4th April 1911.

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Victoria, B. C.

Dear Bert;-

I duly received your letter of the 21st Feby., but had first to look into the matter before replying and then put it off in expectation that I would have visited Victoria before this

The information given you about the start of salmon fishing on the Fraser river is incorrect. The pioneer in fishing was a man named Annandale who commenced operations in the early 60s, and who, foreseeing the possibilities of the industry, went back to Scotland and induced the late Alex. Ewen to come out to B. C. to undertake the work for him. Annandale was subsequently drowned in Burrard Inlet.

Symes, who was a plasterer by profession, was the first to engage in the canning of salmon, starting that enterprise some four years after Annandale began his operations. Where he sold his first products I cannot tell you but his ideas were rather visionary and his operations not crowned with success. I cannot say whether he was alone at the beginning, but at one time a man named Loggie was associated with him, and I understand he furnished most of the capital employed. The Mr John Graham you mention was at no time interested in the salmon business. He was simply the owner of the land on which the first cannery was built (below, and almost opposite Westminster) and leased the said land to the canning company. This man Graham subsequently lived in Victoria, where he occupied some

[illegible]nment position in the early days, and doubtless his [illegible]vailable to you than to me.

I [illegible] trust this will answer your present purposes but if not [illegible] will be pleased to supplement it in any manner in my power, although as I am leaving for the north in a few days I will be unable to do much more until my return to the city next autumn.

Yours sincerely

Henry Doyle

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