

Land Office of B. Grayson,

Established 1855.

(Over First National Bank.)

Fort Dodge, Iowa, May 16 1877

Jas J. Hill Esq
Montreal, Canada

Dear Sir:

I have visited Boone. Ogden. Grand Junction Webster City and written to Clarion, Belmond & Mason City, so this week and next we will get a notice of the project before the people of all the several countries. I expect also to get letters from leading men to you on the subject of aid.

At Webster I find an Election ordered 7th June for a vote on the 5% Tax - 2½ for the Des Moines Narrow Gauge & 2½ to Willson & Co for extension from their Mines to W City. The voting of this tax would hurt your project in five important Townships - especially W City.

I have seen the Editors of the two W City Papers and several leading men and made an effort to get the vote postponed until 1st July so we could get a chance to figure with those Townships and block the Narrow Gauge.

We can get big

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Dear Sir:

help no doubt for our Road but whatever is done toward tying up the subsidies will have to be done soon - for if not other Roads will get voted to them what you want and it would be some three years before any more Road ^{aid} can be voted.

Willson showed me \$75,000⁰⁰ of Notes that he got in 1872 besides the 50¢ Tax for a Road from Mason City to Boone. All good notes - He says we can get them renewed from same men & more additional. I think \$4000⁰⁰ a mile can be secured in 90 Days from 1st June for our Road.

I am doing considerable talking which I hope will not be done for naught. If you can follow it up by action I can get the aid I know.

Yours &c
Hann

Sank Rapids

May 18 1877

Mr Hill and after
Pleas send me
Two Barrel of
Blond Runy coal
~~and~~ and oblige
me

C L Hemenway

Sank Rapids

Benton County

Minn

Norman Munie

May 19-77

Wm H. Hill & Son
St Paul
Gents.

Will you please ship me
four & Barrels good blacksmith coal fire
just as soon as possible by freight.
I will pay just as soon as possible
but would like 30 days time on it
Trusting you will ship goods at once
& oblige.

Yours truly

M. Dahls Blacksmith
pr

Gents.

This party is good. Have
known him to be strictly honorable in all
my dealings with him & you will run no
risk in selling to him I don't think.
Yours
D. C. Clague RR agent

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

J. T. M. Division.
Northfield ^{Station.}
May 23rd 1887

Wepu Hill & Acker
Dr Sir

Milwaukee Coal Dealers
offer best Blof Coal delivered
here for 102⁵ time 60 Days
but would rather deal nearer
home & if you can ship for
same please for'd car
immediately and

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Yours
J. T. Prior

OFFICE OF
The Red River Transportation Company,

E. V. HOLCOMBE, Superintendent.

H. SWINFORD, Agent.

Winnipeg, May 24 1877

Jim
You understand that my object is to control the Coal market here by getting a rate (\$10. pr Ton through from Duluth) from McKays as that he will in no case give to any one else but refer all applicants to me.

I wish him to understand this fully before we begin. if there is anything inconsistent now is the time to talk about it.

I can't see that there is anything to object to unless he is anxious to take in the little margin as well as freight. Which is so small a matter I would hardly think he would object.

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Yours Ever,

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May 24, 1917

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Yours,
E.V. Holcombe

Winnipeg May 24th 1877

J. J. Hill Esq.
St Paul

Dear Sir. On arrival here I found Mr Graham in quite a fix about his Coal (ordered from you while I was in St Paul). It is necessary he should have it about the first week in June & as it has not yet left Duluth there may be some delay that will be a damage to him.

I telegraphed Chris to see you in regard to it. Telegraphed you the same day in relation to our proposed Coal arrangements & whether the same is satisfactory to Mr H.

Possibly you don't realize the importance of getting at this business immediately & getting it all in while there is water.

We ought to have every pound of it landed here during the month of June. Will you please see to it & report me at once if you have not already done so. I shall be at Grand Forks or Tupper by the time you receive this. Write me directed to the latter place & I will get it. How do Railroad matters seem to shape.

Let me hear from you

Yours Truly

C. W. Holmes

Winnipeg, May 24, 1877.

J.J. Hill Esq;
St. Paul, Minn.
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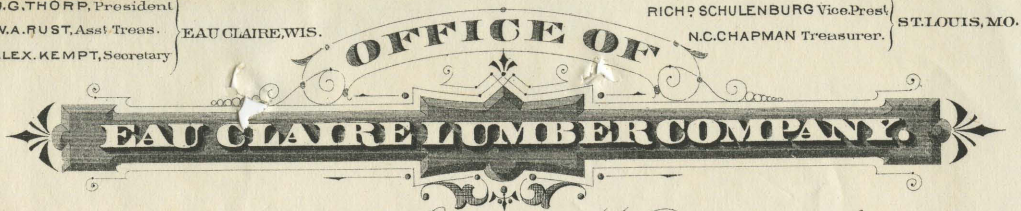
E.V. Holcombe.

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N.C. CHAPMAN Treasurer.

ST. LOUIS, MO.



Eau Claire, Wis. May 24 1877

*Messrs. Hill & Acker
Gentlemen*

*You may send
us 2 Cars best Blossburgh Coal
at the price named and oblige
Eau Claire Lumber Co
Chas. Callahan*

Oscoda, Mich., May 24th 1877



Shipped, in good order, by Oscoda Salt and Lumber Co., for account and risk of whom it may concern, on board the Prop. St Paul whereof _____ is master, now lying at Oscoda, to be delivered in like good order at port of destination. (The dangers of navigation, fire, collisions, and breakage of canals, only excepted.)

E. W. Saunders
Duluth

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Bbb Fine Salt

Freight as per agreement with
The Michigan Salt Assn
R. W. Stewart Clk.



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