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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN  
ORIGINAL ORDER



Henry Villard, Pres.

C. Livingston, V. Pres. & Genl. Mgr.

B. F. Ellison, Sec. Treas. & Genl. Supt.

# The St. Paul Gas Light Co.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ St. Paul, Minn. March 3, '93. 189

James J. Hill, Esq.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Hill, -

Enclosed I hand you statement of Gas Light Company for the years ending December 31st, 1891, and December 31st, 1892. The electric light plant, whose earnings are given in the same statement, is the plant owned by the Gas Light Company, and is part of the Gas Company's earnings. I did not know that you were leaving so soon, or I should have given you this before you left St. Paul. It may be useful, as Merriam may go to New York before coming to St. Paul, with a view of seeing if he can raise sufficient money to pay Mr. Villard off, and thus get rid of him; and if he does go to New York, he will doubtless want to consult with you about the matter.

Our surplus earnings for the combined companies for January, 1893, after deducting one-twelfth of our fixed charges, insurance and taxes for the year, were over \$25,000.00. Considering the very dull times in St. Paul, I think the statement a good one.

I heard yesterday that the Milwaukee parties had done nothing so far, so while I have not heard from them since they were here, I imagine they are still in the market.

Very truly yours,

Livingston



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FERGUS FALLS, MINN. ACH. 3/93.

MR. W. H. STEVENS ESQ.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR SIR;- ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU TO THE WRITER ON HIS RECENT CALL ON YOU, WE HERE WITH HAND YOU POLICIES NUMBER 1217169, FIRE ASSOCIATION FOR \$2000, AND THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE NUMBER 543, FOR \$1000 COVERING ON THE RED RIVER ROLLER MILLS OF THIS CITY. THE POLICIES ARE IN RENEWAL OF EXPIRING POLICIES, THE EXPIRATION OF WHICH YOU GAVE US. WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL FIND THEM ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO BE MADE WE WILL MAKE THEM WITH PLEASURE. IN REGARDS TO THE OTHER MATTER OF WHICH WE SPOKE ON CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER, BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO SEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PREMIUM AND ALLOW US TO REMIT YOU THE AMOUNT OF YOUR BROKERAGE, PROVIDING THIS MEETS WITH APPROVAL. OF COURSE IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO DEDUCT FROM REMITTANCE, ALL RIGHT, BUT FOR US THINK THAT THE OTHER WAY WOULD BE BEST, A TRIFLE MORE SECURE. THESE POLICIES ARE WRITTEN IN ADVANCE AS YOU SEE, AND THE PREMIUM IS NOT DUE ON THEM AND NEED NOT BE REMITTED FOR UNLESS YOU PEFER UNTIL THE PROPER TIME. WE WILL SEE THAT THE OTHER POLICIES ARE RENEWED AT THE PROPER TIME AND MAILED TO YOU.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

*Fred Lowry*

*Great Northern Railway.**Jas. J. Hill,*  
*President.**President's Office,**T. J. Hyman,*  
*Asst. to the President.**St. Paul.*

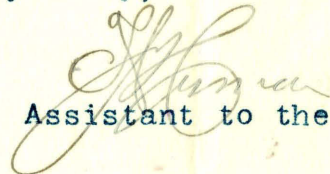
3d March, 1893.

Jas. J. Hill, Esq.,  
President,  
New York.

Dear sir:--

I beg to hand you herewith a letter received to-day from Frank T. McCullough, Secretary of the Right of Way Committee, Spokane, dated February 28th, in regard to postoffice.

Yours very truly,

  
Assistant to the President.



Saint Paul,  $\frac{3}{3}$   
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Mr J. J. Hill

40 Wall Street

New York

My dear Mr Hill

When I visited you this morning at request of our Com, I had not myself seen Gov<sup>n</sup> Nelson about the Capitol bill, & could only ask you aid as suggested. I find this afternoon, the Gov<sup>n</sup> friendly to the measure, but opposed to fixing the appropriation for the whole amount required now.

He has agreed to approve the bill for \$100,000 a year for 2 yrs - Expenses of Com<sup>n</sup> to select & fix the site ( $\frac{3}{4}$  mile limit from present building,) & will also approve the contracting up the Com<sup>n</sup> for same, but desires to leave for 1895 legislature & subsequent ones the appropriateness



Our idea was to settle this all now,  
in the trust that both House & Senate  
would aid us to carry this.

I am now convinced that we must  
yield something to the Government's  
wishes. & also that we need no

influence other than we have, this  
expressed good will - to secure his  
action - within the limits of his judgment.

I certainly would not ask of  
you or any friend any action that  
could be misunderstood as you  
intimate in your telegram just rec'd.

My idea was only to make sure of  
Gov. Nelson's general good will toward  
the Capitol for Dr. Paul, & know that  
we have it.

Yours sincerely

Daniel R. Boyes

I send you a copy of bill now in  
the House, to explain the situation  
what we all here want is to fix the  
new Capitol here, & now -



## STATE OF MINNESOTA.

TWENTY-EIGHTH }  
SESSION.

H. F.

No. 694

## SUBSTITUTE FOR H. F. NO. 339.

Introduced by Committee on Public Buildings.

March 1, 1893.

## A BILL

For an Act to Provide a New Capitol for the State of Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.*

SECTION 1. That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized, and it is made his duty forthwith, to appoint by  
 2 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, five suitable persons to act and be known as State Capitol Commis-  
 3 sioners, who shall constitute a board to be known as the "Board of State Capitol Commissioners," whose duty shall  
 4 be to secure the erection of a new State Capitol, according to the provisions of this act: Provided however, that  
 5 the Governor shall be, ex-officio, the presiding officer of said board and shall have the right and opportunity to ex-  
 6 press his opinions and give his advice upon all measures or questions that may come before said board for considera-  
 7 tion and determination, but shall not be deemed a member of said board, except for the purpose of presiding over  
 8 their deliberations at their regular and special meetings, which shall be conducted according to the usual parliamen-  
 9 tary rules. The persons thus appointed shall be subject to removal by the Governor for cause, and should any  
 10 vacancy occur in said board, from death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill the same by appoint-  
 11 ment, such appointment however, to be subject to rejection or ratification by the Senate, at the first session of the  
 12 Legislature following such appointment.

SEC. 2. Each of the members of said board, and likewise the Governor, shall be entitled to receive his actual  
 2 traveling expenses and the sum of five dollars per day for the time actually spent in the discharge of his duties un-  
 3 der this act.

SEC. 3. Each of said commissioners before entering upon the duties of his office, shall enter into bond, in the  
 2 sum of ten thousand dollars with two or more good surities to be approved by the governor, conditioned for the  
 3 faithful performance of his duty under this act, payable to the State of Minnesota, and filed in the office of the  
 4 secretary of state, and shall also take and subscribe the following oath, to be endorsed on said bond, and be admin-  
 5 istered by any one authorized to administer oaths, to-wit: "I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I will not, directly or



6 indirectly, be interested, or concerned in any manner whatever, in the pieces or parcels of land or any of them, to  
 7 be used as a site for a new State Capitol building according to the provisions of this act, or in the purchase from  
 8 the state of any lands or buildings to be sold under this act; and I will not, directly or indirectly be interested or  
 9 concerned in any manner with any contractor or contractors or person or persons, for the erection and location of  
 10 the State Capitol, or any portion thereof, or in the proceeds or profits growing out of the same, or any work or labor  
 11 done thereon, or material furnished in the erection of the same; so help me God." And should the said commis-  
 12 sioner offend against the true intent and meaning of this oath, he shall, upon indictment and conviction, suffer all  
 13 the pains and penalties of perjury; and in case of a violation of the conditions of the bond provided for, he shall be  
 14 liable to an action thereon in the district court of Ramsey county, and a judgment in favor of the state for such  
 15 damages as may be awarded against the obligors thereto, by reason of failure of the principal.

SEC. 4. Within ten days, after qualification as commissioners, the said board shall meet at the seat of govern-  
 2 ment for the completion of their organization, and may elect one of their number vice president, whose duty it shall  
 3 be to preside over the meetings of said board in the absence of the governor.

SEC. 5. The said board of commissioners shall appoint some proper person, not of their number, to superintend,  
 2 under their direction, the erection of the state capitol as provided for in this act, and they shall also appoint a  
 3 secretary, not of their number, whose duties shall be by them prescribed. Such superindtent and secretary thus  
 4 appointed shall each receive for his services a reasonable compensation, to be established by the board, and before  
 5 entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution, for state officers, and  
 6 give bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 6. It shall be unlawful for either of the said commissioners to be interested either directly or indirectly in  
 2 any manner whatsoever in the location of said new capitol site, or in any contract, or part thereof, for the erection  
 3 of said capitol building, or for any work connected therewith, or for the furnishing of any supplies or material  
 4 therefor, so as to receive any benefit therefrom, or the promise of any benefit therefrom, either by way of com-  
 5 mission, rebate, bonus, division of profits, or otherwise; and any of said commissioners who shall violate this  
 6 provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not  
 7 to exceed one thousand dollars, and shall forfeit his right to, and be removed from, his place on said board; and be  
 8 found incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the state; provided, further, that it shall be unlawful  
 9 for said board of capitol commissioners to employ, or continue in employment, any person in the supervision or  
 10 superintendence of the building of said capitol, or of any work connected therewith, who is in any manner connected  
 11 or interested directly or indirectly, in any contract for the erection of said capitol building, or for the furnishing of





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