



with this part of the Road  
I shall certainly again urge  
them to insist that the Contractors  
shall carry out the work at the  
the least possible delay, in order  
that the trains may run from  
this place throughout the winter.

I have no more doubts of  
getting down to Montreal in  
a short time in a week or ten  
days time.

With best wishes to them,  
I am very sincerely yours

Edw. Smith

James J. Smith Esq.  
St Paul Minn.

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To *J. Hill*

Message recd. J. Kennedy  
and he will pay all  
money for construction writing  
Geo. Stephens  
14 paid via Chicago

Montreal

July 9. 1878

My Dear Sir

We bear of this  
in Mr Higginson of whom  
I spoke to & am in hope

that you will do what  
you can to give him  
a chance of showing  
his merit. He has

been highly recommended  
to

me by Mr & Lady  
Dufferin. both of them  
think of his capacity  
in the highest terms.

He is quick as figures  
would make a very  
good correspondent.

I have told Mr &  
that, to begin with,  
I could not promise  
him more than  
was enough to pay

his way. I think he would be  
a very useful man to  
attend to ~~God's~~ correspondence  
in connection with St Paul  
& Racine & generally to  
help the Mission with his  
work. Love to

Scottsboro

White Eye

Newbury

July 10. 1878

My Dear Sir

I have recd your message  
from Haldenbie & immediately  
replied to him on Monday. I  
am glad your interview with Mr  
Mitcheil was satisfactory; he  
is a powerful ally to have on  
our side in case of any trouble  
with N P people. We must  
however be careful not to awaken  
any jealousies between the S V  
and N W lines. Our policy  
is to be friendly & to make  
friends, if we can, of both.

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I am in Copenhagen when the result of  
our discussion with Jay Cooke  
in N.Y. becomes known to the  
A.P. people. that you will be  
able to make a complete  
settlement with them of all  
matters in dispute between  
us, while the Pres<sup>ts</sup> & Directors  
are in Minnesota. Deal  
with them fairly and liberally  
even, as a line running  
to Lake Superior, and have  
nothing to do with any <sup>pretension</sup>  
they may set up as a line  
to St. Paul. to which they  
have

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no claim. If they will not settle  
with you on some such basis  
we shall be obliged to pitch  
into them all our own. hot &  
heavy. It is important not to  
lose sight of the desirability  
of carrying <sup>Beattie</sup> with you  
if possible. especially for a  
time.

Hope all the matters  
we discussed in New York  
are now in course of being  
carried out. The great importance  
of the loan of the Extension  
to us in some way, and  
also

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The execution of a contract  
with Mr Farley by which the  
whole <sup>authorized</sup> amt of Receivers Debts  
would be issued. became still  
more apparent to Mr Kennedy  
and all the rest of us. after  
you left. Kennedy. Angus. <sup>Barnes</sup>  
& I spent the most of the  
Sunday & Monday <sup>together</sup>  
and did little else than discuss  
St Paul & Pacific matters.

Mr Kennedy thought he would  
write to Mr Farley and suggest  
to him to run down to N. Y.  
to talk over these two things. He  
leaves & the contract. But if

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These matters can be arranged <sup>without</sup> such a long journey in this hot weather. It will be all the better. Only it is important that they be so arranged & that speedily. I have no doubt you have told Mr Farley the substance of all that took place, and what we are doing. That the money be contributed, as it is required, will be paid, by Sir H. C. G. the way this was settled after you left. My wish would be to complete the roads to Pembina & to Alexandria before saying a word to the Court about the

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Debs, then get the whole at once  
& get them made a parcel line  
on the whole line, about  
which - seeing we have trusted  
the Court, then ought to be in  
trouble. Tell Mr Farley all  
our plans & that I took to  
him to give us all the aid  
we can in carrying them  
out. He will not overlook  
the fact that whatever be the  
amt of Debs issued we have  
to pay the amt in cash before  
we get possession of the road  
the advantage of a contract  
to

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is merely temporary, and a  
matter of convenience. Nothing else,  
though otherwise very important.

Darwin Hitchcock was at Mr  
Scots on Sunday about a <sup>little more</sup>  
and I believe, if you happen into  
him all you can. He will soon  
come to town, thus we can <sup>accept</sup>.

I really think it would do us  
harm for Mr Young or some one  
to speak to Bigelow about their  
overtures of his client for a little  
to say to W B if they really mean  
to be reasonable. we are ready to  
deal with them, rather than be  
bothered & delayed in the attainment  
of

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our object, which he has undertaken  
is ultimately a certainty.

He has said that it would be very  
in to give £ in cash & other things  
say £200,000 or even £250,000 to set  
completely rid of them. Barnes  
is strongly of this opinion too.

On a letter with him. we  
could fix the outstanding <sup>Bank</sup>  
-holders just as we liked.

I hope therefore you will keep  
this in mind before you. as  
one of the things to be done if  
possible. You know perhaps better  
than any one how to deal with  
these

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Highfield - I leave them in your  
hands merely adding - set rid of  
them on the best terms you can.  
and as soon as possible.

Mr. Barnes goes out to the <sup>factory</sup>  
with full instructions & power to  
deal with the Dutchmen regarding  
the outstanding Band, and I  
have no doubt but in some way  
or other we shall get all or  
nearly all of the Band held  
by the Committee, which will  
be a happy thing & make us all  
feel easy as to that part of  
the business. With these Comtee Bands secured

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then would only be in the hands of the Public, about

12<sup>5</sup> 240.000

28<sup>5</sup> 234.000

3<sup>5</sup> 127.000

6<sup>5</sup> 370.000

150.000  
67.275  
50.000  
129.500  
447.575

the three

latter being all in Holland. -

Will we be receipt of this, what  
has been done about stopping the  
land sales. Are they stopped?  
I asked yesterday that they would  
probably be stopped adding that  
Bonds ought, in consequence,  
be easier. If they are stopped  
it will help Barnes in his negotiating  
I am decidedly of opinion that  
you ought to set out of Barnes &  
of all

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loyalty to us  
others in whose ~~you~~ we have put the  
fullest confidence. This is Mr  
Kennedy's strong opinion. Little with  
Becker, & detach Delano from the  
A P people. In short, we are in  
a battle for life & must not neglect  
even the smallest source of help

Give my kind regards to Mr. Kittson  
& tell him that he must take  
care of himself & not to hesitate  
to put all his share of the work  
on to your more youthful shoulders.  
I hope he will fall in with my  
suggestion to take in Mr. Higginson  
to his office & get him to write his  
letters & make his figures &c.

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Mr H. Ford Daffern says is a  
man of the highest honor, and very  
capable at accounts & correspondence.  
He leaves at once as his means  
will do no more than take him  
to St Paul. Give him something  
to do at once to enable him to  
pay his way. He says you will

be able to fix those outstanding  
Steamboat shareholders so that those  
who have sold will be as worse off  
than them. If you get the lease  
of the Extension line arranged then  
need be no dividend this year  
to Steamboat owners. You must  
manage this in some way.

I J Hill Esq.

Yours truly  
Seth Bowen



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