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## FOREWORD

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BOOKS written with avowed objects are rarely successful, but my purpose is so modest and unassuming that I anticipate with confidence some degree of success.

Here is a country where many thousands live in constant sight of starvation, where land is the playground of the rich, hundreds of thousands of acres devoted to what is called sport, where the poor can never hope to make a home.

There is a country with fertile land quite valueless for lack of population, capable of supporting hundreds of thousands in comfort and such affluence as comes from contentment; a country full of magnificent possibilities and on which we have expended many millions of money and many valuable lives.

Our Government have seriously offered to devote a large territory of this magnificent country to a syndicate for the purpose of establishing "an alien autonomous settlement," and in doing so can never have realised the evil result which must arise from such a policy.

By all means do not let us act the part of a Dog in the Manger and do not let us refuse admittance and even help to those of other race than ourselves.

Canada, Australia, and New Zealand speak for what a forward Liberal Colonising Policy can effect, but a "*special autonomous alien settlement*" carries with it every possibility of danger and trouble in the near future.

That such a scheme, under no circumstances, should be carried out by secret bargaining and regulation is self evident and has now been admitted.

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