take care of your fisheries and keep a fully supply of fish in your waters; how to destroy a fishery if you want to, for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); how to employ officers and men, one million dollars (\$1,000,000); how to build a city and have plenty for your people to do—the city must belong to one man or a company, and a system that would shift a business from one country, county or city to another; how to settle or unsettle a country, county or city. Systems and signs going with every branch. The whole for three million dollars (\$3,000,000). We will show you the future as plain as the past, if we show you at all. It would be of great benefit to the Chinese or colored people. The business man must go out of business in B. C. with the present

system, and the people shall come to want in a land of plenty. Every question and answer must be in writing, if any, and ten dollars (\$10.00) must accompany every letter or no answer back. Newfoundland, China and Australia please copy. The herring have been destroyed on Labrador for twenty years. The seal, cod and herring fisheries will soon be destroyed in Newfoundland with present system. Salmon and herring in B. C. the same. I offered this to the public thirty years ago, free of charge. It is not mine to give now. I may show you the cause of men perishing on the ice at the seal fisheries, in Newfoundland. I asked to go as master to one of those vessels thirty years ago, so as to show the men how to avoid loss of life. I may show you the course of the "Titanic" disaster, and why ice cannot be seen from the look-out, even in fine weather, at all times, and many other things that I have not yet turned in, at your own price, that will save lives and property. But I will never again offer free services to the public to be treated with contempt in the future, as in the past, after using my suggestions. **Remarks:** I take notice that the people of our Empire pay little or no attention to the people of small means; only house their wisdom and experiences for riches and honor for themselves as far as it can be had for nothing; while other powers pay the poor man what his part is worth, and I find that this wisdom and experience is going over the heads of our Empire to other countries and add to their power. We have two inventors. Two fairly good on mind reading, and an expert on science. To my mind we have enough timber in B. C. to break every city in Western Canada.

JAMES IVANY.

401 Seventh Ave. W., Vancouver, B. C.

**No. 96. Taken from a Log Book kept by  
Captain James Ivamy.**

Four things I cannot understand. Why the United States and Canadian people try so hard to ruin their fisheries, spoil their markets, destroy their timber, send their gold into foreign countries, ruin their business, and bring their people to want in a land of plenty.

This I can understand. Big wages, short hours, free schools and compulsion are a great drawback in any country, province or state. Silent work has more power than the big guns of England or United States.

I don't think our leading men can see their mistake. This explained would be worth millions to any country, but the life of one man is too short to get the experience.

(United States please copy.)



**Written August 4th, 1918.**

To orphan boys or young people over 21 years or under 25 years of age, or rich men that wish to have a city in their own name, for the short time they have to live. I have 52 years' experience in many branches of work. I like hard work. I like to see lightning and hear thunder. I like to hear a good-natured man swear, when he is open to wise men only. I have spent much time in vain, trying to benefit the public. You will find by letters I have written for you before, and was treated with contempt. I will never again try to benefit the public of any country settled with

white people, after they have had a school education, unless I am paid a price for it.

Orphans that have no parents to ask or take advices from. I have worked 55 years. I was well cared for by my employers, and never called out of my name by them. I am self-taught by a wide experience. In those days, boys until they become men, and start for themselves without experience, as a rule in ignorance. I may give you some courses something like I took off for myself, and have been very successful all my life. And I fail to see where I could have done much better. I do not wish anything back that I have done. First, starting out in life, honour thy father and mother, that thy days may be long in the land; obey the laws; before you take action see the Bible, and see what the wise men say about it. Take off your course and steer it all through life. And don't let the world move you. Take no thought for yourself or your employer. Never take another man's job. Never take credit that belongs to another man. Never work on another man's merits. Never judge the weight of another man's load, until you have carried it yourself. Never trust yourself; always keep a close watch on yourself. Don't judge another man until you have tested yourself at the same, and with the same temptations. When you understand yourself from start to finish, you will understand other people. By their actions you may know them; by their signs you may judge them. Refer this to the history of Christ. "I will go and prepare a place for you." When you know the nature and actions of wild beasts, you may know how to hunt them. When you know the marks of cattle, you may do well dealing in cattle. It is good to know seven marks on a horse, but there are other marks you need to know. When you know the marks of men, you would

have a good chance in business. When you know seven you may hire men for yourself or others, but you may do better if you knew fifty; even then you may not know them all. Lord Roberts was a wise man, a good general. He would not make a good admiral. He feared death, loved praise and honour, liked to be taken in his uniform. He was born a little mistrustful. His wisdom was far and clear. I saw his picture on paper when he was an old man. General White would make a good general or admiral. He liked to be taken in plain clothes. No love of praise or honour. He had good love of small children and old people. He would make a good leader for the people of any country. If you have a wiser man than yourself, put him in front of you in business, and back him up with experience. If he is wise and have experience and great love of small children and good respect for old people, and self-taught, you may employ him to build you a city. He will not take thought for you or himself. I am writing now to orphans and young people that have no parents of their own. Very often young people pay more attention to other people than they do to their parents. Why? Because their parents were not taught when they were young. I have heard many people say, in front of their children: "Let them get out in the world and find out for themselves," and seldom give them a good word of advice. Self-praise is worth nothing, but I cannot see my way clear to make plain without it. We had no children of our own. We took a boy when he was eleven months old; he is 34 years now. He never did any wrong when a boy. His mother died when he was born, then he was left to the mercies of the world. When he was able to take my hand and go with me, I took him to a meeting held by a professor. When the pictures of the leading men were placed in front of the people,

I said to him: "Pick out the best man." He did. "Now pick me out another." He did. "Now let me pick out a good man." I wanted to test him. "That is a good man." "No, pa, that is a bad man; he is the worst man there." "All right, I won't argue." "But your man is the worst man there!" (he was, too). When the professor explained he had two good men and I chose the worst, I said to him: "How did you know that? Where did you learn those things?" "You did," he said, "long ago." I used to answer every question he'd ask, and here is a lesson I wrote for him, and I will put it in now for whom it may concern. When you marry a woman, and she has a son for you, and he breaks or destroys to the amount of one million dollars, make light of it. Tell him of some rich man that lost twice that amount; keep him by you, while you replace or repair, and the confidence he will have in you will be worth the money twice over. Nine months before the child is born it needs the most care; from three years to seven years he should be answered every question he should ask, with the same attention as if the whole world were depending on it.

British Columbia is a very rich province, and the finest climate I know of, and the poorest systems. A street car system will bankrupt a city in thirty years, more or less. It is a drawback in any city. B. C. has large fisheries which are another drawback, with the present systems. From what I can gather, we have between three and four hundred million dollars. We have in royalty alone, in standing timbers, another drawback, with the present systems. With a good systems and management it is sufficient to pay off the debt of the province and make the province rich. Farm land is a drawback, with the present systems, as far as my experience goes, and other

drawbacks in business. The working class are crying out for factories. We cannot have them with the present systems. The people that have money are too wise to put their money in factories in B. C. with the present system. I work 10 and 12 hours per day, manual labour; even that is not as hard as two hours' study at this. Boys should know where the greater part of gold comes from, and where it is now, and how it got there, and what systems was used to get it there. I have made up my mind to put this before you in book form, but I could not explain it all in one book. I sailed in the last square-rigged sealing vessel that went to the seal fishery that went to Newfoundland that I know of. I sailed in the first steamer that went to the seal fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, 43 years previous to this date, 1922. If I remember right it was the SS. Leopard. We caught a full load. It could be made a good paying business with a different system and less cost. I have a wide experience in the cod and seal fishing, and could master or manage any part of it. I have some experience in the salmon fisheries on the Pacific Coast, and stockholder, and many other branches of work. I have heard a great deal said about liquor, and have made it a study. From experience I speak. When you have no license to sell liquor in a farming, fishing or logging district, do not get them. If the license is there, and you should become ruler over them, don't take them away, or add to the number. A dry town, province or county will take away the gold from the same, as the case may be, and you will have more drunkards born in a dry town or country than you will in a wet one. The strong drink that your parents drink will never make a drunkard of you or your children, but very often the liquor the parents cannot get is the cause of the children having a great craving for strong drink, and yet we are told by un-

wise people or false prophets that if their parents drink it will cause their children to drink also. Say, boys, it may be wise for you to get this experience, as there is only one, that can understand a book—that is the man that writes it. When you can understand this and yourself, you may have pity with those who have liking for strong drink, and good regard for old people, and great love for small children. This is the greatest course in life. If you want to inherit the earth, it would be best born with you, then it would always come naturally to you, and you will understand why a thief is a thief. Good or bad turns will come to us all through life, and visit the children to come. You can get even with one only, in all your life, and that is yourself.

I see by my log-book some 20 years ago, I heard there were some boys in jail. As there was no reformatory at that time, I went to the jail and asked to see them. They were brought out and lined up before me, five fine boys. One would make a good admiral, and another a good general, another a good bookkeeper. I asked one of them what he was there for. "I stole a bag," he said, and I could not ask any more questions. I went through some of the Laws of Christ, and to get it off my mind I wrote it off, what a city would come to with such management and systems. Sorry to say it turned just as I wrote it. In other spare time I went to the Old Man's Home in the Hospital at that time, for those that have no parents belonging to them. Vancouver was not much at that time. They made a great wonder to see a strange man going to see them. Boys should have this experience, before they get old themselves. Make the path easy for a boy, and if we have to walk on it ourselves it will not hurt us for making them good.

My point of view, we have had fishing inspectors for many years both on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, to look after our fisheries, and as a practical, experienced fisherman on the Atlantic and Pacific, I fail to know where a cent's worth of good has been done by them. The truth in public would put many out of business, and the present system will soon put the whole fisheries out of business. My point of view, a building inspector is no addition to a building trade. There has been a good deal said about a scaffold inspector. I am under the impression that I would make as good a scaffold inspector as we have in the land, built with nails or rope. But there is not money enough in the world to pay me to take the job.

The cost of living for a single man, that does not make a home for a woman, is much greater than it is for a man who makes a home for a woman and raises a large family. You may study this out from the laws of Moses or nature.

The wise men have written for us that the time will come when the people will go to and fro and not see where to make a living. According to science those days have come. We cannot have large cities in B. C. with the present systems. It is a rich province. The working people have more than any working people that I know of, and less content.



Written in November 7th, 1921.

Drawbacks in B. C. under the present systems: Parks, fisheries, herring seines, salmon seines, salmon traps, fishing inspectors, fisheries as a whole with the present systems, machinery for farming, farm land, and timber, and a good climate (under the present system) street cars, motor cars, gasoline boats, secret societies, work done by contract, big wages and short hours of labour, free schools for young people after they pass from the public school, women in office, women in stores, and women votes, women school teachers, work done by farm labour, borrowing money on a city, relief for unemployed, steam sailing vessels—are an encumbrance to the whole world, and saw mills the same. All sporting grounds should be self-supporting, with great profits, if handled by some intelligent man. The money should be spent on young people that wish to get married, and settle and be of great value to their Empire in the time of need. And it shall come to pass when one man or a company shall own a city, and it shall prosper, others will follow, and it shall also come to pass when the prison doors can be left open and the prisoners will not leave. In 1922 in the first month it was reported that the School Teachers' Association had three million dollars in their fund, enough to build many cities. And it shall also come to pass that people that live in one city will not be allowed to work in another. For wise or unwise people depends on the seed and care they get nine months before they are born. A wise man may know the wise and unwise by their marks, measure, words, deeds, or actions, or otherwise. Ignorance of the parents is the cause of young people going astray. One hundred thousand married men would make a good city. A million single men would not make a good village. The day will come when the

young people will marry and settle in their own country, and the population will increase rapidly. A married life is the best life to live. The handsomest thing on the sea is a full-rigged ship under sail, and a woman is the handsomest on land when pregnant, and a young child is the greatest in all the world, and the mother is the greatest star that stands over the child. I found this very useful when I was a hunter.

He that is taught by a teacher may know the nature of that branch taught. They that are self-taught have the same chance with every nature, if the nature is born in them. There is only one in all the world that can understand a book, and that is the one that writes it. Good work done in early life for young people and children bring great pleasure in old age. I have spent a great part of my early life studying the interest of young people and children, also old people. Children we cared for to a certain extent, when at the age of 14 years, more or less, without parents, or the father and mother gone astray, they are sent to any country, province or city. To parties that want a strong boy or girl, to be a slave for a family, or be forced to work at what they are not fit or intended for. Boys and girls should know the right or wrong course through life, and how to take care of their health, and not have to wait until they are threescore years and ten. Many of our young people go astray through not knowing what course to take in life. My point of view is, make good the path for those that are not born, and if we have to walk on it we will be none the worse for making them good. To my mind, it would be for the the young people to do for themselves, but they should be taught when they are young. I should like to handle a million boys. I am more than threescore years old, and I never knew a boy to do wrong. If any of those

sums of money above mentioned be paid to me, you see 10 per cent. of all profits go to make homes for young people that wishes to get married and settle. And it will come to pass that men that have a wife and children must care for them on his part and the wife on her part, or they will not be allowed to live in a city.



**When Written: January 28th, 1922.**

From my own experience in labour and business, a business man has the hardest work to do. If a business man work to his own interest he must work to the interest of the labouring man as well. If the labouring man works to his own interest, he must work to the interest of the business man. Do justice on both sides, and you will do justice to yourselves. I am thankful that I never had great riches to care for. Work is one of my greatest pleasures, and I have sure had lots of pleasure in my past life.

#### **Employers In Darkness.**

It is said, and it is true, that certain classes of labouring men cannot be kept to work. If proper systems were used, 99 out of every 100 would be on their jobs, 99 days out of every 100, year in and year out.

#### **A Vessel at Anchor.**

To my mind, a big percentage of the vessels and lives lost at anchor could be avoided by using a different system from any used in my time at sea, by myself or others. I will explain a little; others may work on it if they want to. A vessel

has two anchors and two chains, and a catch anchor and line that is put out ahead in a vessel in a storm. The vessel can be pulled ahead with the windlass in any storm. One anchor cannot be dragged, or one chain be broke with the windlass, and yet the vessel will drag both anchors, or burst both chains and line and go adrift. A loaded vessel will hold more wind than a light vessel, and yet it takes more to hold her in a storm. When the wind slacks and raises in a storm, the vessel will run ahead and astern and put many times the strain on the chains that would hold her against any wind. To my mind it would be better to put the catch anchor astern and hold the vessel from running ahead and astern. If there are no catch anchor to be put astern, or too rough to lower a boat, a spare spar or a plank on its edge, with a bridle, and be put astern, this may save her from bursting her chains. This may save many vessels, cargo and lives, that may be of great value to the Empire. If I don't get this before the public in my time, you have the book printed and sell it. And if any of the sums of money is paid, spend it to the interest of the young people. You will find the way in the book that is wrote for you. I will lead the way as long as I live.

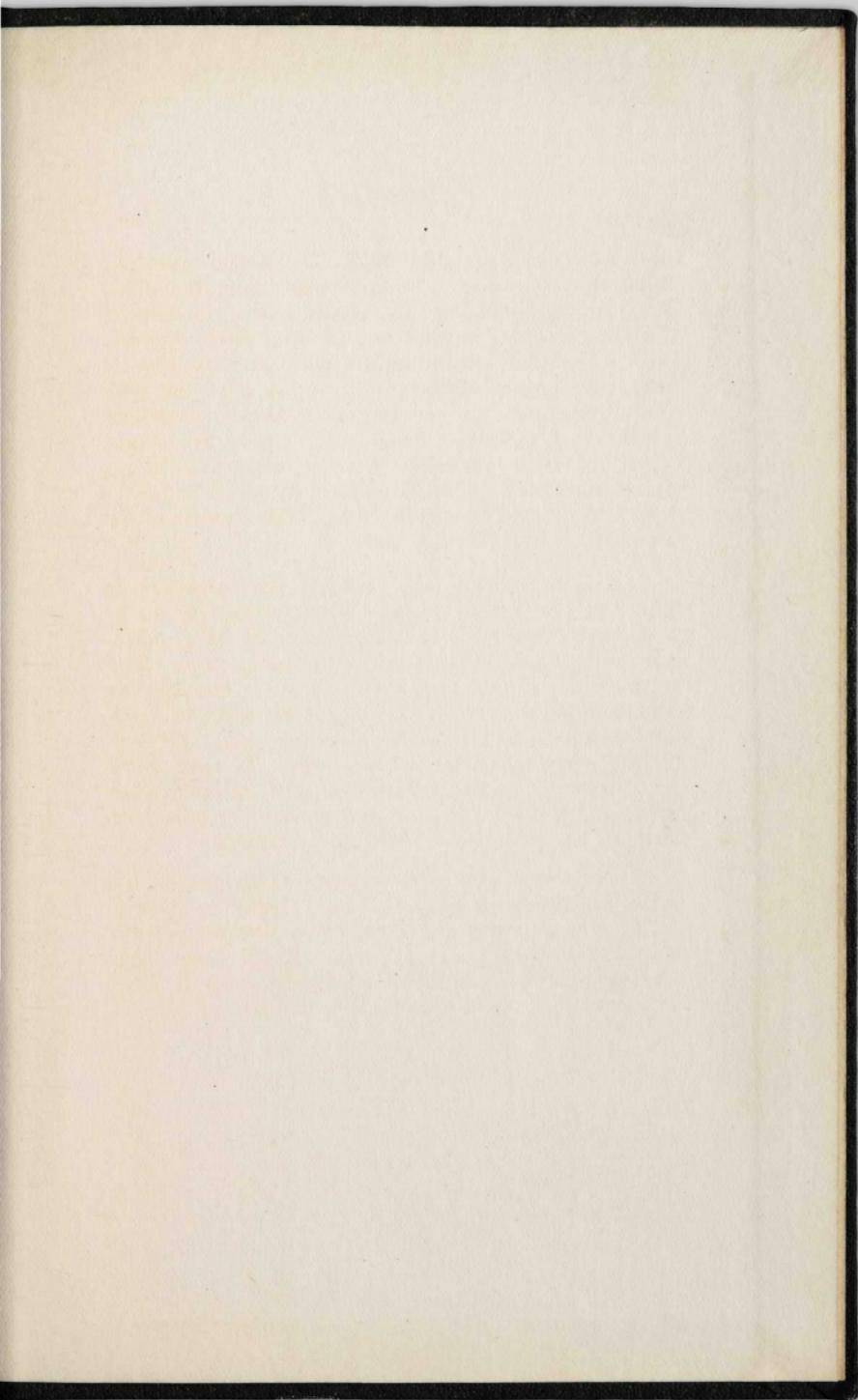
B. C. has good inland waters, mining and timber and farm land. It is good for many million people, subject to changes in the present systems. Point Grey has the making of one of the finest harbours in the world, and at not a great cost.

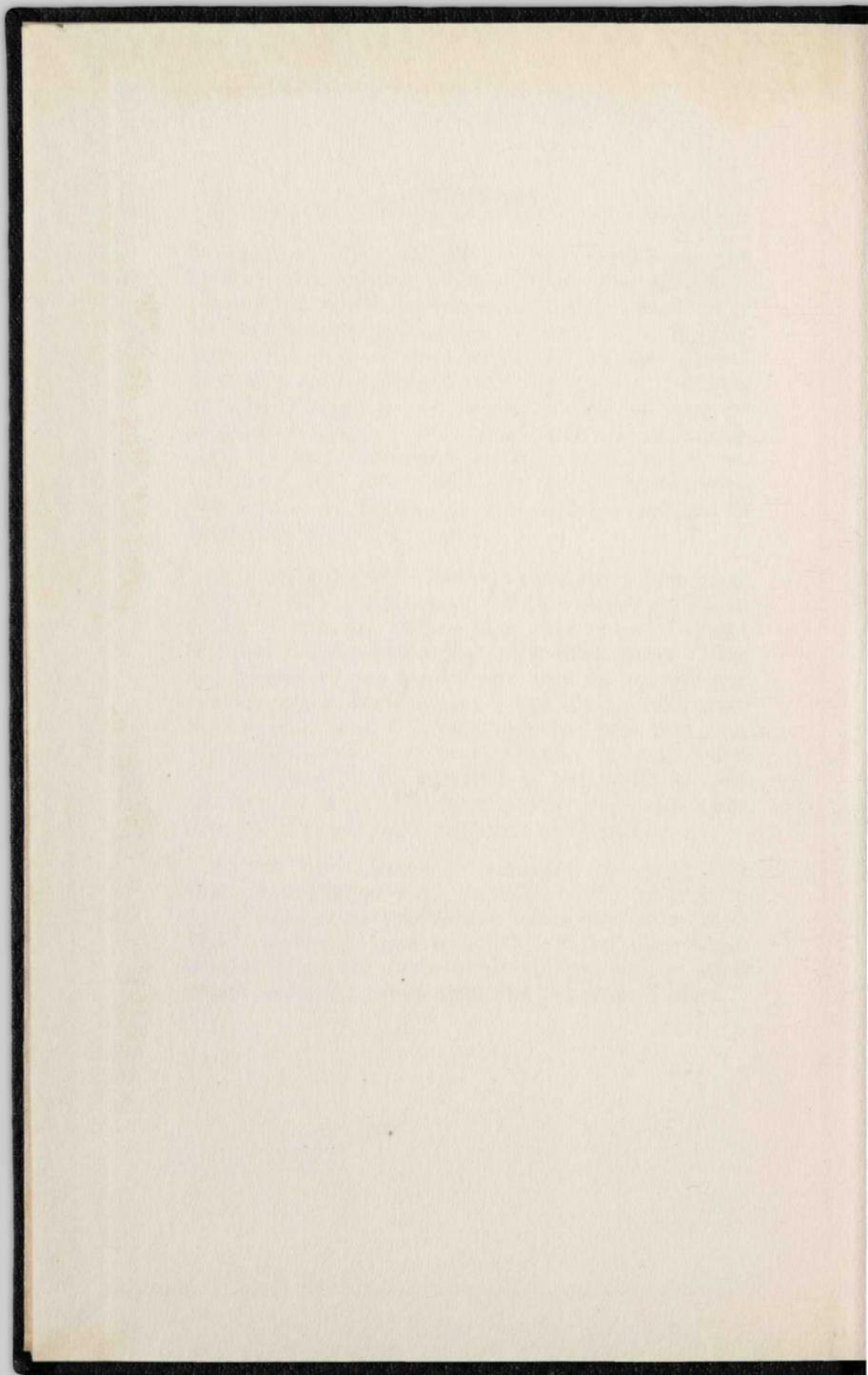
In the year 1911 I went from Vancouver to Newfoundland. Went through the United States. Went over the Reed line in Newfoundland. Came back on the C. P. R. through Canada. Marked down a few items. August 16, 1911, the debt of

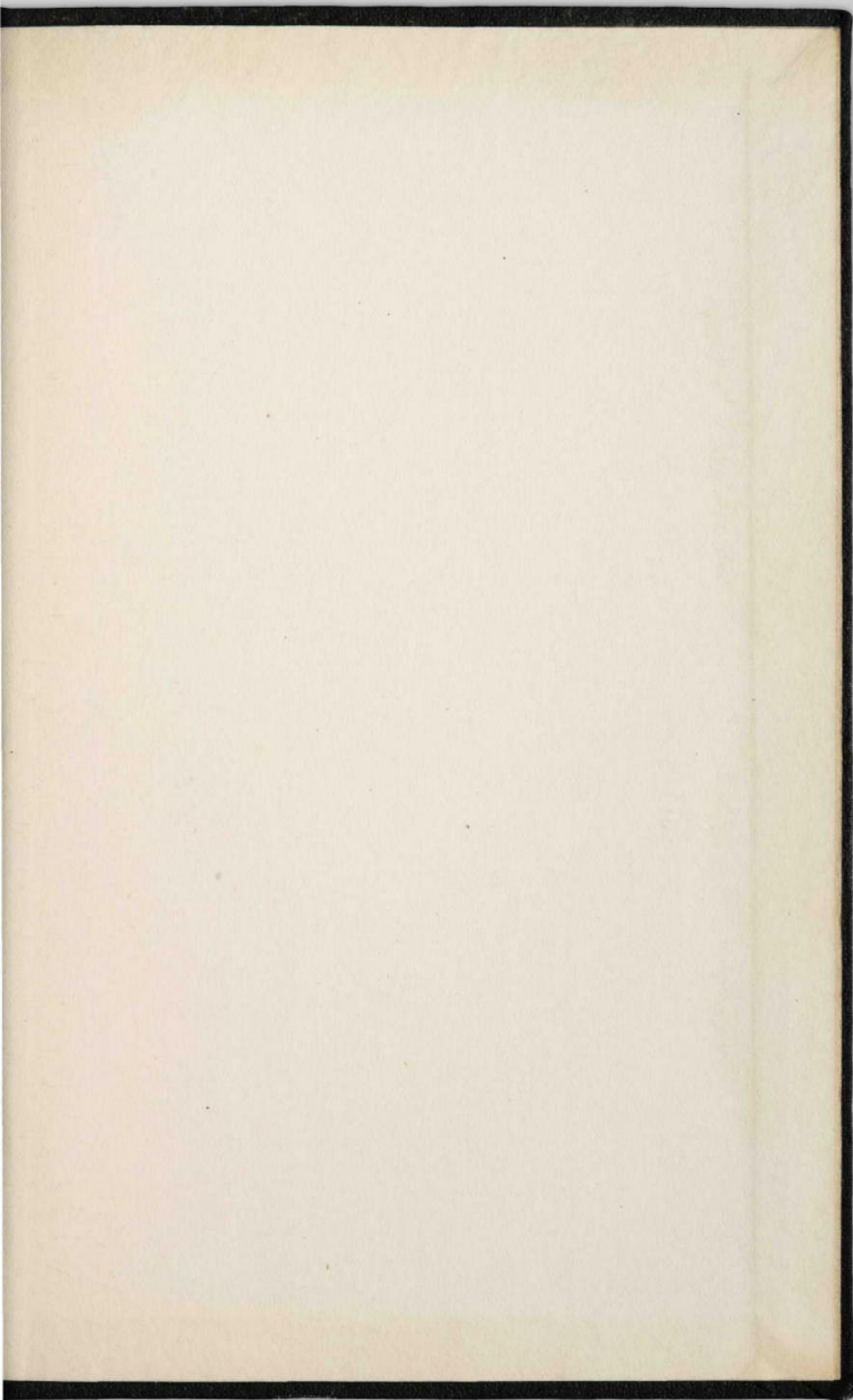
Vancouver City, \$14,636,574.55; population, 7,500; North Sidney, Nova Scotia, debt \$370,000; population, 5,000; an old mining city. St. John's, Newfoundland, population, 40,000; debt, \$1,000,300. The debt of Newfoundland at that time I was told about \$22,000,000; population, 220,000. Newfoundland, to my mind, is able to support millions of people, with good systems, and managed by some company or some experienced, intelligent man. In 1910 I saw report of \$33,000,000 sent in to Hungaria from other countries by labouring men for labour.

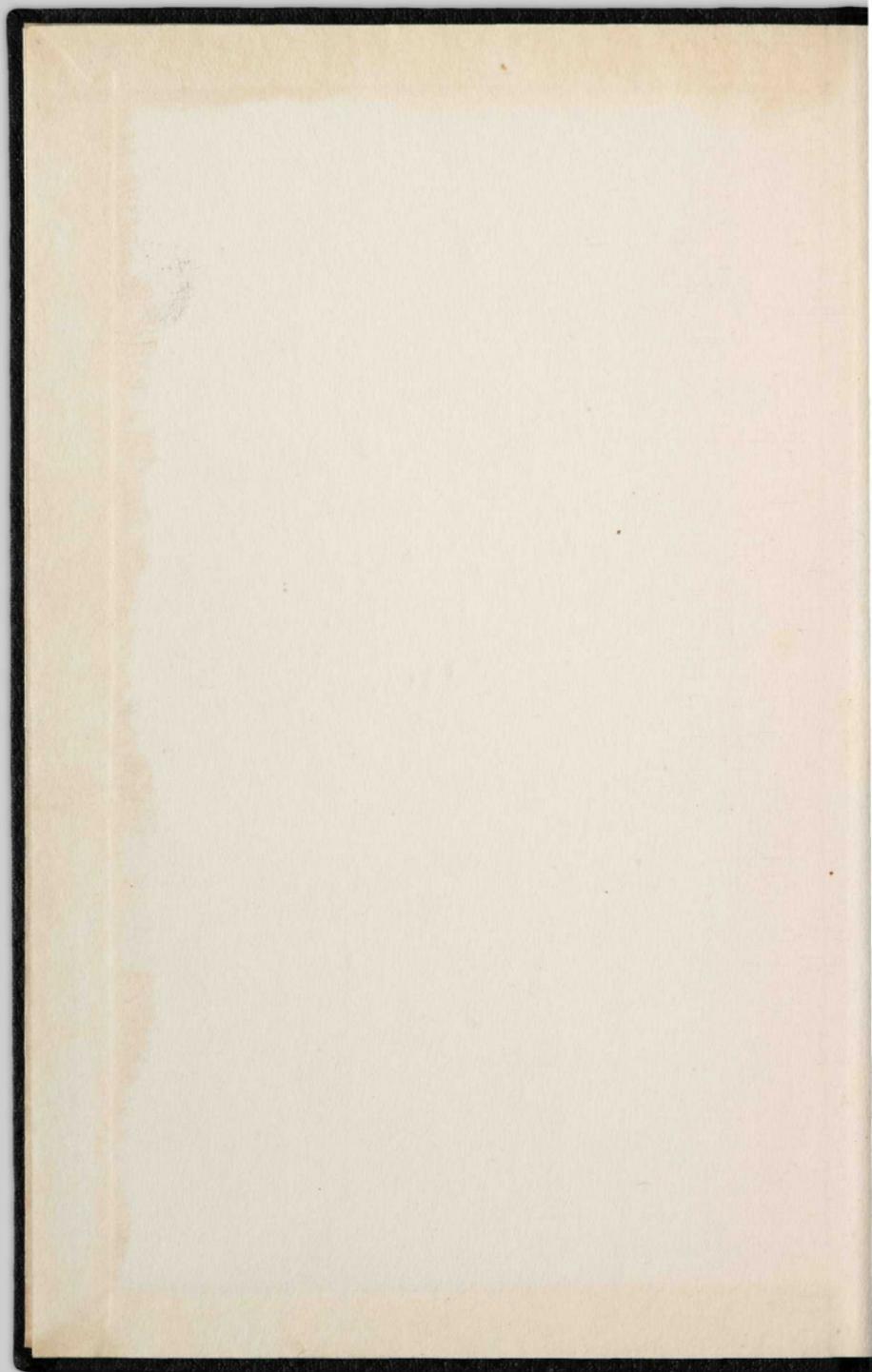
If a man is born wise enough, the future is as plain to him as the past. When wages go up in a city or country, it is a sign that the city, country and people will suffer with hard times. The experience of one man's life may be enough for the second to start with. I got all I could from my parents, and I wrote this for you, and you hand this book over to your son. It may learn him to work to the interest of the children that are not yet born. But be sure that you press upon him to have all male children circumcised.

If you have means or manager for some rich man, it is just as easy to build a city as it is to build a house or a row-boat, when you know how. Don't worry as long as I live. Build your foundation after the manner of Christ, and it shall stand as long as it is after the manner of Him.









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