

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1878 OCT 16 - 31

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

STATEMENT.

Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 16. 1878

Minneapolis, Minn.
Will, Saunders & Co

St Paul

To N. B. HARWOOD & CO. Dr.

Interest at 12 per cent. on all past due accounts. Drafts made with cost of collection.

Wholesale Dry Goods & Notions.

213 and 215 NICOLLET AVE.

Oct 14 Balance,
To ~~cash~~ before Bill all 3
in - 4 mos & 11 days on net
bill of 168.34 7.35
2 mos & 11 days on leg 3.21
bill 135.67

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PAID
OCT 16/78
N. B. HARWOOD & CO.

Should we not hear from you by the _____ inst., we shall assume that you prefer to honor our Draft for dues, and make Sight Draft accordingly.

Very Respectfully,

N. B. HARWOOD & CO.

59 WALL STREET.

Thursday 17th

My dear Sir

I am sorry to
stay here until Tuesday
the H. P. people being
unable to meet me
before. I have your
wire of yesterday
& have replied that
I have a slate here.
We all think it
better to keep the

iron for the road from
Alexandria to Zephyr
Fall. We could not
buy it now under
two. I was glad
to hear that you
were pleased with
your interview with
Schell. I think
he is true, but as
he has - what he
conceives to be his
own

interests will ultimately decide
the course of action he will take.
I am curious to see your letter
tomorrow. I had a two hours
colloquy with Hichfeld yesterday
and an equally long one today.
I cannot say I accomplished anything
beyond impressing him with the
fact that I meant business & was
ready to deal with him for the
purchase of his stock & bonds if
he were ready to sell at a price
something like their value. Which
he tells me he estimates at \$1,000,000
& says they are worth \$3,000,000 to me.
It is no use bothering me with
an account

of our interview, Mr
Watson & young McArthur
were with me. They
were immensely amused
by the whole affair,
& they think Litchfield
got no advantage.
I took him very directly
& frankly. & when he
at last got to the
point of naming a
price. I said it was
too much beyond any

idea of mine that I
was convinced any
thing in the nature of
a compromise was out
of the question. He is
very keen to join us
& speaks of his agreement
& so forth, I declined
to make him an
offer. Left him. I
am almost certain
however that I shall

[10-17-78]
have seen him again
we kept the greatest
good humored & hearty
on the best & most
friendly terms, leaving
the door open for further
negotiations when he
comes to more moderate
ideas. Mr Kennedy
arrived today. I
have only just ^{seen}
him. but will talk
over

all matters with him
59 WALL STREET.
tomorrow with them
write you in reply
to your letter of 12th
& 13th meantime
Yours R
Edw Stephens

J. J. White Esq
to Paul

Confidential
J. J. Hill Esq
St Paul

Grand Forks Oct 18th 1898

Dear J.

I find the Winnipeg people are holding back in the purchase of their winter supply of coal. Many of them are waiting expecting to get coal in by Rail Road or to get a low rate from me. Some who have always purchased here bought none others only a ton or two. Now I want to raise the price of coal on the 1st Nov. from one dollar to a dollar & a half for ton. I want you to back me to the extent that no coal shall be freighted from St Paul or Duluth this winter at a less rate than fourteen dollars for ton.

I have made myself liable at the Banks & by mortgaging the coal for \$4500. to pay freight & the Fuel Co's account. \$1700. of this has been paid & the balance will be at maturity if I am let alone for this winter. if not I will have had two years bother & anxiety & will make little or nothing. Every ounce of coal now on hand at Winnipeg can be sold before March 1st if people know coal can be had down any cheaper.

this winter. Please do what you can & post Mr
Alexander before any through Rail Road
Tariff is made for Winnipeg this winter -

Yours Truly
E. Holcombe

Confidential

Grand Forks, Oct. 18, 1878

J.J. Hill Esq;
St. Paul-
Dear Sir:

I find the Winnipeg people are holding back in purchase of their winter supply of coal. Many of them are waiting expecting to get coal in by R.R. or to get a low rate from me. Some who have always purchased have bought none others only a ton or two. Now I want to raise the price of coal on the 1st. of Nov. from one dollar to a dollar and a half per ton, and I want you to back me to the extent that no coal shall be freighted from St. Paul or Duluth this winter at a less rate than fourteen dollars per ton.

I have made myself liable at the Banks, and by mortgaging the coal for \$4500 to pay freight and the Fuel Co's account, \$1700 of this has been paid, and the balance will be at maturity if I am let alone for this winter. If not I will have had two years bother and anxiety and will make little or nothing. Every ounce of coal now on hand at Winnipeg can be sold before March 1st. if people know coal can't be brought down any cheaper this winter. Please do what you can and post Mr. Alexander before any through R.R. Tariff is made for Winnipeg this winter.

Yours truly,
E.V. Holcombe

Grand Forks Oct 19th 1878

J. John Esq.
St Paul

Dear Sir

I leave here for Winnipeg
this evening - if there is any certainty of
hauling freight to Bemidji by River by or
before the 1st Novm. please telegraph me next
Tuesday or Wednesday to Winnipeg - Should we have
an open fall - I could run one or two boats
running to and fro track till the close -

Will close up at Fisher's about next Friday -

Yours Truly

E. Holcombe

Grand Forks, Oct. 19, 1878

J.J. Hill Esq;
St. Paul
Dear Sir:

I I leave here for Winnipeg this evening. If there is any
certainty of hauling freight to Pembina by Rail by or before the
1st. of Nov., please telegraph me next Tuesday or Wednesday to
Winnipeg. Should we have an open fall, I could keep one or two
boats running to the end of the track till the close.

Will close up at Fishers about next Friday.

Yours truly,
W.V. Holcombe

—DEALERS IN—
COAL,
WOOD,
SALT,
Brick, Water Lime,
STUCCO,
Fresh Lime, Plastering Hair,
&c., &c., &c.

H. S. HOGOBOOM.

CHAS. ATWOOD.

CITY COAL YARD.

Office and Yard, West Milwaukee Street, Corner of Marian.

HOGOBOOM & ATWOOD.

Janesville, Wis. Oct 19 1878

James J. Hill Esq
Dear Sir

Trusting to the interest you have shown in the Janesville parties who are making some improvements at Campbell I take the liberty of writing to you for information and advice. My situation is this. I have the Deed of one section, I bought another section but before I reached St Paul the Road had stopped deeding land and all I have is a memorandum on the books of the Land Commissioner, I have bought bonds to pay for it and hold them but cannot use them, I want to build on each of the sections early in the Spring & take two families from here up there, I want to be buying some horses & making arrangements this winter, Another party here is in the same situation as I am, and we feel anxious for some reliable information about the matter, I will feel very much obliged to you if you will write me as to the probability of an adjustment of the difficulty and give me your advice as to whether I ought to have the matter in any different shape and any other information that will hit my case.

Yours respectfully

H. S. Hogoboom

No. [redacted]

St. Paul, Oct 20 1878

Office of NORTH-WESTERN FUEL CO.

Received of H. W. Armstrong
for State Agriculture a fine
for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars,
payable to order of Stillinger & Co
per Collection

\$ [redacted]

Pioneer Press.

R. B. Calverha

Oct 21th 1878

J Hill Esq
St Paul
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I will furnish
all timber & Iron as per bill for
the building of trestle bridge
over Bradley's Coulee, and will
do all the Draining in a good
workman like manner, also pack the
Stringers also bore the same, all the
boring for the bracing to be done
by the party raising the same, all the
work to be done in 15 day from date
and loaded on cars at East Minneapolis
For the Sum of \$480⁰⁰ Fourteen hundred and
Eighty Dollars

Yours truly
J. Mullus

N. B. HARWOOD & CO.

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Oct 22 1878

McNell Saunders & Co
St Paul

Dear Sir: We have passed to your credit as per memorandum below:

Allowance on Freight

10.56

[Blank No. 1.]

The North Western Telegraph Co.

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

T. H. HARRIS, Sec'y & Treas.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

T. J. SIMMONS, President.

KENOSHA, WIS.

Dated,

Received at

To

Will take fifteen
thousand white pine
and oak ties at forty
four cents delivered
at Emerson Station
wet weather stopped
track for a week
L bridge under water

A. B. Willis

29 DH
ans to DH

Copy of letter from:
George Stephen to Horace Thompson

Oct. 23, 1878.

also

Copy of letter from:
Geo. Stephen to Edwin C. Hitchfield

Oct. 9, 1878.

Montreal 23^d Oct 1878

Horace Thompson Esq
St Paul

My Dear Sir

You have taken so much
interest in St Paul & Pacific matters,
that I deem it only courteous to
you, to advise you of the results
of my interview, yesterday in New York,
with the Committee of the Northern
Pacific.

I met the Committee, accompanied
by Mr Barnes, and nothing could have
been more satisfactory than the
tone, and temper, that prevailed on
both sides.

I expressed my readiness to give
the N.P. a joint ownership with us

on fair terms, of the line from St. Louis
to St. Paul & Minneapolis, including
terminal facilities.

It was agreed that they would
discuss with the Board, which meets
today, what would, from their stand
point, be a fair recompense to the
St. P. & P. for the privileges thus conceded
and, if possible, advise me tomorrow
the decision they had arrived at.

If their offer is a fair one, it
will be accepted.

At the same time, I must tell
you, that I am all but convinced,
that nothing the St. Paul & Pacific
can do, will prevent the R. P. building
the west side line, and I quite expect
the next few days will prove me
to be correct in my forecast.

They are too deeply committed to the
people of Minneapolis to draw back.

The St. P. & P. must therefore make the
best of what it has got, and be
content therewith.

I am sorry the matter should turn
this for St. Paul's sake, but it ~~must~~
be helped.

I saw Mr. Litchfield several times
when in New York, and found him a
very pleasant gentleman to speak
with. I made him an offer for all
his interests, whatever they may be,
which, from my standpoint, I considered
to be more than liberal and which
Mr. Kennedy thought me worse than
foolish to make; but it led to
nothing. Mr. Litchfield's ideas are

simply absurd, and so long as he is
governed by them, an amicable settlement
is impossible. and there is nothing left
but to prosecute our claims with the
utmost rigor.

Mr Litchfield talks about one million
dollars. I told him, merely to save
time and trouble and without admitting
anything. I would give him \$200,000,
which, I am sure you will agree
with me, is a most handsome
offer for any interest in the concern
he and his friends may have.
I mention this to show you that I am
doing all I can to release you, & bring
your labors as a trustee to an end.
Mr Kennedy & I hope to be in
St Paul early next month.

Meantime I remain my dear Sir,

Yours very truly

Geo Stephen

Montreal Oct 9th 1878

Edwin C. Litchfield Esq
18 William St.
New York

Dear Sir.

Since writing to you yesterday,
I have received a St Paul newspaper,
from which I have cut the enclosed
clippings of news.

If what is stated there be true,
the projected West side road has
already been begun, and any efforts
to stop it, are not very likely to
be successful.

Hoping to see you on Monday,
or Tuesday, I remain

Yours truly

Geo Watson



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