

"We are not intending to live in it at present," he said, "for I am going to build several more rooms. We, or at least my wife, will spend the winter months at the hotel. I do not want her to rough it as I did, so I shall be glad to keep you on for the present, and I can't myself see further than that. You did not treat Evans well, that is certain, for he relied on you to stick to the place in his absence. But as we have all made our mistakes, it will not do to be too hard on one another. I hope not to remain long *nothing* but Warner's agent, for I will try to have some land of my own. To begin with, I will buy back the homestead, and the more. I have the larger the number of men I hope to employ."

Here Mrs. Holmes put in that she wanted to spend the winter in the farmhouse, and to do her own work, and see what it was like. She had learned to make bread, and thought it would be so stupid living in the hotel.

"My dear, you don't know what doing your own work is," said Holmes. "I am afraid you will have had more than enough of it before you have done with Canada."

Holmes and his wife were not encumbered with much luggage, for they had registered it at New