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Jas. J. Hill, Esq., President

Great Northern Railway Company,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

I have your favor of the 2nd instant on the subject of St. Paul & Duluth.

As promised you when I saw you here, I telegraphed Mr. Mellen and I have an answer from him to the effect that he has had no negotiations whatever on the subject since I saw him here sometime ago. I have no belief whatever that he has given the acquisition of that property any serious consideration. I told you when I saw you here that I was not inclined to view this acquisition with favor.

Yours very truly,

C. A. Foster

Very many thanks for the letter to  
Lord Mount Stephen.

C. A. F.