

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1879 APR 6 - 14

FOLDER NO.

11-21

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

[April 6, 1879 253]

Commenced July 12th 1878

Quit April 6th 1879

Wages \$50.00 per month
Has had 48.00 in cash

Peoples Sam	14.50	
King Labor	15.00	
McDonalds books	7.50	9=
	<u>27.00</u>	
<u>400</u>	400.	<u>167</u> 100%
	71.02	

W.J. K Please get Genl. Acker to
Come over about two o'clock this p.m.
to see if the above is correct

Mr Acker says King ~~should~~ should get \$20.00
per month and the necessary ~~material~~ food to be
Cooked by himself

25.

19 1/2

440 71.02
27.00
413.02

450
200
250

440 71.02
27.00
413.02
1180
199.00



[WITH 4-6-78]

577⁹⁰

Pismaren 25 April 79
Pay to



the order of Paul Pismaren
Twenty Seven ⁹⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars

Value received and charge the same to account of M. Deved & Co.

To J. J. Hill

St Paul Minn

W. Kaymond

3886

Pay to the order of

Wm. Bell

PAID
APR 25 1879
First National Bank
ST. PAUL, MINN.

Bank of Montreal.

Chicago 8th April 1879

Dear Mr Will

I meant to have written
to you at length from this
place but I have found it
to be impossible having so
many things to do here. I did not
expect. I have written to Mr
Sawyer in reply to his letter
& asked him to show you my
letter. Have written Kennedy
20 pages. Yours &c
Lester

11
TRACK LAYING
AND BALLASTING
A SPECIALTY.

³⁵
JAMES MITCHELL

³² RAILROAD ⁷⁷ CONTRACTOR.

¹
Minneapolis ~~Belfast, Me.~~ April 10 1879
Mr James Hill

Sir

I am now in Minneapolis & I am ready
to lay your track & I hope you are
ready to have it laid you furnish
material at end of track & I will lay your
track for \$1.90 a mile & surface enough
to allow the train to pass without hindering
the Iron & I think if I get started I can do
your work to please your Engineer
in charge & to the satisfaction of your
Company Hoping to get a Reply
Soon I remain yours Truly

James Mitchell

Rismark Apr 10/79

S. B. Densen

To E. C. King

for services as watchman from
July 1 78 till Apr 6/79

Nine months and six days
\$50 a month \$ 460 00

Oct 20 Cleaner Boiler 5 00

\$ 465 00

Ex By Cash 48 00

\$ 415 00

Recd. Pay mnt
E. C. King

Bismark April 10 79

S B Denver To Frank & King
Lagoon Launch Boat out ten days
150 per day \$15.00

Received Payment
From F. King

Bismark April 10/79

S. B. Denner

To Owens McDonald

Memo 15 2 1/2 cord wood 3.00 \$7.50

Received Payment

Owens McDonald

Bismark April 10/79

S. B. Denner

To Owens McDonald

5 Day Latom sawing ice 15.00 \$7.50

Received Payment Owens McDonald

Letters addressed this Department, concerning Land Contracts, should give the numbers of same.

FIRST DIVISION

St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company.

LAND DEPARTMENT.

Hermann Froth,
Land Commissioner.

Bernhard Gassel,
Secretary.

St. Paul, Minn., April 12, 1879.

George Stephen Esq. Pres. First Div. S. P. & P. R. Co.
Sir

I hereby tender my resignation
as Land Commissioner of this company.

Very Respectfully
Hermann Froth.

[WITH 4-12-79]

George Stephen Esq
Pres^t 1st Div A.D.C. R.M.C.

Wm. H. Kim
Jas J. Hill Esq
St Paul
Dear Sir.

Montreal April 14 1874

Para 1 I think it would be a
mistake for Mr Farley not to accept
and act upon Mr Fishers resignation
which, Mr F. advised Mr Kennedy
last month had been sent in, and
as I thought accepted and disposed of.

I therefore wired Mr Farley ~~on~~ Saturday
to that effect, copy of message enclosed,
and hope he has acted on my
suggestion. I am anxious that Mr
Wakeman should have every fair
opportunity of proving himself fit
for the position, ^{disinterested} without being hampered
in any way. My own opinion is

that Mr Fishers usefulness to the Company
has passed away, and it would, in
my judgment be better for him and
for the Company, that his connection
with it should cease.

Par. 2 Nothing from Ottawa except a
printed copy of my Agreement sent
by the Department of Public Works
with a request that I execute
it as President of the I.P. & P.R.
and affix the seal of the Company.
I have not even acknowledged
the impudent paper and do not
mean to. Supper is evidently much
puzzled, and cannot make out what
it all means.

Upper & Co seem to keep up a
lying fusillade in the newspapers

the latest being that they had arranged
with the Government to operate the
road and with the St P & P. R.R.
to give it running powers over the
road.

Par 3 John Russ is here. he is to go
up to St Paul arriving there about
Friday or Saturday and will give
you a bid for all our work,
and says he will do it as cheap
as anyone, having regard to the
character of the work, but will
not compete with other Contractors
who do not care how they do
their work.

All I have said is to go up
and see you and I was sure you

would give him the preference at same price. I have told him to calculate on a cash basis of payment.

Par 4 Mr Mainwright told me last night that he was now "getting" "on first rate" sending lots of emigrants & at \$10. from St Paul to St Boniface. "his old ticket agent Folger he said, "was working the thing splendidly

The Michigan Central he said had told him to go ahead and they would take all the risk of not being able to hold us to the rates first given. In other words the Michigan Central and other roads have undertaken to bully us into their terms.

It is therefore in my judgment

[4-14-79]

high time we took steps to let them know that their business is to run their own roads and leave us to run ours. What means we should adopt for the purpose of ascertaining our rights I am not fully able to advise, but they should be prompt, vigorous and bold, otherwise they will do with us as they like.

Why not refuse to take their tickets until they come to proper understanding with us?

I will wire you on this subject, as if we are compelled to take \$8. instead of \$10. the money loss will be very great, which we

cannot afford

I am sure the time is come for us to force a prompt understanding

It was a great blunder giving a route through to McDonough when we had no control of the road and will cost us a lot of money which we can ill afford

Per 5 I hope the Experts have reported on the condition of the Branch Line and that they have also stated the excess of value of Steel rails which are laid instead of iron

I am anxious now to get all these matters settled with the R.R. as soon as possible and will probably wire you today on this subject.

part 6 I send you herewith a copy
of a letter from the Chicago Rolling
Mill, with a copy of my reply
thereto. Will you see that the
necessary instructions about delivery
are given at once

part 7 I propose being in New York on
Saturday morning to meet Mr Barnes
and to learn from him the position
of affairs in Amsterdam especially
as to outstanding bonds, the cables
not to advance price on any
account. On Saturday we shall
know by cable exactly the mode
of payment which the Certificate
holders have elected, and be able
to provide accordingly. I will

Keep you advised on all these points
Par 8 I hope the land business is being
looked after. I am very confident your
scheme will prove a great success
and hope its ^{preparations} is being forwarded as
rapidly as possible.

Has Mr Becker begun to work up
the materials for his trip to Washington?
Par 9 The whole of this Country is in a
ferment about emigration to Manitoba
and the Nor West.

If your scheme were published in Canadian
papers it would stop many south of
the Line. The exodus from the East
is only just beginning. Wainwright
tells me that parties are being made
up all over the Country.

The enclosed cutting is from the Manitoba
Witness.

Yours very truly
G. L. Galt

Montreal 14 April 1879

Jas J Hill Esq
 St Paul

My Dear Sir

Par. 10. I have just wired
you to start engineers at Breckenridge
without delay. I am not at all
surprised that other lines are casting
envious eyes on the Manitoba traffic,
which is only in its infancy.

We must show that we are in
possession of the Red River Valley.
I think it would be well to begin
to lay old iron at Breckenridge
as fast as we take it up on
the Branch Line, and we ought to,
I think, build from Grand Forks
to St Joe this Fall, leaving the

gap from the N.P. to Grand Forks
for next year.

Par 11 I hope Wellis will get
a settlement with Upper; as soon
as that has been effected, we can
then handle the lot without gloves

I hear the Kingston ring are
not a happy family already

Par 12 There are two matters
which we must be bold about,
the line from Breckinridge to the
boundary, and the rates to St Vincent,
in which is involved the question
whether the St P & P is run by
the Michigan Central or by us.

I look to you to get both of
these things fixed as we want them

Yours very truly
Geo Stephen
P.R.R.

Montreal April 14 1874

North Chicago Rolling Mills Coy
Chicago.

Dear Sirs.

In reply to your favor
of the 9th inst. It is my wish
that the transportation of the above
tons of steel rails you are making
on my order shall be given to the
Milwaukee & St Paul road, and that
the 5000 tons iron rails shall be
given to the Chicago & Northwestern.

I have forwarded a copy of your
letter to Mr J. J. Hull of St Paul
and requested him to furnish you
at once with complete instructions
in accordance with the foregoing
direction of the freight.

Payment will probably be made
through the Chicago Agency of
the Bank of Montreal, but I will
advise you positively on that
point in a few days.

Yours truly
Gottlieb

[WITH STEPHEN 4-14-79]

Copy of Telegram

Apl 12 1879

J P Farley
St Paul Minn

Hope Fishers resignation has
been accepted. Think would be
great mistake to give him another
appointment connected with management
probably causing want of harmony
Consult Kitterson and Hill

Signed Geo Stephens

West Lynn Manitoba
April 14th 1879

James G. Hill Esq
St Paul Minn.

Dear Sir

I am just commencing
to handle wood and should like also to deal in
Coal and if Capt. Holcomb does not intend to
continue in the business at Winnipeg as I understood
you to say he would not, I should like to make
arrangements with you to handle your Company's
Coal.

I have formed a partnership with the following
parties of Winnipeg, John Balsillie Esq
A. McDougall Manager Selkirk Co
A. Archibald

Wm. Scott, We have
each put in \$2,000 for making a Capital of \$10,000
which we can increase at any time necessary - We
have a large quantity of wood and intend to cut here
what comes down during the Spring, Mr. McDougall

Will attend to the Financial work and Scott who
has been doing the large share of the wood business for
the last year will attend to the yard and I will see to
the buying &c. - We have agreed just as the River below #6
have done and shall commence to buy and sell wood in
a few days. There is no Coal there now and altho much
is wanted at present still a little could be sold.

I shall be glad to hear from you what prices
you give for much Coal either at Duluth or delivered
at Winnipeg and what your terms will be.

Respectfully yours

Nathl. B. Smith



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