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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Montreal Jan^y 18th 1879

Jas. J. Still Esq

My Dear Sir,

I am today in receipt of
your letters of 14th (3) and 15th (1) and
last night I received your wire about
ejectment suit &c.

I have sent your letter in re Pembina
Branch to Pope. It is very good
and with my interview with Supper
on Wednesday next, will do good
and settle things I trust.

I doubt not the Government under-
stands the urgency of the case, and
I will do my best to impress it
upon them still further.

My private note to you yesterday
will carry comfort to your soul

and I hope in time rest and peace
of mind and body.

I agree with you that it would
be difficult to build any more road
through Mr Farley. I hope before the
1st day of Feb'y all danger of that
necessity will have passed away.

I note what you say about the
Steamboat Stock. It is in small
compass now. Did Ashdown refuse
to sell? I hope Willis has paid
the Bank at Winnipeg.

I note what you say about
Ross; he has not yet answered
Mr Smith's letter. If he would work
cheap, and take his pay when the
road was all finished, I would
deal with him, and build up to
the Boundary from or near Grand Forks

at once, but that matter can stand until we meet in New York week after next.

I am glad you are not neglecting the necessary legislation.

I also note what you say about the doings of our R.P. friends; the thing is to keep easy and friendly with them until we get into the saddle, and get our agreement executed. I have cabled over to find out

the price of assented Certificates.

The last I heard was for 6 million 25%. We pay 35% under agreement plus Preference Stock, but I am not sure if to that quotation the interest on the current half years coupon would not have to be

added making it 28 1/2.

I hope to have an answer to my
cable on Monday.

I want if possible to pick up
a lot of assented Certificates cheap
before any settlement with L looks
out.

I am glad Mr Sawyer is attending
to the funds.

I wish something could be done
by way of settling with De Graffe & Co

Yours very truly
Geo Stephen

[Blank No. 1.]

Jan. 18, 1879

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.

C. H. HAZEN, Sec'y Dept.

E. J. SIMMONS, President

E. E. HUMPHALS, Secretary

Dated Nov 15 1879

Received at ST. PAUL, MINN.

To As J. Hill

Lebanon ^{just} called Government
^{refuse} ^{recognize} ^{huddle} ^{quest}
^{complaint} ^{self} ^{up} ^{and}
^{an} ^{hold} ^{then} ^{Confront}
^{apologue} ^{hurry} ^{as} ^{or next}
^{things} ^{look} ^{as} ^{or next}
^{look} ^{as} ^{or next}
^{Lebanon} ^{gorgeous} ^{Circumstances}
^{first} ^{starting} ^{hope} ^{northwestern} ^{agreement}
^{mated} ^{to} ^{New York} ^{Billings}
^{waiting} ^{for} ^{me}

Geo. Stephen

35 ps 165
Geo. S.

British American Hotel,
KINGSTON, ONT.
W. DAVIS, Proprietor.

Kingston, Jan'y 18 1879

A B Mills Esq

Dear Friend

I wrote you this morning
quite a lengthy letter feeling quite
satisfied after so much time had elap-
sed that you had found that it was
not necessary to send my message
of the 16th thinking you had discon-
-ced that Mr Mills had signed
in the \$10,000 in settling with Mr
Harty representing Murphy
- This afternoon I rec^d your last
or second message & as I am a little
muddled I will repeat the whole
correspondence

1st message Jan'y 16th - Mr. your honor
draft for \$5,000 want \$10,000 A.B.M.

British American Hotel,
KINGSTON, ONT.
W. DAVIS, Proprietor.

[1-18-79]

Kingston,

1879

Message from me & Jan 16th

When I left

St. Paul our advances upon contract
were equal with \$15,000^{cash} at which time
did that same pay our bills. if so
what is done since to require so much
money now. On the 18th I receive
the following message which I don't
consider an aid to mine - St. P. Jan 18
It will take \$10,000 to pay outstanding
bills & should have as much more
for Lumber immediately - St. B. W.
- In the 1st message I thought the amt
very large but when the amt was
doubled so readily I commenced
to feel down in my trousers
As it is impossible for me to ~~can~~

I have arranged, with Mr. Hart, to start for Winnipeg next Monday. He will have full power to act for me & the necessary funds to pay my share of all liability against the contractors for work done on Pembina branch. I will follow after soon as possible. I am sorry that you were so far astray in your finances, but you are excusable on acct of the great hurry you did the work. I hope you will write me receipt of this letter for good & true. How anxious you would be to have you in my place.

Yours Truly
J. W. Uppe

PS

I wrote you in my morning letter not-
to spend any money on work outside
the contract - & when I read in your
last message that you went \$10,000 for
Lumber immediately - now I repeat that
there must not be any money spent on
branch outside of what contract calls for
unless ordered by Joe

J. U.

Wf. Connelley
Minneapolis, B.M. = Jan 8 19. 1879.

J. J. Hill Esq.

Dear Sir,

I was greatly disappointed in not having you for a traveling companion on my last trip from St Paul during Christmas week.

Matters are so unsettled at Ottawa, that perhaps our conference would have been very much in the dark: but I should have valued your suggestions and inferences. I hope that you will soon visit Min-

nipeg. The Local Parliament
meets Feb 1. Cannot
you "drop around"?

I am often approached
for letters to you in behalf
of parties seeking Railroad
Situations: and cannot
always avoid some response,
but must beg you not
to forget that the foremost
of these applications is my
own personal petition. I
aspire to the position of
Land and Immigration Com-
missioner in the future
reorganization of the St Paul
& Pacific R.R. I hope
I am not too presumptuous
in this respect, and in
hoping for your support
and influence.

Meanwhile I have
requested Mr. Peterson to
continue the stipend - as
a supplement to an
insufficient consular
salary - which he has
been accustomed, as
Manager, &c, to allow
me. Hoping for your
favorable consideration
of this suggestion, I
remain,

Yours Truly

J. W. Taylor.

Jas J. Hill Esq

Montreal Jan^y 20th 1879

My Dear Sir

I send you herein a letter from Mr Stark, with a copy of a wire from Mr Sargent to him, and a press copy of my reply thereto.

Send me back Mr L's letter and Sargent's telegram, as I have not kept a copy.

I J. K. & Co. write today that Litchfield has asked Mr K. as trustee, to stipulate that no advantage will be taken of Mr Bigelow's absence from St. Paul for ten days or two weeks, as he was about sending for him to consult on terms of a settlement between him and the Bondholders.

Mr K. has acceded to Mr L's request

Assented Certificates are quoted

today as follows - 12^s c 60, 28^s c 24,
3^s c 25 & 6^s c 30 - No quotation for
Extensions.

Mr Angus and I go up to Ottawa
tomorrow.

Yours very truly
Geoffrey

Montreal
May 20th / 77

My dear Sir

I am much obliged
by your note of 17th &
its inclosure. Let me
assure you that nothing
I & my friends can do
to perpetuate & strengthen
the good understanding
between the two roads
in which we are interested,
which was inaugurated
at St Paul in England,
will be omitted.

7/ The Ch. all ~~be ready to deal~~
with ~~D. & C. & P.~~ fairly and
liberally ~~and~~ ~~as of course~~
the ~~Liberal Government~~
the ~~N. P. & P.~~ system.

The Branch from Pembina
to Winnipeg is not yet
finished in the proper sense
of the word and the
Contractors say to the
Govt the road is ours
until it is finished &
if it is to be operated
it must be for our
benefit.

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His statement is an absurd
one which the Govt would
listen to. The contractors
would be 60% off by
the Govt & this ~~is~~ ~~the~~
to 2000. Govt can't see
Winnipeg ^{rate} ~~until~~ this
matter is arranged.
As soon as that is done
we are in a ~~slight~~
to deal with ~~the~~ ~~branch~~
you may ~~not~~ ~~account~~
the ~~P.~~ ~~interests~~ ~~with~~ ~~not~~
be ~~neglected~~ ~~as~~ ~~far~~ ~~as~~
I am ~~protest~~ ~~things~~ ~~are~~

not without hope my power
by that time will be much
greater & more direct than
they are now.

Yours very truly
Geo. Thompson,

Georg. Heath again



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