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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

ST. PAUL.
N. W. KITSON,
Genl Manager.
C. MICHAEL,
Secy & Treas.

OFFICE OF

WINNIPEG.
E. V. HOLCOMBE, *Supt.*
H. SWINFORD, *Agent.*

The Red River Transportation Company,

J. J. Hill Esq
St Paul.

Winnipeg, Oct 28th 1877

Dear Jim. I see by the dispatches that your
Rail Road Scheme has been consummated. I must congratulate you
on the result. Knowing as I do that to you belong the credit &
originator of the whole scheme - You have my best wishes
for your success in the new field of operations. Turning from this
hazy to the old & still important, for one year subject of
Steamboating. let me urge on you the importance of coming to a
decision in regard to the proposed changes & repairs on our boats.
As I know you are the "Giver behind the throne" nothing will
be done till you are heard from. I venture to hope you will
reach an early decision. Write or telegraph me (or get Mark
to do so) at Grand Forks when I expect to be early next week -

Business on the River for the past two weeks has been good
all the freight we wanted both ways & a remarkable number of
passengers. Should the weather continue favorable this week I
think we will clear up all the business & get everything back to the
Forks for winter. I make the October business run out about \$25,000 -
which is better than we had a right to expect two weeks ago. As I
had ordered the "Internationale" laid up last week but had to let her
make another trip so which she will clear over \$2000 -

Jim - please don't think me meddling if I advise you not to
let Dalrymple & Francis Steamboat Scheme leave you or the RR firm
into any rash promises. wait till I come down & hear my

side - I tell you candidly they can't hurt you - & I wish
they could.

Yours Truly

W. H. Colver

St. Paul
N. W. Kittson,
Gen'l Manager.

C. Michael,
Sec'y-Treas.

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As I know you are the "power behind the throne" & nothing will be done till you are heard from - I venture to hope you will reach an early decision & write or telegraph me (or get Mr. K. to do so) at Grand Forks where I expect to be early next week -

Business on the River for the past two weeks has been good, all the freight we wanted both ways & a reasonable number of passengers - Should the weather continue favorable this week I think we will clear up all the business & get everything back to the Forks for Winter - & make the October business pan out about \$35,000- which is better than we had a right to expect two weeks ago - as I had ordered the "International" laid up last week but had to let her make another trip on which she will clear over \$3000-

Jim - please don't think me meddlesom if I advise
you not to let Dalrymple & Grandin's steamboat scheme
scare you or the old Gent into any rash promises - Wait
till I come down & hear my side - I tell you candidly
they can't hurt you - & I wish they'd build.

Yours truly

(signed) E. V. Holcombe

impossible for me to systemize my work. The time is so short between weighing and the time the agent closes that I am forced to run at most every evening to the Post Office. If you think it is necessary I will report to them what is best.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Jones.
P.S. Mrs. Jackson reports
the school house still
closed with the 1000 Tons
and that she, there
not to be used any hills
yet.

Duluth Oct 28/77

Carriers Super
S. Paul. / Dear Sir

We
feel gratified over today's labor having
got twenty cars of coal loaded with a force
of five men less in the forenoon and seven
in the afternoon of what we had yesterday.
The men have all been pretty steady workers
last week and have got \$5.00 a hand and
so are inclined to be independent and some
of them did not care to work today. The
order for it over the Sioux City road loaded
excepting the car of salt and the 10 1/2 tons of
stone, and a car of blocks of G. J. and we
have these under our control having the
cars in for the two first and a promise of
a S. City car for the blocks. Have all the Jan-
dolas loaded excepting three and the pro-
mise of having those set in early in the
morning. Started in to report the Yangby
coal to Messrs. Griggs. Johnson but failed to
come to time for the last two shipments. It is

Office of CANNON VALLEY IRON WORKS,

BACON BROS., Proprietors.

DO A GENERAL BUSINESS OF

Repairing Mills and Agricultural Machinery

AND MANUFACTURE ALL KINDS OF CASTINGS.

Cannon Falls, Minn., Oct 28th 1878

Wm. Keile Saunders & Co
St. Paul Minn.

Enclosed Please find
Check for no doc. which please to our "Co"
Please send us at once one cart Lamp Light
2 carts Enclosed like & send us Brass
Ship to Wagon R. R. & O.K.
Bacon Bros

813
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576 ⁹²/₁₀₀ Jackson St Oct 29th 1877
Messrs Hill Sanders and Acker
St Paul Min

gentlemen
Plus find 576 ⁹²/₁₀₀ dollars in closed
and oblige
Will write you in a day or so
Yours very Respectfully
Lydia Weston Holmes

Wobland Oct 29 1877

Gents yours of Sept 25th was duly
recd and we inferred from it
that you would in due time send
us a car load of West Connelleville
bottle. Where we right, if not
please answer at once. Yrlligs

Respectfully yours

JB
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J H Stevenson & Co



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Sanders & Matthews
St Paul
Minn



Hudson, Wis. Oct 29th - 1877
Will send you a letter
St Paul
Min

Yours
In Clove drop for 133.60
a few more by Car ~~10~~ 9 + 525 - Cash
+ shipped at 10 + 29 -
Respectfully
A. C. Jefferson

Please see for the reduction of
before I had overlooked it
- 100

Milwaukee Oct 29 1877
E. H. Saunders Esq

Dep^t J. T. A. M. M.

Dear Sir-

I have yours of 27th ult in relation to shortage
in weights - Car 6580 B. Hill for X W Co was loaded
if you recollects on the day you were here Oct 17
we loaded but 4 cars that day 2 of them B. Hill, the
first car was loaded for H. C. as Coals was not good
enough for outside customers the X W Co's was selected
Coal & our Books show every Barrow load that there
was 12 tons loaded, you may well say H. C. 3325th
short, there was certainly some mistake in weighing this
car at Eau Claire, I can send you the Books if necessary
no alterations or variations made except balance.

Miller & Co's car on going over weights I find an error
of 100th in addition but this can't short not make it
short largely - Clinique's car was kept by tally of each
Barrow by a man who is perfectly competent & whom I
have never had any reason to doubt his work. I have
sent a letter from Hamilton since City relative to

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his Cars also receive coal was very wet when we
 that might be for it, in loading the coal as
 we get into pile on bottom we found considerable
 water, & during the month there has been days
 when the coal was loaded, that for an hour after
 loading water has run from cars as though there
 was ice loaded in them - I must stick to my
 weight as being correct, for I am very anxious
 that all of our customers should have every pound
 I am sorry these complaints have to come in, as it
 has tendency to hurt my self (which is of bad conse-
 quence) but hurt our trade. Naturally, I will renew
 my vigilance in this matter. I hope there may be no
 further cause of complaints - I got the Car of Althons
 Bros for 5th vis train, loaded today - for part of
 month. I was unable to ask other's and a dearth of
 them, as probably and of good weather I'd like
 to have plenty to do if you can do it, Thomas
 Watson you know never satisfied either to much or not
 enough - Cars rec'd 11/6 Saturday -

Truly Yours

Wm. J. Simpson

C. K. HOWARD,
DEALER IN
General Merchandise

Cash Paid for Grain, Hides and Furs. Cattle Bought and Sold.

Sioux Falls, D. T., *Oct 29* 1877

Miss Ail Saunders Vacker
Gentlemen

please ship me one Car
Stove Coal and one Car
Mountain Bark To Laramie
and oblige yours
C. K. Howard

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OFFICE OF
T. B. WILSON & CO.
MERCHANTS & LUMBERMEN
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION.

Beard's Landing, Minn. Oct 29th 1877
Messrs Will Scudder & Co
St Paul Minn
Gentlemen

Please give us your
lowest prices on Coal delivered
on Board or Cars at St Paul.
Packing in Casks or Barrels per ton
Hard Coal for Heating Stoves, in Casks
or Barrels per ton.

Yours truly
T. B. Wilson & Co

Sing City Oct 29th 1894

Geo Acker Esq

Dear Sir

Will you let me
have two ton of nut coal and let me have
10 payments to pay it in the first payment on
our next pay day if so please deliver the above
at my house in St Paul 117 De Bow St if you
can do it you will oblige me much

Respectfully yours

R. W. Taylor
Foreman Sprinter
S. L. and St P R, R

Sing City
Tanner

Box 270



Oct 29/77

Miss Will Samuels & Acker

We Enclose you
Light Bill Paid \$60.00
Wagon Rental Bank 66.00
To Bal care of boat \$126.00

J. Fran Kenfield & Bro
Glencoe

Grand Forks Oct 29th 1877

Mr Hill Saunders & Acker
Gentlemen

Will you
please inform us ~~what~~ your lowest figure
is on a car load of Blacksmiths Coal
and also what time you can give and
what freight rates can be got from St Paul
or Duluth and oblige

Yours Truly
Brown & Metzger

G. E. PORTER, Pres't

D. R. MOON, Vice Pres't

S. T. McKNIGHT, Treas.



Cambridge, Wis. Oct 29 - 1877
Messrs Hill Saunders & McKee
Gents

Yours of the 21st recd. It seems quite as much a mystery to us as yourself in regard to this shortage and to add to the mystery, the RR to weigh the car and claiming short weight on gum part add 2680 lbs thus making shortage from true weight over \$600.00 -

We can make no connection of our weights as we can see possibly, and we have each & every weight which drayman claims to have hauld, so we cannot make it more or less.

but we cannot understand the discrepancy

Yours Respectfully
J. M. McKee

A. D. MULFORD.

OFFICE OF

GEO. W. MARCHANT.

MULFORD & MARCHANT,
No. 5 Nicollet House Block, Washington Ave.,

DEALERS IN

All Kinds of Wood and Coal,

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct 29 1877
Wm H. Saunders & Assoc
St Paul, Minnesota
Wittman

Please send
us our car Wm H. Hill soon
as possible, also hurry up the
nut coal.

Yours Very Truly
Mulford & Marchant
per J

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STATION AGENT.

B. C. & N. R. R.

J. W. KINSEY,
DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF

Hard and Soft Coal.

Greene, Iowa Oct 29th 1877
Hill Saunders & Co
St Paul
Minn

Messrs

Enclosed please find
draft sixty-six dollars
amt in full for coal in
car 1624. May want
another car soon, should
I can I have it at same
rate for same kind of
coal. Very good coal

Yours Truly
J. W. Kinsey

JOHN COMSTOCK,
J. B. WILSON,
ALFRED J. GORR.

Willow River Mills.

FRANK E. CLARKE,
J. E. JEFFERSON,
A. E. CLARKE.

COMSTOCK, CLARKE & CO.

Dealers in Grain, Flour and Feed.

Hudson, Wis., Oct 29 1877.

Mr. Will Saunderson & Co.
St. Paul

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find
Our check for 13.⁰⁰ Billed 27th Sept.

Please receipt & return and oblige

Yours Truly

Comstock Clarke & Co.

Oct 29th 77

Miss Will Lloyd &
Huntman
please find Ofr for 2000
and balance for 24
ills. please send us
statement and see if
our books agree

Yours Truly
Carpenter Merrill

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The Red River Transportation Company,

Winnipeg, Oct 29th 1877

J. J. Hill Esq.
St Paul

Dear Sir,

Yours of 14th at hand. Am sorry we can't make the requested arrangement in case acct. Have not yet sold quite enough to clear off the freight acct. which you know amounts to considerably more than the original cost of the coal at Duluth. The fact is I am somewhat disappointed at the result of the coal trade thus far but still think it will pay all right. In ordering I calculated on an increase of 50 feet per ~~foot~~ ^{ton} judging by past experience. I don't know how but this was too much. The cars were also loaded heavier than I had expected which added over 50 tons to my intended order.

We are likely to carry over from 15 to 20 tons of Brantlee & possibly 50 to 100 hard coal. The Blacksmith mill will all be sold ~~by~~ ^{by} Spring - as that is a gradual but more steady trade.

Money is so tight that people hold off buying coal to the last minute. I know at least a half dozen people who have coal stores & use coal that have not been to see us yet. & so many more who have recently purchased coal stores & must have coal to burn in them. Others who have bought have not taken half a supply expecting to replenish later.

The freight acct. which amounts to about \$5,000 - is

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Genl. Manager.
C. MICHAELS,
Sec'y. & Treas.

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is almost clear - At least coal enough has been sold to
almost pay it. There have been a few deliveries to respons-
-ible parties without the cash - such say as Barnhart & Holm-
te. These parties are paying enormous freight fees & as I
consider them good did not think it policy to be too exacting
with them.

I hope you will have patience - as it will likely
be slow taking a good part of the winter to clear off your debt
- it is now known to be done finally & whatever coal is not sold
is here safe in good hands - of that you can rest assured.

Yours truly
E. V. Holcombe

E. L. Hedstrom

~~W. D. Meehan~~

A. J. Steele

E. L. Hedstrom & Co.

Coal and Pig Iron

Sole Agents for the
Schuylkill Valley Coal Co. Buffalo, N. Y. Oct 29/87

Messrs. Hill, Saunders & Acker
St. Paul Minn.

Gentlemen

In answer to yours
of the 26th inst. we say, that
we can furnish you the de-
sired amount or more of
Blossburg Coal on board Prop

As for making any promises
about its adaptability for heavy
work or otherwise giving warrant
of its being "first class in every
particular" we don't think it is
necessary. We sell only the Bloss-
burg Coal Co's Coal. For all we know
it gives general satisfaction

E. L. Hedstrom

~~A. J. Steele~~

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E. L. Hedstrom & Co.

Coal and Pig Iron

Sole Agents for the

Delaware Valley Coal Co. Buffalo, N.Y.

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A pretty good evidence of its quality is manifested by our customers continuing with us year after year, and an increase in our trade for that particular Coal.

Mr. Saunders of your firm has handled it, and we therefore think him perfectly competent to vouch for it now inasmuch as there has been no change in its quality unless it be for the better.

Hoping to receive your order we are yours very respectfully
E. L. Hedstrom & Co.



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