

Montreal Feb^y 17th 1879

Jas J. Still Esq
St Paul

My Dear Sir I enclose copies of
Barnes' letter to Farley, and of his
to me, I also send you a note
received C & M W. in regard to Rails.
I think we are bound under the
circumstances to give the job of
carrying them to Merrill.

Please to answer the letter on
receipt.

Have you replied to Patten about
Splitters &c I send you his letter.

Your Ottawa letter to hand; I am
obliged to be there on other business
tomorrow, and have wired you to that
effect. J. W. Hamwright is in a

great mess about his rates north
of St Vincent. They, and the Government
too, will soon find out that we
are not so helpless as they have
been thinking.

I trust all will come right. I
will tell Supper that we are ready
to help him, and to do anything
reasonable.

The line you took with him
was the right one, and I will
follow it up tomorrow.

I hope Mr Bigelow has reached
St Paul, and is now at work
on decree.

It seems to me that everything
must give way to this.

I will discuss with Dr K
the question of our taking possession

of the road.

I shall be glad if you keep
me posted on all that takes
place.

Yours very truly
Guthrie

[WITH STEPHEN 2-17-79]

41 Cedar St

New York Feb 15 1879

George Stephen Esq
Montreal
Canada

My dear Mr Stephen

Yours of the 12th with Parleys
letter enclosed has been received

I send you herewith press copy
of a letter addressed to him today
which we think covers the ground

Anything else we can say to the old
gentleman we will say with pleasure
Kennedy will be home on Tuesday
night as I have telegraphed you, and
hope very soon to see you here again
and to hear that matters are progressing
favorably in St Paul.

I hope that no time will be lost
in obtaining the decrees of foreclosure
The negotiations at Amsterdam can
go on just as well after decrees
are obtained, as before, and perhaps
better. I believe that you will find
that our Dutch people will appreciate
very fully the value of assented
certificates, and that it will not be

possible to obtain any large amounts
of outstanding bonds and certificates
by purchase at low prices.

Some general offer to go into the
new reorganization upon modified terms
would in my judgment bring in a
considerable number and would also fix
a value upon bonds and certificates
whose owners would prefer prompt cash
payments.

The matter which, it seems to me,
demands immediate personal attention
of some one in Amsterdam is to get
the holders of Anxanter certificates to
declare the form of payment that is
to be made.

I do not see how it will be possible
for me to go to Amsterdam this winter
still if it is imperatively necessary
I will endeavor to do so should you
desire it.

It is clear that somebody should be
there authorized to speak and act for you
who understands fully your views
and the situation.

Yours very truly
Signed J S Barnes

Montreal Feb'y 20 /879

Jas I. Hill Esq
St Paul

My Dear Sir. I returned from Ottawa last night. I am quite satisfied now of D^r Tappers willingness to meet us in every possible way; he sees that we are masters of the position and states frankly his readiness to cooperate with us for the benefit of the R.W.

I have wired you in Cypher as follows.

Government disposed to make liberal settlement with Contractors and hand the road over to us. Do you think we should be safe in undertaking to finish road according to contract in two years paying nothing for use of road meantime, and Government

opening gravel pit for no free
Amount of work done and paid
for \$61,664 leaving about \$126,000
to complete contract. Let me know
how long you think present bridging
would last in case Government
decides to postpone erection of
permanent bridges contemplated in Contract.
Answer promptly. John Ross here today.

As soon as I hear from you I will
make a definite proposition to the
Government.

I saw Fleming the Chief Engineer, he
said that he would send a man
"up there to take possession of the
"road and hand it over to us at once,
"We were the only people that could
"operate it. As soon as I get
your answer to my message, I will

at once set to work to settle something
and get hold of the road.

I hope my response to your wire
in re Trott had the desired effect.

I should have thought Mr Trott
would have listened to Bigelow & Beekers
advice and example.

It will be well to avoid, as far
as possible, all sorts of wrangling
and controversy from all sources.

The quieter and smoother we can work
along the better.

John Ross is to be here today.
I will have a general talk with him
and if I see that he offers a basis
for a "deal" I will send him up at
once, meantime. I remain

Yours very truly
G. C. Cooper

Adam Brown's letter in regular file
R. G. Hobson

Heaven

21 Feb 1879

My dear Mr Will

Can you find
a place for the young
man referred to in the
two notes. The brother
who writes me of them
is the accountant here
used to be in Chicago.
a true and clever fellow.
& the family is highly
respectable

If you have found

place for him. I shall
be glad - even if it is
a poor one to begin with

Yours A

Eastman

Paul Feb 21st 1879

John A. Barnes Esq
41 Cedar St N.Y.
My dear Sir

I have yours of the
14th inst and also letter from Mr Stephen

I must thank you for the kind letter to Mr
Farley and assure you he will not find me
critical - Your letter came just in time, as
he was about ordering 400 box cars for next
summer valuing each at about \$1600.00 in
Chicago - This I have asked him to delay until
Mr Stephen comes west. I have asked Mr
Farley to pay off all floating debt and to
settle up all right of way &c, &c.

I am glad you think the proposed decrees
should be pushed as fast as possible, I have
been off and on at work on forms of decrees which
will be ready when Bigelow returns today or
tomorrow and as soon as the lawyers have got
together and decided I will send you a copy of the
decrees and synopsis of their general plan so
that you can look it over and advise us if

[2-21-79]

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You think of anything omitted - Your long and close familiarity with this whole affair will enable you to see more clearly than even the atty.

Our legislation regarding the existing law providing for Railway reorganizations made no head way during my absence, but the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee has it in charge and I look for its early passage - We have secured a good law in Dakota under which all cases may safely build.

It has occurred to me that if our statutes were amended to leave no doubt about railway redemption, we as holders of the State Mortgage judgments and Bonds would be in a position to redeem from any purchase in which even the entire bondholder on Branch 12/- and main 6/- would have to pick up the property or take it without any competition from us, and we at once redeem on the law. Let me hear from you on this if you have time

Yours very truly
Jas. J. Hill

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Dated, *Winthrop man Feb 21* 18*87*
Received at **ST. PAUL, MINN.** *146/11*
To *A. P. Willis*

*When do you return Has
Harty gone to Kingston? I
must have account squared tomorrow
George Bowen*

15/2-135

Montreal 22nd Febry 1879

Jas J. Hill Esq
St Paul.

My Dear Sir. I got your message
last night advising the break
down of the Contractors engine
That you may see what I
am doing, I send you a copy
of my letter to Mr Pope today.
I have no fear of our getting
things just where we want them
in a very short time, both as
to the finishing of the road and
the operating of it after

I have been obliged to postpone
my visit to New York till Tuesday;
after I have discussed matters with

Kennedy I will wire you as to
my movements. I would like to
go direct from New York to
St Paul, and will do so, if Mr
Kennedy will come with me.

John Ross says he will build
the new roads in Dakota, and
from Alexandria to the main line
and ask no money until they
are finished - we to provide the
iron - He is to meet me in
St Paul.

Yours very truly
Geo Stephen

Montreal 22^d July 1879.

My Dear Pope

My message to you this morning will be enough to indicate the muddle into which things here got on the Pembina Commission we must all act promptly in getting matters into shape otherwise the public interests will suffer.

I wrote to Mr. Sanford Fleming yesterday, offering to finish the Contract on terms which, I think, when you see them, you will admit show that at least I am doing all I can to make matters go smoothly. In case you may

not have seen it, I send you,
enclosed, a copy of the letter.

The Government should at once
settle with the Contractors, paying
them at least actual cost for the
work done to date, and take
the road out of their hands
entirely, handing it over to us to
finish and operate.

In no other way that I can see,
can the public interests be so
well served.

If the present difficulty is
already affecting traffic.

The G. I. R. now refuse to give
tickets beyond Parabinos, which is
all wrong.

If the proposal to finish the

[2-22-77]

Contract as stated in my letter
to Mr Fleming is accepted. I will
suggest to the Minister, that the
Contract between the Government and
me be cancelled, and a new one
between the Government and the
Pacific Pacific be substituted
leaving the line to the latter for
any 5 or 10 years from 1st January
1888, when the Branch will be
completed, on the same terms as in
the cancelled contract.

Will you look over these papers
and let me know what you think
of the rates for trackage, and the
allowance of 25% gross on local
business for the use of the p.c.

I am assured that they are higher

than is usual among Canadian Railways.

Is this so? I can get the GTR people to say they are far more reasonable. Byrdge and I. before he left. I am to be no more to you, but your Dept is much concerned in an efficient through service to Winnipeg.

I go to New St. on Thursday afternoon, and hence to St. Paul, and would like to have all these matters at least understood before I go west.

Yours very truly
G. H. H. H.

[2-22-77]

The St. Paul & Pacific shall have the
privilege of running its through
freight and passenger trains to
and from the boundary line at
Emerson and Winnipeg or Selkirk
and shall furnish their own
train and station service and
shall pay for the use of the
track of the Pembina Branch
of the Canadian Pacific Railway
(3rd ^{rate}) three tenths of one cent
per ton per mile for all freight
carried either north or south
and for all 1st class passenger
carried (3rd) one half of one cent
per mile for second class
passengers and Emigrants
one quarter of one cent
per mile either north or south

[2-22-77]

The Government of Canada
having decided not to operate
the Pembina Branch, the St Paul
& Pacific agrees to operate the
same, allowing the Government
of Canada to make its own
tariff of rates for all local
business between Emerson and
Selkirk and intermediate stations
and the St Paul & Pacific doing
the business efficiently with its
own trains, giving the Government
(25%) twenty five per cent of the
gross earnings derived from
such local business, the
Government keeping the road
bed and property in repair
and the St. Paul & Pacific doing
all the train and station service,
it being understood that for
such local business no
freightage is to be paid

Montreal Feb 25 1879

Jas J. Hill Esq
St Paul

My Dear Sir

I came down from Ottawa
this morning - your message of
yesterday followed me ~~from~~ Ottawa.

I had a short interview with Dr
Tupper, and found him completely changed
in his views. Tupper, through his
friend Kirkpatrick and others have
been at work, and have stuffed
Tupper with all sorts of rubbish,
creating the impression in his mind
that we are doing our best to
embarrass them, instead of helping
them. That the Receiver had given
them a rate, and as soon as we
heard of it, we stopped it.

It was a great mistake Mr Farley
ever having anything to do with them,
and has embarrassed me very much.

How the thing will now work out,
I cannot tell. ~~meantime~~, meantime
let it be known in Winnipeg how
the matter stands, and until the
river opens, dump your freight and
passengers at Pembina.

Upper and all his friends are doing
their best to force us into absurd
terms, to which I will never consent.

They deserve no consideration at
our hands. If their engine breaks
down again, let it remain broken.

If Mr Mather of Ottawa turns
up in St Paul, he is a good
friend of mine, and it would

not be lost if you gave him a
pass to the boundary and back.

I have your letter of the 21st
mist. I have no doubt Upper
sent the paragraph into the Chicago
paper. Hoping to see you next
week, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. L. G.

My brother William leaves
tomorrow on his promised visit
to St Paul; he has to stop at
Windsor on his way up &
may not reach St Paul ^{Monday}
day before us. JZ



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