

TIMBER

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Dear Will:-

I was mighty glad to get your letter this morning and I have written father to send you some money at once. Just as soon as I get my books out of the box and get things straightened out I will figure out where we are at and send you the balance. The Smith Sound 6 were issued so that makes \$750. more there. I am very glad for your sake that they have come. We haven't secured the Kitamat group yet and possibly may not get them at all, in which case we will be out something over \$12,000 and a good sore feeling towards the B.C. Lands & Works Dept. I think things are brightening up a little. I am leaving tomorrow for a small Crown Grant on an island about fifteen miles from Nanaimo. If the timber is decent I will open a logging camp there before long and could work you in there if you cared for the work. I will not be there myself but my foreman is a very decent fellow. This island has four or five homesteads pretty well cleared up several years ago and has several hundred sheep running loose up there. They say it is A.1 fruit land and it ought to be so if it is good I am going to get some ~~fx~~ orchards started this Fall. If you want to do anything with the irrigated tract in E. Wash. I will let you know about it very soon as I will write N.D. on this mail and let you know regarding it as soon as he replies.

We shall not get back to Commencement as we are simply buried head over heels with work. I must get away North within a week to do the assessment work on the copper claim and see if it is any good.

Write me a letter about track prospects and tell me what you think you will do to that shot and hammer record. If you do not break the shot record

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there will be nothing doing for you out here. It is up to you to get up and hump and put it away so far that it can never be found. Here's hoping you do. Harry came down last Tuesday and went straight through to Seattle. He and Fanny will be married sometime in the next six or eight weeks if their present plans are carried out. I certainly hope something out here will look good enough to you to bring you. I think more and more that it is the only place for a young fellow. Lizette has been down to Seattle all week as she wasn't well and I had to be out of town part of the week. With very best wishes, and hoping to see you in the summer in the best country in the world

Sincerely

*Your friend,
Percy D. Hillis*