

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1878 NOV 1-30

FOLDER NO. 11-12

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Statement.

Kingston, Nov 1 ¹⁸⁷⁸

Wm Murphy & Co
Contractors

In acct. with James Murphy & Co

June 17	To deposit with York	4400 00
" 24	" Cash p'd Kavanaugh	250 00
Augt 27	" Cash added to make sum advanced to York (as above) from \$5000	600 00
Oct 1	" Telegraph a/c	27 00
" "	" Law expenses substituting Real Estate for Cash with York	77 00
Sept 14	" Expenses to Kingston	10 00
Oct 30	" do " Murphy & Co	150 00
	average date July 1	\$5515 00
	off Expense & Murphy & Co	75 00
	Interest @ 8% from 1 July to date when repaid & be added to the above	544 00
	Wm	291 57
		\$5701 57

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Z. H. STIMMONS, Sec'y & Dep't.

Z. J. STIMMONS, President.

Z. H. STIMMONS, Secretary.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dated, *Carina Oct 1*, 187*8*

Received at *ST. PAUL, MINN.*

To *W. H. Hill*

*Don't quote rate on tails
until I see you leave
tonight for St Paul*

Henry Beatty

B. Fairbairn & Co.

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Saint Paul Nov 14th 1878

George Stephen Esq
Montreal

My dear Sir

We will lay track into Alexandria this P.M. and finish side tracks tomorrow. On Thursday Mr Robbins was a little over four miles from St Vincent. Friday and Saturday were both fine days and work would go on rapidly. I expect to hear from Robbins by this forenoon train.

I am going to call on the Governor this A.M. to have him send his Engineer on the part of the State with me tomorrow to Alexandria and return tomorrow night and start for Pembina on Wednesday.

I find I will have to hurry back in order to see that Mr Farley has his inventory all ready so that it can be filed by the 10th and the application for order to show cause go forward at once after the inventory and Governor's acceptance are filed. It seems as if I had to force everything in

order to avoid delays - I shall be heartily glad when the work is done - There seems to be so much to do, that should be done by checks that there is no time for matters of greater importance, and unless they are forced along, would be put off from day to day.

Mr Merrill called on me last night with a message from Mitchell to say that Starks proposition was abundantly laid, and Merrill said he thought they made it for the purpose of getting an offer from us and splitting the difference - He said if we had any ground to spare in St Paul yard, he would like to buy all we would sell and would pay prices ~~more~~ in accordance with its value - Merrill repeated his former statement that he did not think the N.P. would build a west side line - On Saturday night the merchants of St Paul held a private meeting at which it was understood that everything was to be private until all plans were perfected, and a programme was agreed upon to visit all shippers and

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give all freight going to Besinnerville to the
St. Paul at Lyndon and to withdraw all shipments
from the Mill St Paul Ry until it is decided that
"no west side road will be built. - This is a
strong step in the right direction and one that
"will be very effective if properly carried out."

While I think Mitchell does not want to
allow anything to occur to make a break be-
tween his road and ours, still I am fully satisfied
he has been in full counsel with the St. Paul and
his action will be governed entirely by what he
considers the material interest of the Mill St Paul
which at present does not seem to be as much
with the St. Paul as when he started in.

On Saturday P.M. I got the resolution passed
by the Directors of the R.R. Co., authorizing the
payment of the cost of the Red River Valley Ry which
amounts to \$71,011.50. and an additional bill
for repairs of \$5,025.00. in all \$76,036.50. -
I will ask Mr. Kittson to remit you this amt
today - I think that by the 20th of December
we can make up the amount of Red River and

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Maintenance commitments in all to \$75,000.⁰⁰ which will certainly be very handsome for that little road - Mr Farley has promised me to take up the matter of this taken by the 1st Division from the Construction of also the 1st Division to take off our hands all this now on hand. This will I think give us \$50,000. more, but it seems to be so hard to get these matters into actual shape that I cannot say when you may expect the money further than that there will be no rest until it is done.

I will try and have the travelling force on both lines on the new work after the 1st of this month carried by the Recce as maintenance of road, at any rate the Alexandrian line, and in this way reduce the amt of cash to us, as the money might as well be spent in that way as to be deposited in bank. I am not sure how Mr Farley will take this but think I can get it done - I am fully aware how great the disappointment the delay in the debenture canvass you, but I know of no possible way by which it could have been avoided. Since we were

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so close to the regular Term - If we had
completed the work as originally expected before
the delay in receiving the sails by September the
18th or 20th we would ^{not} have had to wait, but I
think would have got the hearing in Chambers.

Please let me hear how you get on
with the N. Pac. - Do you think anything will
come out of negotiations with Litchfield?

I am afraid you will find so slow and kniffling
that it will take too long to arrive at any definite
conclusion. Can you come out here this
month? Mr. Kittens health improves daily

Yours very truly
Jas. J. Hill

Bismarck, D. T., 11/9 1878

J. J. Hall

for Mr Devere

to Jack Lehman Dr

2 Fire men @ 2⁰⁰ 4⁰⁰

2 Deck hands " 4⁰⁰

1 Pilot 5⁰⁰

41 Cords Wood @ 4⁰⁰ 16⁰⁰

29⁰⁰

Recd Payt
Jack Lehman

[WITH 11-9-78]

\$ 79⁰⁰

Barnard Nov 9th 1878



Paul of Barnard

Pay to the order of

Twenty nine ————— Dollars

Value received and charge to account of

To
No.

J. J. Hall
J. J. Paul
J. J. Schuler

21800

Pay N. P. Upham &
or order

[Signature]

H. P. Upham & Co
W. Springfield

Pa. Nov. 19-78

[WITH 11-9-78]

\$71.02

33.8 Bismarck S.D. Nov 8 1878



Paul & Bismarck

Pay to the order of

Seventy one and 02/100 Dollars

for order to St. Louis to date as per bill sent to the owner

Value received and charge to account of

To Cash

Dr.

M. Paul

[Signature]

[Handwritten notes and signatures]

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C. H. HARRIS, Dist. Dept.
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Cu
E. S. HINGSDALE, President.
H. S. HINGSDALE, Secretary.

1472
KENOSHA, WIS.

Dated, West Lynne 12 187 8

Received at ST. PAUL, MINN. Nov 12

To J. J. Hill

When will you be here

H. B. Willis

Spind

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C. H. HASELUP, Gen'l. Mgr.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

C. C. SIMMONS, President.

M. D. HINDALE, Secretary.

1133 Lake
KENOSHA, WIS.

Dated, January 12 187 8

Received at ST. PAUL, MINN. Nov 12

To J. J. Hill

Have arranged with Custom
for all rolling stock and
tools necessary to lay track
also for duty on bridge
and my mail to and
of track when will you
be to Emerson
Joe Upper
32 Lk Ans to Lk

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.

S. J. SIMMONS, President.

H. B. HUMPHREY, Secretary.

835 Ma

KENOSHA, WIS.

Dated, Lebanon 13 1878

Received at ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov 23

To James J. Hill

Robbins gang busted am organizing
to commence laying Monday be
sure we have iron and
spikes at Emerson Sunday. Order
Robbins to haul spikes there
This substituted on account of
Chappens ends when are you
coming answer Winnipeg
H B Willis
J T Dk Ans to Dk Pass 402

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C. H. EASTMAN, Sec'y Genl.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

E. J. SIMMONS, President.

E. D. HUNSDALE, Secretary.

KENOSHA, WIS.

Dated, *Omaha 27 Nov 88* 187*8*

Received at *ST. PAUL, MINN.* *Nov 26/11*

To *J. Hill*

Have fifteen ¹⁵ flat Cars at the Wye - Don't know
how many there are between here & Crookston - The ties
are frozen in on new grade it will take at
least seventy five ⁷⁵ men in the pit and on the
road I fear it will close up before we can
do much. We are fixing the bad places on this
end with the material we have here - This end is
bad. We want traps before we can turn over Emerson
branch there is quarter ^{1/4} mile without ties. Want frog
Wye Engines get off track backing I hear that Miller
is at gravel pit if so he can take care
of the men. If not we shall have to - Let
me know how it is - *A. M. Robbins*

125 *NA* Answer to *NA* pass 402.

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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D. C. SIMMONS, President.
M. S. HINDS, Secretary.

KENOSHA, WIS.

Dated, Winning 15 187 8.

Received at ST. PAUL, MINN. 22nd 7th

To James J. Hill

Hold Donald A + I
Mr Hill's health permits come
with him to meet Swan,
& myself at Emerson Monday
morning unless you do no
track can be laid from
Emerson and all

H B Willis

33 paid 241

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C. E. HASENUS, Sec'y & Treas.
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Z. G. SIMMONS, President.

H. E. HINGSDALE, Secretary.

12-5-78
KENOSHA, WIS.

THE N. W. T. CO. PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY THE N. W. T. CO., CHICAGO.

Dated, *Kenosha 27 18* 187*8*

Received at **ST. PAUL, MINN.** *Nov 18*

To *J. J. Hill*

*Government requires the ties should
have square ends shall we
sit men to work sawing
and will you have ties
sawed that are apt to
come forward. We have an
engine and crew here but
Mr Willis cannot commence laying
track until this matter is
settled. Nolan has gone down
with his men & nothing
being done towards erecting buildings
here because no one knows
where to put them. Cannot
you have Payne or some
one come at once and*

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C. H. HAZEN, Gen'l Supt.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

2. S. SIMMONS, President.

2. S. SIMMONS, Secretary.

KENOSHA, WIS.

The C. & N. W. Telegraph Co. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Dated,

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Received at **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

To

Locate side track depot grounds
+ will have the Y
Completed today. Mr Willis has
done all he could but
Mr Rowan will not allow
ties to be laid until
squared.

M. H. Fisher

112 LH RR Bldg

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C. B. WADING, Sec'y & Treas.

E. O. GIMMOTO, President.

H. B. HINDDALE, Secretary.

Dated,

St. Paul, Minn.

Oct 18 1878

Received at

To Leo Stephen

Letter about instructions
will be given no delay
allowed

JH Pope
gpoma Det & k

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C. H. HARRING, Sec'y Dept.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Z. S. HINDMANS, President

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Dated, *Emerson 19th* 187 *8*

Received at *ST. PAUL, MINN. "*

To *J. J. Hill*

*Nolan says get Sweet to
frame Livingston will make a
botch*

H B Willis

12 collect 114

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MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Z. O. SIMMONS, President.

H. B. HINDS, Secretary.

KENDALL

Dated,

Minneapolis Minn 28 1878

Received at

St. Paul, Minn.

To

J. J. Hill

Will make connection to
Monday December second
Aure

A. B. Willis

Thane H.

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E. C. SIMMONS, President.

Kenosha, Wis.

H. D. HUNTER, Secretary.

Dated,

Received of,

To,

Winnipeg Man 28 1878
ST. PAUL, MINN. " 11
J. J. Hill
Winnipeg Council have passed
resolution to make Airia
Holiday on the day
just through train arrives
they expect excursion from
Japan Mayor Scott wishes
me to ask what
day excursionists will
probably be here so as
to make the Holiday
occur that day
H. B. Wells
4348

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2. S. GIMMIG, Supt.
H. S. HINDEMAN, Supt.
KANSAS CITY, MO.

For a full description of the rules of the Company, see the conditions printed on the message blanks.

Dated evening of 29 1878

Received at

To J. J. Hill

Report says party from Oshkosh
comes here on completion of
Road if so on what day
~~and~~ & what number answer

W. G. Torrance
Chairman

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C. H. HASKINS, Sec'y Dept.

Minneapolis, Minn.

J. S. HINSDALE, Sec'y

St. Paul, Minn.

Dated

Nov 30, 1878

Received at

ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov 30

To

Geo J. Hill

Bank Winnipeg instructed to
discount Wells rate has
Mr Kellison returned I
leave for New York
Tuesday
George Stephen
Wpd a & P to Ch



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