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May 25/92

"Roseville."
May 19th

J. J. Hill, Esq.

Dear Mr. Hill,

Excuse me taking
the liberty of writing to you,
but as a friend of my
late husband, John Higgins,
or "Uncle John" as you
used to call him, I thought
you might help me out
of my difficulties.

I am in trouble about
the Estate, there is a
mortgage on it and the
security is perfectly good.

The Executors have been paying 8% interest; the mortgage is long overdue. And now that rents have gone up in the city, and property is increasing in value, the Loan Company say they will take hold of the property unless they are paid a few thousand dollars, and the Executors, Alexander McDonald and the Bishop of Rupert's Land (who is not any good as a trustee) are willing to sell the "Catherine" Block, at the first offer they got for it,

\$ 13,000.00 (thirteen thousand dollars) which is not considered half its value. Last fall Mr. Robert Young swore that it was worth \$ 18,000.00 and now that rents have gone up, surely it is worth much more. They want my consent to this sale, but I do not wish to give it. I went to my solicitor, F. C. Wade, and told him to oppose it; he is going down to Chicago in a few days, and will call on you, if you will see him, and will give you a full statement.

The Higgins Estate is a large one, there is a great deal of unimproved property, besides the Blocks, Terrace, and houses. I am willing that they should sell, if necessary, unimproved property, but it would be ruinous to sell to sell the improved as much below its value. It would simply ruin my children.

At the death of my late husband, the Estate was bringing in \$15,000.00 a year; by his will he left me \$2,000.00 a year to be paid to me quarterly; that I never received.

The Executors told me if I would manage with as little as possible, they would pay me up, later on, but now they deny all that, and I have nothing. They allowed me \$150.00 a month to support the house and family on; I have managed fairly well with that, but now they have cut me right down, without any warning, to \$75.00 a month, and how I am to manage, on that, to support my children, and finish their education, (three girls and and a boy, the youngest; aged ten) I do not know,

unless something can be done. Aleck McDonald sold two properties without my consent, some years ago; the "Cabinet" Hotel, on the corner of Princess and McWilliam Sts. for \$5,000.00, and a house and lot on the corner of McDermot and Princess for \$4,500.00; they were sold very quietly, nobody knew anything about it; and when the report came out, all the Real Estate men in the city said it was a great shame to sell it so quietly and at less than half its value. Aleck McDonald

and Young are the men who made all their money in my late husband's employ; now they are trying to turn me out of my home, the old homestead, which really belongs to me, although they have lost the papers somehow. It was built for me and my children and I mean to remain in it, although they say they will not even be able to allow me \$75.00 a month, if I stay in it. It is one of the prettiest places in Winnipeg. There is plenty of property to

support it; it is only that I
seem helpless and alone
and they seem to take
advantage of me in every
way; for what reason I do
not know. If I could only
manage to complete the
girls' education; in a
few years the eldest one
will be of age.

I am going to write to P.
Kelly and to Mr. Arbauch;
they were very good friends
of my late husband and
when I was in St. Paul they
were very kind to me also;
I thought perhaps you might
talk this over and help me
for the sake of the children
of your old friend.

I thought-probably you might
take it off the hands of
the Loan Company as the
security is perfectly good
as Mr. Wade will tell you.
I will enclose the letter I
received from Perdue and
Robinson, which will give
you a full understanding.
Believe me

Yours very sincerely
Catherine J. Higgins

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DAILY ONLY, - - 7.50
WEEKLY, - - - 1.00
SUNDAY, - - - 2.00

DAILY, SUNDAY AND WEEKLY.

THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D., May 20, 1892

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir: I enclose you statement of business for the month of April. You will see that the advertising earnings have increased about ^{\$400} \$300 over those of March. If we could keep up a gain like that, we could soon have The Argus on a paying basis. But I fear that May will not show much increase, as the weather has hurt business and checked collections. I was in hopes I would not have to draw more than \$500 this month, but will have to make it \$1,000, on account of slow collections. In such gloomy weather, with little or no trade going on, it is utterly impossible to get men to pay.

I would like to take up the question of dropping the Monday edition, and reducing the subscription price to ~~\$6~~ ^{\$6} per year. The Forum is now advertising ^{it} the daily six months for \$2--or at the rate of \$4 per year, which is less than half the price of The Argus. By reducing our subscription price to \$6 we would lose about \$3,000 per year on our present circulation. The dropping of the Monday edition would save us about \$2,000, and the rest I think we would make up and more too by increased circulation and advertising. We ought to go in for a big circulation, and to do it we cannot well charge more than the Grand Forks Herald, which is about as good a paper as The Argus, and is, I understand, on a paying basis at \$6 per year for a six days per week issue. The Monday paper would not be seriously missed. I recommend that the change be made June 1st, so as to go in for a big circulation before the campaign actually opens.

Very truly yours,

Geo K Shaw

JOHN DALQUEST.

R. R. CONTRACTOR.

915 SEVENTH AVE. S.,

Minneapolis, Minn. May 20, 1892

Mr. W. A. Stevens,

Room 51, G. N. R. R. Building,
St. Paul.

Dear Sir, - As I am now quite busy on the Great Northern R. R. line, I beg of you to draw up the contract for the rent of the Minnetonka Farm, if you have not already done so, and send it to my address and I will sign the same and return to you as soon as I come home again.

Another thing, Mr. Stevens, a countryman of mine, named Hans Martonson, applied to me for work and showed me good recommendations from the best agricultural school in Sweden and is especially recommended as a first class stock man.

JOHN DALQUEST,

R. R. CONTRACTOR,

915 SEVENTH AVE. S.,

Minneapolis, Minn. 189—

I did not tell him that I knew where I could find any place for him but asked him to wait a week and I would in that time see if I could find a place for him.

His appearance was favorable to me, indicating a bright and intelligent man, but for all that I may be mistaken. Should it be so that you have use for such a man on the North Oaks Farm give the man a trial as a laborer only, if he is capable to show himself worthy of a better position, kindly recognize him, if you can and will. Should he fail to fill his place then you know without me telling you what to do.

Of course I could take the man on the railroad but I honestly think he would be worth more on a farm.

JOHN DALQUEST,

R. R. CONTRACTOR,

915 SEVENTH AVE. S.,

Minneapolis, Minn., _____ 189__

Kindly inform me if I may
send him out and oblige.

Yours Truly
John Dalquest.
per H. A. D.

St Paul 20 May 1892

Mr J. Hill
St Paul

Dear Mr Hill:

I have, in accordance with your wishes, spoken with Messrs Rheume & St Pierre with regard to their bidding, for the work etc of the new Seminary. They say that they are perfectly able to take the Contract in whole or in part & to carry it out in a satisfactory manner. I therefore give them these few lines so that you may, if such is your wish, direct them how to have access to the plans & specifications

when the birds will be taken
I remain very sincerely
yours

L. Baillet

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Wm A Stephens

Room 5-7 G. N. Bldg

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To James J. Hill @ Great Nor Ry & P. Ave

Your letter concerning Great Northern fours which you advised by telegram last Saturday has not reach us of which we only advise you for regularity's sake thinking that it may possibly have miscarried

Kuhn Loeb & Co



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