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Farley v. Kittson - Defts Ex-132

L.P. Richardson
Commissioner

is now waiting to file R.P. Paul, Dec 29th 1878

I find that a large portion of the opening
between the Recreance road in the Red River
George Stephen Esq. engaged to and paid out of land
Montreal. In fact I think a large

My dear Sirs Recreance but under the
arrangement I have your letter of the 24th inst
answering copy of letter to Mr. Kennedy my arding Mr
Farley's engaging Warkman at once as Sept. 2nd 1878
I wrote you at some length on the 26th giving some
reasons why I thought Mr. Warkman as proposed
could do nothing to improve matters here unless Mr
Farley was at least satisfied to let him try. and
I can only add that I think if possible Mr. F.
would bring Warkman here and try to hold him
responsible for results for which he had no control
and in that case an issue with him whom we would
be obliged to put one on the other, with an almost
certainty that Warkman would be right and
Mr. Farley would be Recreant. If Mr. Farley
was not a very stubborn man thoroughly fitted with
the belief that he knows good about a Railway then
any one in the country it would be different.

That under all the circumstances are of the opinion that we had better try and get along as we are, doing what we saw to hold every body to their duty. — God opened upon it if we make any change in the Superintendent it will not be long until we have an open issue with the Govt. at one end, on one side and the Supt on the other. Neither Wadsworth or any other man, with modern and exact ideas of discipline and operations, could fail to differ with the present. At any rate, and I am sure we would expect that of them at the same time I hardly think it worth our while to provoke an issue with the Receiver especially as we will get our fore-closure in March.

I note what you say about the additional debentures and fully appreciate its force. I thought of getting the spec. of the Receiver made up and submitted to the master then we would be in a position to decide. — So far I have not been able to get them started on this construction account as Mr Farley has been absent, but having returned I will get them started at once. Robbins is

is here waiting to fix up his part of it
 I find that a large portion of the operating
 expenses on the Receivers road in the Red River
 Valley has been charged to and paid out of Con-
 struction funds. In fact I think a large
 amount is due from the Receiver but under the
 bungling way in which the work of Receiving
 accounts making payments &c has been pre-
 sented in the Receivers Testimony I am at a
 loss to see how we can get it back.

Mr Kiltson went down as far as Chicago
 with Mr. Graham and has not yet returned.

I hope you found the debentures all right
 and that you have been able to settle our money
 matters without too much trouble.

I note what you say about E. C. L. and trust that
 his letter will lead to a settlement. I am daily
 becoming more and more satisfied that we are
 losing money in various ways to go far towards
 paying the cost we are owing to settle with L.

I am very truly

Yours truly
 J. H. H. H.

41 CEDAR STREET.
NEW YORK

30th Dec. 1878
James S. Mill Esq
St. Paul
Minn.

My Dear Sir, I enclose your letter recd. from
Mr. Blackston. After you have got all
the information you derive out of the Charter,
he has sent you please return them to
him.

I hope you have had a Charter prepared
for Dakota and that you are arranging
to have it passed early in the Session.

I hope also the amendment necessary
to the re-organization Act of the Territorial
Legislature has been prepared &
that you will get it through early in the
session.

Judge Young has not yet sent me an
enrollment of the Census & gave him
the day before I left St. Paul. —

Captain D. G. of the *Defence* in *Reeds* had
not been sent out to *John*. As soon
as he returns us the corrected list and
we know exactly what are wanting they
will be sent out. The package sent
was the sealed package as we rec'd.
it from *Amsterdam*.

Hoping to hear from you soon that all
matters are being attended to and that
everything is progressing favorably &
wishing you all the compliments of
the season I remain

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy

Montreal Decr 30th 1878

Jas J. Still Esq
St Paul

My dear Sir,

I have signed the Contract
with the Chicago Railroad for 5000
tons steel rails @ \$44.⁰⁰, and sent them
the pattern which I got from Mr.
Kennedy. What about the fastenings?

Do you want the same kind as
was got from the Cambria Co?

They said they could make them
just as well as the Cambria Co.
Will you see to this, and communicate
direct with the Co., or through
Mr Munro, if you prefer.

I have sent the contracts to Mr Munro

Yours very truly
Geo Stephen

Montreal Dec 30th 1878

Ja^s. J. Still Esq
St Paul.

My dear Sir

Referring to your letter of
the 24th instant, which I found here
on my return from New York ~~yesterday~~.

The \$20,000 which you speak of,
must, I think, in Mr F's absence,
have gone to J. S. K & Co as Trustee
money, by mistake - I wired you
to this effect from New York.

As soon as Mr Farley returns
to St Paul, I hope you will not
lose a moment in getting him to
make up his final ap in accordance
with the terms of the Judges order,
so that the balance of the Debentures

may be got without delay, that is,
if they are to be got at all.

I am at work with the Government
through Mr Pope - "Great bodies move
slowly" - but I think I could have
settled the matter last week, had I
not been obliged to go to New York.

It will come all right in time.
All here laugh at the idea of
the Contractors claiming to operate
the road.

I had an hour talk with our
Witham Street friend on Saturday,
which amounted to nothing, beyond
satisfying me that he is very
willing and anxious to settle.

We were most friendly, and I left
him with the understanding that he
would write me a letter, showing

how the object I have in view - viz -
reconstruction - can be secured by
buying his stock and bonds.

This letter was sent to me at the
Train - I had not time to read it,
and gave it to McKimedy for him
and Barnes to read, and transmit
to me, with their views, by to-days
mail from New York.

I am resolved upon settling with
him, if it can be done.

The thing I must guard against,
is a settlement that would hasten
the end.

The condition of things with
you, makes me eager to get the
property into the hands of its
owners.

I have received your letter of the 26th instant, and will reply to it separately.

Yours very truly
Geo Stephen

Copy

West Lynne Manitoba
Dec 31st 1878

Geo Stephen Esq
Montreal
Dear Sir

I am disappointed in not being able to obtain a rate upon wheat from Manitoba to Duluth that will enable me to pay a price that will induce farmers to sell, and at the same time allow a fair margin for handling.

Mr Alexander gave me a rate of 24 cents a bushel from St Vincent to Duluth in addition to this I had to make arrangements with Messrs Upper & Hollis for taking it from points on the Pembina Branch to the Boundary Line; they ask \$3 cents per bushel.

Last year the Red River Transportation Co gave me a rate of 24¢ per bushel from all points on the Red River within the province to Duluth and in consideration of the Grandin Steamer offering a lower rate, which I did not avail myself of. Mr General Manager Kuttow gave me a rebate of 2¢ a bushel on our shipments making the rate 22¢.

This year in view of the Railroad being completed they expected a lower rate.

The quality of the wheat this year is very inferior - scarcely averaging No 2. This and the extremely low price of grain in the Eastern markets is anything but encouraging to the producers.

I went down to St Paul with Dr. Fisher at his request, and explained the state of the case thoroughly and endeavored to obtain a rate of 20¢ per bush from all points between Winnipeg and St Vincent but owing to the St Paul and Pacific RR Co not having control of the Pembina Branch they could not make any arrangements north of St Vincent, but Mr Alexander promised me a rate of 20¢ from St Vincent which would still make a through rate of 1¢ more than we paid to the Boats last year.

I have about 24000 bushels bought and ready for shipment and I have Lumber here already to build Storehouses at Emerson, Roseau River and at the Mennonite settlement below Rat River. Which we are ready to put up when we can get side tracks in, but unless we can get a rate that will enable us to pay about 50¢ to the Farmers. I am afraid the quantity marketed

will be limited.

The following is a correct estimate of the surplus wheat at the different points on the Line of the Railroad and upon the Red and Assiniboine Rivers.

Garrison	from 60,000 to 80,000	
Rossburn River	100,000	15,000
Memorite Settlement	100,000	50,000
Winnipeg	15,000	20,000
Scratching River	100,000	150,000

In addition to this there is about 100,000 bushels of wheat on the Assiniboine which will come down in Spring by Boats and be transferred to the Cars either at Winnipeg or St. Vincent.

There is storage on the Assiniboine for this but we have made no preparation to store the grain at points on the Railroad expecting to be able to ship out and hold it in Duluth during the winter ready for exportation to Canada or Europe in Spring.

I met Mr. Warren of Chicago and I have since had some correspondence with his House. They appear anxious to handle the Manitoba grain and I am willing to work with them in any way they may desire.

Notwithstanding the poor average yield of wheat
this year the quantity of wheat is much
greater than last year - More than double
and I attribute the increase chiefly to the
encouragement given them last year in giving
them a cash market for their wheat at all
points in the province, which they never
had before; but I think a high rate of
freight which will necessitate a ^{very} low price
for wheat, will have the effect of discouraging
the growing of wheat throughout the country.

I have spent a good deal of time
and money trying to work up the Trade
and am pretty thoroughly acquainted with
the different sections of the Country, and
the universal feeling is that unless they
can get a fair price for grain this year
that very little will be sown more than
what is required for home consumption.
This will work to the future disadvantage
of the Transportation Co.

You will pardon me for troubling you
with these matters, but I feel confident
that you will take a liberal view of the
situation and give it due consideration.

Yours &c
Signer Walter J. Pratt

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