

DEDICATION

BOOKS are often dedicated with little or no meaning to the words of their dedication—simply words conveying nothing of the heart of the writer. I would not have this such a book. In dedicating it to the Board of Trade of North Bay, I would have every word to count up to its full strength and meaning, for to the kindly members of that Board is due the book itself. To them is due the initiative, and—with the few others among my kind patrons—its fruition. “Few others,” since nearly every man of enterprise and town-love is a member of this purposeful Board of Trade. It is with reason that I say purposeful. Little of good to this rising young city by the Lake—the Gateway to untold millions of wealth—but that good has been brought about or forwarded by these men. Many such bodies think out a benefit to their city, start it going, and if opposition is to be met, to carry it through, the opposition is not met and the benefit is not carried through. With these men, years of opposition but spurs them on to more years of untiring work; the gaining of their aim is their only stopping place.

If in the story of North Bay I shall have preserved some of the early history of the town and told of its upbuilding, no credit must be given my pen, since the work is due alone to these upbuilders. And so to them, with a heart full of love to North Bay, I dedicate “The Gateway to Silverland.”

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