

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1878 FEB 21 - MAR 13

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

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St. Paul Feb 20th 1878

Wm J. S. Kennedy Esq

At. Coun. St. Minn.

My dear Sir

With pleasure I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. and thank you for the information it contains. If a majority of all the classes of bonds accept I think under the circumstances we will be able to increase their amount by extending the time and conditions to outside holders and also by a judicious policy regarding the funds, and furnishing bonds at lower prices than heretofore obtained by the parties who furnished them. We will by the time a reorganization takes place have control of about all our outstanding bonds, as the aggregate outstanding will by that time be very much less than now.

The question of representation on the Board of Directors does not appear very unreasonable and should such be agreed upon either of the

method proposed in your letter would cover the case

I am writing Mr Stephen upon the subject
as regards the drawing of Trust deeds
and the appointment of trustees I think the
interest of the Dutch is sufficiently protected
in the proposal as it now stands

We have no fear as to the mortgage of \$12,000.
for this being insufficient

The newspaper announcement was the
inevitable result of our going into the Legislature
for the repeal of the Debnaff Clause of last winter's
Bill and we took pains to see that the allusion
was made only in general terms

As you will readily understand the completion
of the Pacific - Pacific Line last summer making
the Marias the through route to Manitoba, has
driven the entire upper country to extremes
and it seems to me it will be necessary for
us to travel to Alexandria this year in order to
get their support and prevent their united
opposition to legislation asked for by us.

We have forwarded the proposal signed
by us to Mr Stephen as per his request, with one

or too small changes, which have been made only to facilitate matters in details, and we request that you will have the necessary clause added under our signatures for the Committee to sign and return, to make it a contract.

I had a very satisfactory interview with Mr Hughton on my return from N.Y. and when we heard of any opposition from the C. & W. in Holland I at once telegraphed Mr H. reminding him of his former representations, and hoping my doing so did no harm.

Mr Baker came yesterday and left this morning for home and will undoubtedly see you before this letter reaches N.Y.

Mr Rice is quite ready to act with you on all matters and in fact feels well.

Hoping that nothing will occur to prevent the successful issue of our negotiations I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly J. J. Will

OFFICE OF
T. H. JUDD,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
Lumber, Lath, Shingles,

Cedar Posts, Dressed Lumber, Eave Troughs, Sash, Doors, &c.,
NO. 340 LUMBER DISTRICT, PARK ST.

Milwaukee, Feb. 25th 1878

Hamilton Browne Esq
Sir

Yours of the 14th
is recd. I have been East for about two
weeks consequence the delay of answering
your letter the one you wrote the 10th is
at Beanhams will see it as soon as pos
sible and will answer it if they have
not

Yours truly
T. H. Judd

THE STEEL COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED.

Londonberry,
Nova Scotia.

27 Feb 1878

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE COMPANY.

My Dear Sir,

The enclosed is taken
from an American paper.
+ was forwarded to me
here. What does it
mean? I hope the Govt
is not going to steal
our land while we
are dumb as we are
of this. I am anxious
to be assured on this

point. I hope to be
at home on Sunday
morning Jan 1

Respectfully

J. J. White Esq

Blank No. 13

The North Western Telegraph Co.

The rules of this Company require that all messages intended for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which shall be taken to have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

C. H. BARTON, Sec'y. J. H. BARTON, President. 1832
Minneapolis, Wis. Kenosha, Wis.

Dated, *Washington DC* *23d*, 18*88*
Received at *ST. PAUL, MINN.* *23d*
To *Nelson & Hill*

Your telegram just received I
have declined to participate in
Legislation looking towards the
completion of the line to Canada
in account of my understanding
with you of your views. I
have not changed telegraph here
Elliott House what legislation
you are asking for &
I may aid you
C. H. Wright
49 St. via Ch

[3-1-76]



Ottawa 1st March 1878

My dear Sir,

Your favour of the 22nd
just received we have given
day with its enclosure and on
the 23rd Mr. who has been
absent from Montreal for some
days is expected back tomorrow
or on Sunday morning I shall
confer with him for sending
you the necessary receipt
and authority for the postage
you mention.

The ordering of the amount
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ed proposal, with also
have attention immediately
consult Mr. Stephen in
Montreal —

I sincerely trust the Bill
you have introduced into the
Minnesota Legislature may
be carried through and have
the desired result. The
report however you attached
of the proposition to put before
the General Legislature as
watching for a Bill to vacate
all grants of lands to railways
not already carried has
reached us a day or two before
and caused us a good deal

of concern, but we have
 much confidence that
 with the aid of friends in
 Minnesota and other States
 affected by the Bill you will
 be able to prevent its passing
 into a law, and I need not
 to commend this to your
 serious consideration, as I
 feel satisfied you will already
 have taken action in the matter.
 No doubt the Solicitors of the
 Receiver of the St Vincent
 Line authorized by the Council
 will afford a first class service
 for the money which must be
 expended in conducting that
 Branch

Portland, but it would be
a misfortune were the quantity
of lumber attached to that portion
of the Road be diminished
to any considerable extent.

Your letter to Bro Stephen
of the 23rd is forwarded from
Montreal, but this morning reaches
one, but it is impossible by this
day's mail to do more than
acknowledge having received it
and to assure yourself of Mr
Hittson's and Bro Stephen's and to
have throughout had so much
confidence in the project and
Portland in our hands of the whole
subject of this enterprise than
by yourself from Bro
Hittson, but we felt very
sanguine of success and
we

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we shall hope over the course
of the project has virtually been
admitted that the novel *Romeo*
will in every sense be adapted
to all interests in it.

The *Smithsonian* edition of
Franklin's *Rails* is having
every attention but I do not
think the particulars of our share
can be furnished until two
or three days later when I
shall again be myself the
honour of addressing you

It is not surprising to hear
that Dr. Wilson's health is improving
so favourably and doing kind
remembrance to that gentleman
Believe me to be with
very sincere regards
to all
Yours
Wm. Brewster

Our reasons are such
that you will see that
the Seneca are in your
favor of the 22nd. I now
enclose it herewith signed
by myself as attorney and
anything further may be
imposed will be done when
I meet Mr. L. H. H. H.
in New York City of 20th
D. H. H. H.

First Division Saint Paul & Pacific Railroad,

MORTGAGE TRUSTEES IN POSSESSION.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.

St. Paul,

March 10 1878

James J. Hill Esq.
St Paul

As per your request I hand
you Statement of Earnings and Expenses
of Main & Branch Line 1st Div S.P. & P.R.
from 1st July 1877 to 1st March 1878

Our traffic for the months above has been
largely made up of Surroundings outside of
Main - as our wheat districts produced no
surplus last year, owing to Grasshopper
ravages;

I give you the item of Repairs of Track
made out of the large expenditures some
months - caused by putting in New Rails, July
August - November & December - we put in
over 1000 tons of New Rails on the Main Line
in July & August we ~~put in~~ finished laying
500 tons of Steel Rails on Branch Line which
accounts for large expenditure on Main &

and Branch Lutes in the months
named - If it is thought desirable
we can get along during the present
year for a very small outlay of
material of this kind

Respectfully ve

J. P. Gusley

General Manager

Copy-

Philadelphia March 1st 1878

J. B. Cullitt Esq
My dear Mr Cullitt

I find by examination of the original papers in Mr. Lewis' hands, that the copy in my possession of receipt given by Cough for De Graff & Co on the Monroes settlement is accurate and embraces the terms of our settlement.

According to this paper, we delivered to De Graff & Co \$2000 of Lake Superior & Mississippi Preferred Stock at par \$15000 Penn^a Canal Bonds at par \$5000 Philad^a & Erie R.R. Bonds at par, also deeds for 15000 acres of fine lands, \$5000 in cash and 3000 shares of Preferred Stock Northern Pacific R.R. These you will remember were obtained from the company in discharge of their guarantee.

These were taken according to the terms of the agreement as a liquidated adjustment of all amounts which De Graff & Co would be entitled to claim by way of dividends and distribution from the estate of Monroes on account of De Graff & Co.

three contracts for which they obtained judgment
in the Circuit Court for the Minnesota District and
were to be considered as the total, final and complete
dividends and distributive share coming to R. Graff.

The judgment however as I understand, against
Mr. Moonhead remains outstanding and in force,
although of course this would be a credit upon
the same. Mr. Moonhead of course is personally dis-
charged therefrom by the bankruptcy proceedings.

Yours very truly
(Signed) A. L. Stebbins

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[March 9, 1878]

Blk No. 3

HALF RATE MESSAGES.

THE NORTH WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY

requires that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following Half Rate Message:

H. B. HINSDALE, Secretary.

C. H. HASKINS, Cashier.

Z. G. SIMMONS, President.

Dated, New Orleans La 3/3 1878

Received at ST. PAUL, MINN. 3/3

To J. P. Farley

Glad to hear the good
news hope you will succeed
in St. Croix case will be
home by end of this
week and quite well
NW Kittson
24 p 1/2

Office Exh No 18 case of
J. P. Farley vs N. W. Kittson et al
Oscar B. Hillier
Notary Public

Stam 4th March 1878

My dear Sir,

Mr Stiffham wrote to you
so full of our Montreal today
that it is left to me to say
further than in returning you
the enclosed certificates of Red Stone
transportation Company stock, to
say that it is ~~now~~ ^{now} ~~whether~~ the
stock in question should be transferred
to me in book of the stock of the
Company and certificates of the same
having been forwarded to
me for deposit with the Bank
of Montreal in Montreal - In carrying
out this would I must tell you
that

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that you should receive a suffering
of the stock to satisfy you as
Director of the Company and that
Mr Stiffham should do the same
making transfer of the remainder
to me in book as in your own
case. As Director of the Bank
of Montreal you will not over-
see how Mr Stiffham and I desire
that any responsibility of our
Bank and we jointly understand this
should be amply covered by our
present securities and I must have
say that there we deposit again
as your loss is not at all as a loss
when referred by the Bank, but
to avoid the possibility of a civil or
misrepresentation is to our long
borrowers, while Director of the
Bank

Bank. Mr Stephen has mentioned
 to you that the Red River Valley
 Company has Kansas and that it is
 a local character which you
 and Mr. H. would not want to
 the present purpose equally well
 as any others, and having these with
 you when we meet in New York
 we can then arrange how they are
 to be held for the purposes of our
 joint enterprise. And by the
 way having put him in form that
 it may be for some time to be
 here on Monday the 11th before we
 which will then come up in the House
 it will hardly be possible for me to be
 in New York before Wednesday
 morning and to this effect I shall tell
 Mr Stephen today while at same
 time

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 him this and not interfere with
 your making him there as the
 Tuesday or Wednesday to get on
 today. Please be just to me
 also. I have not yet forwarded to you
 The Rails referred to as you
 will of the 24th have to be transported
 from New York and should the tender
 be sufficient to be by rail road
 to St Paul from that place they would
 be sent in preference to forwarding
 by Samson & De Witt & Co. This
 would give you the freight for the
 from St Paul and as of from the
 it would I think be well worth while
 making an effort to secure it in
 conjunction with the Carriers
 here. I wish to see you & to see
 the matter but with the kind of
 work I am engaged in I cannot
 do it. I shall try to get on
 at Paul & Co.

The rails from the Pacific for delivery in New York, one half by the 1st inst. and the other half by the 15th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

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NEW YORK, 6th Mch 1878

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM

J. J. Hill YOU DATED today

Victor	Johann Carl
Mocha	wants 200,000
Infidel	Common What is your opinion?

Blank No. 1.

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

No. 105

This Company transmits telegrams and messages over its lines, limiting its liability, which have been accepted by the sender of the following conditions: (1) That the sender of a message shall be responsible for its contents, and the Company will not be held liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of telegrams or messages. (2) That messages sent by registered mail shall be delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

1238

Dated, St Paul Minn 6 Rec'd at Western Union Building,
BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

To John S Kennedy to Mr C 1878

24 Cedar St N.Y.

Visitors wants much a Common

Infidel

Jas J. Hill

Spaid

the City

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