

Personal

St Paul Minn 7th Oct 1898
Geo Stephen Esq
Montreal

Dear Sir

Referring to your last letter, I note your view that the N.P. people are decided to have a new line to Saint Rapids. Some of those interested say that they agree with me that it should not be built except from necessity. I think they are not so well satisfied with the award of the Referees as to be content with the arrangement permanently.

They also urge with some force that Minneapolis & St Paul are a centre of too great importance for them to be satisfied long without independent facilities. At the same time they admit that one line can do all the business, and they would be satisfied with it could they have equal rights on fair terms, with independent terminal facilities at both points.

If you are correct in your conviction that they are determined to have a new line, of course no further negotiations would profit either party. I have another letter from Mr Cook which I will mail to you. I am not

aware what, if any, influence he exerts, but
suppose him to be somewhat active in the
camp

I shall be certain to say nothing to him
which you would disapprove

As they have appointed a committee to consult
I still cherish a faint hope that an arrangement
may be consummated.

Now for the St Paul & Pacific should go
with a view to harmonizing with the Northern
Pacific I do not suggest.

I ^{do not} know that it is at all practicable

I had earnestly hoped, considering the probability
that no adjustment would be had with the Fletcherfield
that the two Railroad interests might be harmonized

If we have both to fight they can & will get
each other more or less aid and comfort in
the contest.

As I interpret their action they are not yet
fully committed to the new project

Very respectfully yours
Signed Horace Thompson

P.S. Mr. Kettow is absent. I fear his
health is precarious.

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Dated, *Winnipeg Man 7 Oct 1878*
Received at *ST. PAUL, MINN.* *\$ 9.00*
To *J. Hill*

*Ad Sherwood and what was
the price for ties & lumber*

H. A. Miller

1000.

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*1004
217
420.*

*Pile man leaving tomorrow
Will write about ties*

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Private
Confidential

St Paul Oct 24th 1878

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George Stephen Esq
Montreal

My dear Sir

I have your personal letter of the 3rd inst and have telegraphed Mr Barnes asking him to do as requested in my letter of 28th ult regarding the Committee's assent to the issue of debentures on the completion of the line to Pembina and Alexandria. Mr Barnes has countermanded the assent to the order of May 31 with the assent necessary to avoid delay in the issue of debentures, and so as to ensure our having it we mailed Messrs K & Co a short form of assent which might be cabled to the Committee and promptly executed and attested and mailed to N.Y. without delay.

I enclose you a note which came enclosed with one from Mr Hart and today I had a talk with him when he told me that his information came from Folger a banker of Kingston who is a warm friend of Sir John.

I think it would be well to be on hand early

watch if the Nor. Pac. thro. any of their last winter friends were trying to secure any advantages in regard to Manitoba. You will remember that Genl. Starks their Vice President has spent a great deal of his time the past summer in Manitoba and Canada. I would hardly suppose Sir John would try to reverse the action of the former Government where such action had been reduced to a Contract. Still it may be well to keep an eye out for everything.

Under the Construction Contract the road will remain in the hands of the Contractors until Dec 1st 1879 and I understand the Govt are about changing the bridges to iron which will give an opportunity to extend it still further should we deem it desirable to do so.

I note fully what you say about the failure of the Glasgow Bank and have in mind all along the necessity of our getting the debentures at an early day, and as Mr Smith will tell you that only a failure to get the material on the ground will prevent our having the road completed the

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present month and if Mr Barnes will cable the
form of assent which mailed him, to the Dutch
Gov. I know of no reason why we should not
have the ~~bonds~~ debentures by the 8th or 10th of
November at latest - I hope we will have
about \$400,000. debentures as margin on the
work. I note what you say about the
Earnings for August but a glance at the large
payment for repairs of road will show that the
Earnings ordinarily would have been \$60,000. at
least, again you will remember the figures
named are for the First Division only.

I think September will be \$70,000. and
October still more.

I have thought of the matter of the debentures
on a foreclosure of the Extension Line and
mentioned in Ref. last June when we spoke
of a lease of the Line from the Receiver, and
I still think we should have the lease.

In the event of our getting the foreclosure in
December which I consider almost certain
we would undoubtedly have to pay off the

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 debentures in Ash and could not issue any
 bonds on the Peabody line at any rate, but
 I think we could on the Alex andria line
 however I will look this up with the attys.

If we did not want to pay cash for the line to the
 amt of the debentures we could after getting
 the decree of foreclosure postpone the sale at
 any convenient time. Could we not amend
 our agreement with the Dutch Land Trs. Messrs
 K & C so as to cover this matter. On my return
 I will get Yarny and go over the whole subject
 and write you fully — Mr Thompson has
 finally got Becker to a point on the matter of
 his bill against the Trustees for his services as
 their attorney and the best that Becker will do is
 the bonds for his farm near Morris.

These bonds will cost us from \$2500. to 3000\$
 and as it settles in full a claim for eleven
 years service against all of the trustees
 I think with every one of our lawyers here
 that it is a good settlement of an uncertain
 question, therefore I have to ask you to send

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me \$10,000. bonds of the 3,000,000. fund and what we do not use I will return and as soon as I get the receipt in full ~~from~~ Thompson from Bechen I will have the other trustees Rice & Thompson approve it and send it to Mr Kennedy who can pay it out of money in hand of the Trustees. I think it would be well for you to write Mr. Farley frequently about his getting the road finished at the earliest possible date as I am daily urging the same thing and I want him to feel that you consider he is doing the work —

I am very glad to hear from you as often as you can write for I am so very busy with the construction that I may not think of anything else matter and your suggestions will help very much.

Yours very truly
 Jas. J. Hill

St. Paul, Oct. 7th, 1877.
Messrs. Will Samdgrat & Co. Ker.
To Rogers & Rogers Dr.

772.
5268.

To service in case apt.
H. D. Booge Co. and St. Paul
and Sioux City & Sioux
City & St. Paul R.R. Co's. / \$2000
To costs paid out in same. / 4 40
Received Payment. / 24 40

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J. J. H.

Albany

Montreal

8th Oct 1878

My dear Mr Will

I have just this minute rec^d
a wire from Foy's. Stating positively
that Pembina Branch is all right. Nothing
could be more satisfactory. I add. but
cautions me not to know that he has
wired me. when I see the Premier's
I take this to mean that the Gov^t have
resigned & this is one of their last acts.
that Mr. Kerwin will oppose the
of the fact. I hope it is as I suppose.

I was glad to hear from Mrs. Fairly today
that she is now within 20 miles of
Pembina & that you are progressing
well on the line. Under separate
cover I will write to you about all
other matters. With better I wish to
devote

to more personal matters affecting you
& are individually as distinct from our accounts
Mr Kelton & Mr Smith. - I wish to suggest
for your consideration whether we had not
better that is you and I personally make
up our respective disbursements after to that
date & make a settlement of them to that
date. You must have paid out a good
deal of money one way & another as
I have done & I suspect both of us will
have to guess the amount to some extent.
I think this should be done, and any
expense Mr Smith & Mr Kelton have been
at account of us, must be made ^{expanding}
but ought to be dealt with in some
way. that is reimbursed. I think however
and I do not doubt they will agree with me
that the work of association has fallen
upon. For more than a year I have

done nothing else & on my going to England I
gave up the income of my business, amounting to
between \$30,000 & \$40,000 so as to be free both
in body & mind to attend to this matter
yourself. I know how you are the same and
I am of opinion that in addition
to our reimbursement for expenses and
cash and pay. We that is you & Joseph
to look by way of remuneration for our
personal services or rather to make up
what we have otherwise given up.
at least \$25,000 each. This I suppose
we should take out of the surplus debt.
which are of course as good as money
to us. But we know perfectly what
you think of this proposal. Say
nothing about it to Mr. Patton nor
to any one until you have communicated
with me

Write not shaking it until I hear from
you. If you oppose I will take my
own way of working & know to our
prejudice carrying it out. - If you
think the recompense too much or too little
say so plainly. He shall give me
his opinion fully & openly. soon as possible

I am very truly yrs

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Copy

Montreal Oct 8th 1898

Edwin C Litchfield Esq
18 William St.
New York

Dear Sir,

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant.

I really do not know whether the Milwaukee telegram, which you enclose, refers to the proposed St Cloud & St Paul Line or to some other Road.

I quite agree with you that the effect of a rival line on the west side of the river from St Cloud to St Paul would be more or less injurious to the interests of the St Paul & Pacific Road, and that the construction of such a line ought to be prevented if possible.

I am now in negotiation with a Committee of the Northern Pacific, and hope the result of this negotiation will be an amicable settlement of all matters in dispute between the two roads, and the discontinuance of any encouragement to the proposed west side line project.

I do not anticipate any difficulty in dealing with the Northern Pacific if they and I can agree as to terms.

They are quite ready to accept such guarantee

as I am able to offer for the due fulfillment
of any agreement I may enter into with them
on the part of the St Paul & Pacific, so that the
difficulty in the way of a permanent arrangement,
which you assume, has no existence.

I note what you say with reference to the
disabilities of the Trustees in possession, and
of the Board of Directors of the 1st Issuance
Company respectively, but prefer not to enter
into a discussion of the matter, further than
to say that while I am perfectly satisfied
there with all, in a very short time, he
removed by the operation of the law.

I am now and have always been ready
to consider your position in relation to the
property, including the powers which your
possession of the Stock has hitherto
given you to delay proceedings in foreclosure.
But I have been prevented from making
any overtures to you for a settlement of
your claims, whatever they may be, by my
friends, who have always said it was
useless, and that nothing would satisfy
you but to litigate them to the end,
and our plans are laid accordingly.

But while so resolved to prosecute the matter
I am quite prepared to make any reasonable
concession that will save time and trouble
in the accomplishment of our purpose.

I shall be in New York early next week
and will be very glad to meet you.

Yours truly
Signed Geo Stephen



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