

I will take the contracts up with
me when I go up, about the
end of next week, if possible.

I also arranged for the re-rolling
of all our old rails at \$18⁵⁰
and got the 5000 tons of steel
turned into 6000 at same price ^{\$19}

I hope you will manage to
get Wells out of the contract
with his own money back.

Upper and his crew are a bad
lot to be connected with, and
the less ~~he~~ has to do with
them the better.

As soon as I get an answer
to my message to Drann I
will let you know what it is

It is a pity I had not the time
to settle with Becker. I did not
know that it was necessary to do
so before decrees were entered
or I should have made an effort
to do it.

To my judgment \$20,000 looks a
very large sum for the service
rendered, but I would be inclined
to be guided in this matter by
Mr. Bigelow, putting him upon his
honor to give a fair & reasonable
opinion. I certainly did not expect
a larger claim than \$10,000, but
then I am not experienced in these
matters.

This and other things as well, all

point to the necessity of my
going back to St. Paul as soon
as I can.

Mr Barnes sailed today, and will
do his best to get the Committee
to elect unanimously to accept
payment on Bonds at 90, failing
that a cash payment; he will
do all he can to avert the
necessity of issuing any preference
shares. He will also give the
outstanding Bond & Certificate holders
an opportunity of coming in to
an agreement to give them new
Bonds at par for their holdings
at 75 for 12^s. 20 for 28^s & 3^s. - 25 to 30
for 6^s. - and 5 for 15^s unless he
sees he can get them lower

28/ Mr Barnes quite understands how
to deal with L & R and will tell
them that there is not a Lawyer
in St Paul who will say they
have a good claim to their lot
of Extension Bonds.

I have just received a wire
from Mr Farley in answer to
mine, stating that Wakeman
is to be in St Paul tomorrow

Yours very truly,
W. L. Thompson

[WITH 3-19-79]

Copy

March 18, 1879

Telegram

To F. Braum

Secy Dept Public Works

Ottawa

Your telegram of yesterday via
St. Paul received. It is not in
accordance with the fifth clause
of the agreement as I read it, and
is so opposite to the sense of your
letter to me of fourteenth that I am
puzzled to know what it means
and must ask you to state
definitely what it is the Government
wants me to do. Am ready to do
anything that is fair and reasonable
to prevent public inconvenience which
is now great

Sig Geo Stephen

[With 3-19-79]

Copy

St Paul Oct 15/1879

Mr George Stephen Pres,
Montreal, Can

Dear Sir

During your short stay here I did not deem it prudent to trouble you on the subject of Grain or Horse Cars, but our equipment in that respect is entirely inadequate for the amount of business we expect to do this summer, our numbers now being only about 410, which is only half what it should be.

Heretofore during the movement of grain in the Spring and Fall we have been able to hire cars of the Northern Pacific and other roads, but we find now that when we have a brisk demand for cars that these roads are in the same condition.

If it were possible to purchase this year the cars above referred to, so that we could have them in season to move the crop in September next, our increased earnings would be greatly enhanced.

We can contract at Michigan City
Ind. for two or four hundred cars
of our standard pattern at \$405
each delivered in Chicago, which is
a lower figure than they can be
purchased for at any other point
for the above delivery.

If contract is made it must
be at once. I am positive that the
manufacturers would carry one half
or possibly all of the amount at 7%
if it was desired.

Respectfully,
Sigs J P Farley

B. I have written J. S. Kennedy Esq
on the same subject.

Copy
Telegram
To J. P. Farley
St Paul

March 19/79

Letter fifteenth about
purchasing Cars just received
See Kellison and Hill about matter
I would prefer you did nothing
until I am again in St Paul
in about ten days.

Have you seen Wakeman

Deq Geo Stephen

~~Private~~ Monheul
20 March
1879

My dear Mr Will

Here is a letter
from the London Times
of the 3^d written by
Mr Northcote. I may
interest some of the St
Paul people.

It is now clear that
the two doctors are trying
to bleed us. Tubber is about
as big a rascal as Schultz
or you know the extent of
his infamy. I have no
answer yet to my message

to Braam asking him
to tell me definitely what
the Govt wants. I
mean to be quiet until
the ring shows its hand.

Forsyth writing yesterday
says he finds there is to be
an attempt to put us back
the trouble and when they
come to present D. A. &
he says he is afraid that
unless we get our boats
properly registered that we
may have a good deal
of trouble with the people
of course if they try our
tricks you can get the

Govt at Washington to give
them a hint that two can
play at that game.
he also said that a friend
of Lippens told him that my
agreement with the Govt
was as good as an order
Govt could wish and
that the Govt would keep
me to it. & Campbell me
to carry to Lyndar and
transfer to the U. P. & S. M.

Lippens has fooled my
friend Pope by pretending
to be friendly to me. I am
not afraid of putting
Lippens

in the way in the end.
Time is against him. ^{Follows}
of his stamp usually hang
themselves of they get up

No Smith went up last
night. I advised him
to take no notice of
the difficulty.

I shall send you a
copy of the draft of
the U P agreement
tomorrow he has to
give to
Reuben

PARTICULAR ATTENTION
GIVEN TO
COLLECTIONS.
--AND THE--
Purchase and Sale of
REAL ESTATE.
TAXES PAID FOR
NON-RESIDENTS.

OFFICE OF

D. A. W. PERKINS,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW.

Sheldon, Iowa, Mar 21st 1879

Will H. Coker
Gents

Find enclosed
acct of J. C. Hunt & Co. which is
absolutely worthless, as Hunt is in
Boston & J. M. Stevenson who was the
Co is in Newton Kansas Please
to acknowledge receipt of the same
and oblige

Yours
D. A. W. Perkins
Per C. W.



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