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SECRETARY.

Sept. 3, 1892.

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J. J. Hill, Esq.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We respectfully refer you to any bank in Mpls., St. Paul or Duluth for information concerning our responsibility and integrity. The writer has been anxious to handle the wheat from your Northcote farm for several years, and as the crop this year promises to be high grade, (as compared with last year,) we think that Duluth will offer you better prices than Mpls. This is a fact at present and if it should continue, we think your wheat will come here rather than to Mpls. If you will allow us to handle this wheat for you on consignment, we will agree to turn to your elevator at W. Superior an amount of wheat that will be satisfactory to you. Please let us hear from you on this subject at your convenience and oblige.

Yours truly,

*Ames Brooks Co.*



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DULUTH, MINN.

Joseph Mabo

Blair Ave.  
Walnut Hills.

Cincinnati. Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892.

J. J. Hill Esq.  
St. Paul. Minn.

Dear Sir.

I desire to call your attention  
to about 43,000 acres of yellow pine tim-  
ber land situated in the valley of the  
Saskine river La:- which I desire to sell.  
The timber is of good quality and can be  
got to market by rail road or water.  
Title perfect. I will furnish an abstract  
of the title. I have owned this land for  
a number of years and now being anxious  
to sell will take Two &  $\frac{50}{100}$  (2  $\frac{50}{100}$ ) dollars per  
acre. It is good property and worthy your



careful consideration. Should you desire further information, I will be pleased to give it; and under your every assistance in making a thorough investigation. The linker has not been called.

Yours truly,  
E. W. Hamlin



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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

40-42 WALL STREET,

P. O. Box 756.

NEW YORK.

*Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892*

*James J. Hill Esq  
St Paul, Minn.*

*Dear Sir:*

*Yours of 30<sup>th</sup> ult. at hand confirming  
your telegram of that date and I beg to advise that  
your draft for \$135,000. has been paid today*

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> ult. I borrowed of J. H. Rylee \$90,000.  
giving your note signed by me as atty as usual and  
today I have borrowed \$135,000. upon much same condi-  
tions. No collateral have been put with either of  
these notes and the rate of interest has not been fixed  
but will be adjudged later on the basis of a fair average  
rate.*

*Clark, Dodge & Co report sale of £200. Pac. Ex. Bonds at  
88% and market in London now 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bid - offered @  $\frac{3}{4}$ %*

*I suppose you are following the reports of the  
cholera here. There is unquestionably a very uneasy  
feeling among people here although those who have  
looked into the situation carefully believe that there is*



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no great danger for us here this year. With three Cholera ships at this moment in quarantine and with others unquestionably on the way it seems almost impossible, in view of the location of our quarantine waters, that the disease will not find its way into the City.

I think there is but little doubt that the scare will have considerable effect on the market and I will keep a careful watch on matters and advise you of anything that I hear.

I feel no personal alarm over the situation. At the same time I think the Company should be prepared for any emergencies and I would suggest that the Board of Directors take such action that in the event of anything happening to Mr Terhune or myself the business of the Company would suffer no interruption. The Board might adopt a resolution clothing Mr Terhune with power in case anything happened to me and naming some institution, the Chase Bank for instance, to care for our financial interests in case both of us were taken off.



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Such a resolution could ~~do~~ no harm and I sincerely hope it would not have to be put into use, but in the face of present possibilities the Company should guard itself in every possible way.

The report at this writing is that the "Puglia" and "Normannia" are just in with the Cholera on board in every part of each ship, first and second cabins and stowage. It so happens that Mr Terhune's next door neighbor is on the "Puglia" and I have Morristown friends on the "Normannia".

Yours very truly -  
Chas. C. Nichols





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