

Indianapolis, Indiana,
July 21, 1908.

Dear Mr. King:

This tardy acknowledgment of your letter and book is not due to a lack of appreciation, but to a lack of time. I have read the book again, and have passed it over to a lad of seventeen, to whom it will be an inspiration.

This immigration question is very interesting. I had the good fortune to spend last winter in Helena, Montana, and thus had an opportunity to observe, first hand, the Orientals and the feeling toward them. I also had an opportunity to form my opinion of that man "absolutely devoid of moral sense"--Mr. Thomas Gibson.

I read your report in the June number of the LABOUR GAZETTE, and was especially interested in one statement. You pointed out the fact that the Canadian government was not being compelled by the British Parliament to investigate the Vancouver losses. On the other hand, the Canadian government was acting with full freedom, and would reach a decision independently of Great Britain.

I recalled instantly an address delivered recently in New York City(?), wherein Canada's independence of, and separation from Great Britain, was not only discussed but advocated.

I am wondering if all this is not a forerunner of that day, when Canada, following the precedent of the United States, will withdraw from the mother country. I am wondering too, if you will not be one of the original signers of her Declaration of Independence!