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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

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Rideau Club

Ottawa

Oct 17/87

My Dear Stephens

My friend Mr. Logan has with him one of the delegates from Scotland which I spoke to you about as going to Manitoba representing English farmers & which you kindly said you would give free ^{fare} from St. Paul to Winnipeg or Emerson will
yours

You be good enough
to see this received
out and give him
any assistance in
your power to facilitate
the objects of his
mission

Yours truly
J. H. W. H. W.

Geo. Stephen
Procl. St. B. R. S. &

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The Cunard Steamship Co. (Limited)

N.W. Corner of Clark and Randolph Streets,

Chicago, Dec 4th 1879

Wm. H. Burr
Genl Manager
to Mr. & Mrs. Burr
to Paul

Dear Sir—
This will introduce
Mr. A. M. Johnson. Traveling
Agent for the Cunard Line,
who is on his regular
tour through Wisconsin.
I am anxious to have
him visit the northern part
of the State to establish
agency, and if Consistent
please grant him pass
to St. Vincent & return, also
over to Jack Division—

Yours Very Truly
A. M. Johnson

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The North Western Telegraph Co.

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J. H. HARRIS, Gen'l. Mgr. }
76 Adams St. 778 } KENOSHA, WIS.
E. C. SIMMONS, President. }
H. B. HINSDALE, Secretary. }

Dated, Meriden Conn. 10/5, 1877

Received at S. P.

To Mayo & Clarke

Your goods were shipped yesterday
The Parker & Whipple Co

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OLE JACOBSON.

OFFICE OF

FRANK K. BROWN.

JACOBSON & BROWN,

Dealers in

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

SWIFT COUNTY,

MINNESOTA.

Benson, Oct 8th 1879

Mr Hill Esq

Dear Sir.

There are a number of Farmers here who are dissatisfied in regard to the wood business and want us to start a wood yard in order to help them out. Please inform us what arrangements we can make with the Co.

Yours Very Respectfully

Jacobson & Brown

We will furnish wood to all parties on same terms

HOOPER, POST & CO.,
Railway and General Contractors,
Room 17, 125 State Street,

Chicago,

9 Oct 1877

James D. Hill Esq

Gen Manager - St Paul Minneapolis & Manitoba
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir -

We notice in 'Railway
Age' the location of twenty five miles of
iron line from Grand Forks west. - and would
like to enquire if the Company contemplate
construction, soon. - and if the work will be
let by contract. - Should such be the case
we would like an opportunity, at the proper
time - to make a proposition for the work.
We have had long experience - ample means,
and can furnish good Bond for faithful
performance of any work in which we
engage. - Trusting that we shall hear from
you at earliest convenience, we are

Yours truly Hooper Post & Co

Crookston 10-9

J.J. Kice

I wish you to see Cal. Lee at Gov's
Headquarters - My stable wants repairs
Have him attend to it immediately - no
matter what the cost may be -

D.M. Robbins

E. V. HARCOWE,
Gen'l. Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

"The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Limited."

Personal

7/p

Winnipeg, Oct 14th (Sunday) 1879

James Hill Esq.

Dear Sir -

I went to St Paul last week brim full of a scheme of my own to make a little money out of the Assiniboine trade. It was to buy the "Deekins" myself, with a certain friend of mine as a bailiwick partner - if he would consent to back an arrangement and keep me with the purchase - & form a connection with McArthur & Co. the "Deekins" & Marquette have the Assiniboine trade. I hoped some such arrangement might be made - from the fact - that Mr K & Y have more than once intimated to me - that after the Railroad was built - if there was any chance to squeeze a little money out of the old boats - I should have shown - but that to me - good time that I have been looking & hoping for - seems to recede & keep as far distant as ever. The above mentioned programme was based on the expectation that the "Winnipeg & Western T. Co." would be called on to do the R.R. business from & about another year - & as it would take three or four two passengers & one ton boat - to do that business they would have nothing left adapted to or capable of accommodating the Assiniboine business - as the Alpha is wholly out of date & inadequate in power or capacity to meet the growing demands of this trade - But as you seem to think the R.R. business will take different shape before spring - My programme for the Assiniboine (as mentioned above) would probably be

P. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

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H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

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Winnipeg,

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rendered impractical. As the W & W T. Co. would then have at least one good boat to span for Assiniboine work.

As to the Saskatchewan - if any extensive boating should be contemplated in that stream - it should be started on a good foundation right from the beginning. New boats of sufficient power & capacity built. None of our boats have either power or capacity for that river. For myself I should hate to be obliged to go so far into the wilderness to make my living or even to make money if I had a chance - but I will not anticipate any offers of that kind - it will be true enough for me to give my word when asked -

I find the river here has stopped falling - in fact we had a slight shore ice here of two or three inches caused from local rains - but not enough to favorably affect navigation.

I want all our boats in winter quarters by the 25th inst. (two weeks from now). & propose to cut down winter expenses to the minimum. We are hardly paying expenses. I can't afford to take chances in the ice - for what little good we might do the R. & W. Co. in the way of moving freight which would be but a few tons at best & only help you for a week or less - for if we could now tell Christmas the same trouble would exist - it would be better to make some arrangement for winter storage - Yours Truly, C. D. H.

PRIVATE

Winnipeg, Oct 12, 1879

James J. Hill Esq;

Dear Sir:

I went to St. Paul last week brim full of a scheme of my own to make a little money out of the Assinabome Trade. It was to buy the Selkirk myself with a certain friend of mine as a silent partner - (if he would consent to such an arrangement and help me with the purchase) and from a connection with McArthur and let the Selkirk and Marquette have the Assinabome Trade. I hope some such arrangement might be made from the fact that Mr. K. and you have more than once intimated to me that after the R.R. was built, if there was any chance to squeeze a little money out of the old boats I should have a show. That to me - good time that I have been looking & hoping for - seems to keep in as far a distance as ever. The above mentioned program was based on the expectation that the W. & W. T. Co. would be called on to do the R.R. business from St. V. another year, and as it would take three boats, two passenger and one tow boat, to do that business, they would have nothing left adapted to or capable of accommodating the Assinabome Trade, as the Alpha is wholly out of date and inadequate in power or capacity to meet the growing demands of that trade. As you seem to think the R. R. business will take different shapes before spring, my program for the Assinabome (as mentioned above) would probably be rendered impractical. As the W. & W. T. CO. would then have at least one good boat to spare for Assinabome work.

As to the Saskatchewan - if any extensions boating should be contemplated in that stream, it should be started on a good foundation right from the beginning, (new boats of sufficient power and capacity built). None of our boats have either power or capacity for that river. For myself I should hate to be obliged to go so far into the wilderness to make my living or anticipate any offers of that kind, it will be time enough for me to give my views when asked.

I find the river here has stoped falling, in fact, we have a slight shore rise here of two or three in. caused from local rains. I want all our boats in winter quarters by the 25th, or 26th & I propose to cut down winter expenses to the minimum, we are hardly paying expenses, and can't afford to take chances in the ice, for what little good we might do the R.R. Co. in the way of moving

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freight which would be but a few tons at ^{not} and only help you for a week or less, for if we could run till Christmas the same trouble would exist, it would be better to make some arrangements for winter at once.

Yours truly,
E.V. Holcombe

Winnipeg, Oct. 26, 1879

J. J. Hill Esq;
Dear Sir:

Enclosed I hand you an account sent me by Messrs Robinson and Cary all of which except the item of \$62.21 for Steam Hose fittings (to connect our Cyphons with the boilers) is for use; fittings and freight on pumps - one of which we could not use, and the other with which we pumped out and raised the Manitoba. This bill is more than I expected and as you made the arrangement, I refer it to you before paying; we will pay it as it is or with any reduction you may be able to get made on it.

The "Manitoba" is completed & in the water in good shape there may be some slight repairs to her machinery and fire walls, also a very little joiner work but nothing of any consequence. All the damage caused by sinking is repaired in better shape than it was before, and the expense of everything from the day she sunk up to yesterday - (except Robinson and Cary's bill) is now \$2290.00. There may be a few small bills yet out, but I don't know of any, certainly nothing that could add \$50 to the above amount; so I think my guess of \$2500.00 was not far out of the way.

Our Navigation weather holds out well, we have prospects of one more full week, though the nights are very cold and six in. of snow has fallen only forty or fifty miles west of here. We are taking at present the Emerson & Winnipeg freight from cars at St.V. as fast as offered, but of course you won't rely on much (if any) help from us after Nov. 1st. There is great complaint here of Man. of the Pembina Branch, & when it freezes up, with no water tanks Hell will be to pay.

We have beat the McLennan Gang Lyons - Law Suits in the matter of sinking the barge "Chippewa" last season - on the second trial which they obtained this time before a jury, and you may rest assured this old man feels pretty proud. Will probably be in St. Paul by the 15th. of Nov.

Very truly yours,
E.V. Holcombe

1879

Little St Louis - Mayzato
Oct 13th 1879.

J. J. Hill Esq
Genl Mgrg I.P.R.R.
Dear Sir

I am for parties
in St Louis, negotiating with Mr
J. M. Carpenter for a tract of
land on the Lake where your
Road first strikes the Lake.
with the object of erecting a
Hotel &c. The means to carry out
the enterprise has been fully provided
for. If proper arrangements can
be made with the owners of the
Land - and I think it can be.
Will your Company cooperate in
the enterprise - give us a platform
and station for the summer business.

I worked up the enterprise that
built this Hotel - but owing to the
death of my young friend Mr
Egerton the Hotel has to go through
the hands of our administration.
I am satisfied that we can work
up just what you want - will
you let me know at once if you
will give us station &c. If you
Correspond with my friends in
St Louis, I will remain here
all winter - my pass on your road
expires on the 31st inst. will you
please extend until the 1st of the year.

Yours truly,
Geo M. Jackson

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OFFICE OF
City Engineer,
AND
ENGINEER OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

St. Paul, Minn. Oct 14 1879

Jas L. Hill Esq
Gen Manager
St. P. & M. Ry

Dear Sir

(Can

you give me a position on
your road as Bridge Inspector
or Road Master. I have just finished
my work for the City and am
anxious to get employment
I have had ten years experience
on the different Railways of this
and adjoining States. I can furnish
you satisfactory references in
regard to my competency.

Respectfully Yours

Have no vacancy
address -

42 Dayton Avenue
St Paul
Minn

J. E. GILLETTE, President.
F. F. FOLGER, Vice-President.

OFFICE OF THE

PETER MILLER, Sec. & Treas.
R. N. ALLEN, Superintendent.

Hudson Paper Car Wheel Co.

Hudson, N. Y., Dec 15 1879

St Paul Minneapolis & Manitoba R.R. Co.

St Paul

Min

Gentlemen

In accordance with an arrangement between the General Manager of your road and our Mr. Carwin we ship you this day 4 28" L T + 8 30" T under wheels as per shipping rec and invoice herewith. Trusting the wheels will reach you in due time and prove satisfactory, we remain

Respectfully Yours

P. Miller Secy

The understanding is that the Hudson
Paper Wheel Co put on these wheels on
trains to be paid for if they give us
satisfaction and if not returned
J. J. Hill

[WITH 10-15-79]

Hudson, N.Y., Oct 15 1879

A. and M. L. L. & Manitoba N.Y. Co.

Bought of Hudson Paper Car Wheel Company.

TERMS CASH.

4 28" L. S. Wheel

\$62

248

8 32" Under do

\$62

496

744

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HUDSON, N. Y., *Oct 15* 187 *9*

Received, from the *Hudson Paper Car Wheel Company,*
in good order, by New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, the
following,

MARKED:

W.C. Monroe M.M.
St. P. & M. M. R.R. Co.
St. Paul
Law. C. M. & St. Paul R.R. Co.
Chicago.

DUPLICATE

Four (4) 28" L.T. Wheel
Eight (8) 30" Stands do

Weight, *6,600*"

L.M. Deane

OFFICE OF THE
Brooks Locomotive Works

Piquette, N.Y. Oct 18th 1879

Geo J. Hill, Esq,
Genl Manager, St P. & N. Ry Co
St Paul - Minn

Sir -

Your favor of the 16th rec'd.
As soon as we receive some
of the mounted Photographs of the
"31" we will with pleasure send
them, with others for your office.

Yours &c.

M L Kimman

Secy & Treas.

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA
RAILWAY COMPANY.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

F. 344.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Oct. 21st

1879

J. J. Hill Esq. Genl Manager
Dear Sir

Please find below statement of
new Iron Rails received from, and old Iron Rails shipped
to North Chicago Rolling Mill Co. in 1879 by Trustee in
possession of 1st Div. St. P. & P. R. R.

New Iron received	995	$\frac{766}{2240}$ Tons
Old Iron shipped	909	$\frac{1170}{2240}$ "
Due Rolling Mill Co.	85	$\frac{1816}{2240}$ "

Above was on contract by which we were to pay \$18.50 per
ton, and give one ton of old rails, for one ton new rails.
Cash was paid for full amount ($995 \frac{766}{2240}$ Tons) shortage
on old rails as above.

Yours etc

E. B. Waxman

Supt

[See Memorandum of agreement of George Stephen & North Chicago Rolling Mill,

March 14, 1879]

An amendment to contract
between Geo Stephen &
North Chicago Rolling Mills
6000 tons steel rails
March 14/79

[WITH WAYMAN 10-21-79]

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D. G. STEPHENS, President.

KENOSHA, WIS.

H. B. HINDSDALE, Secretary.

75 Am. M. C. L.

Date, Milwaukee Dec 21 1879

Received at ST. PAUL, MINN. Ack

To J. Hill Genl Mgr

Under Mr Farley your road
owed us Eighty five tons
old rails we charge them
to you & now owe
you twenty two tons.

S. Clement -
24 DR ans DR

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

"The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co., Limited."

Winnipeg, Oct 26th 1879

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Jas J. Hill Esq
Mr. McQuagge & Co
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[10-26-79]

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y Treas.

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Very Truly

Yours

E. V. Holcombe

The J. M. Jones Stationery & Printing Company

167, 169 & 171 DEARBORN STREET.

Chicago Oct. 29th 1879.

H. C. Jones Esq.

St. C. M. & M. A. A.

St. Paul Minn.

Dear Sir

We are short of steel
styluses and, owing to unusual demand,
the manufacturers cannot furnish us
a fresh supply in less than 2 or 3 weeks.
Send 2 doz. of the agate. If you
cannot wait for the steel ones, which
are cheaper, can fill balance of in the
agate. Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours Truly

Charles W. Jones

For the Company

OFFICE OF THE

Brooks Locomotive Works

Adm
 [Dunkirk, N.Y.] Oct 29th 1874

Geo J. Hill Esq
 Genl Manager St P. M & N Ry Co
 St Paul Minn

Sir,

Answering your favor of
 the 16th. we send by Express
 today - pre paid -
 5 Photographs of our Locomotion
 Engines. which we trust will reach
 you safely -

We have sent you duplicates
 of #51. and if you con. show
 your M M. (Mr Munroe) one or
 two for his office, with our
 compliments you will oblige
 Yours

M L Himmelman

Pls

Secy & Treas

Pls acknowledge receipt of same & oblige

OFFICE OF THE
Brooks Locomotive WorksSyracuse, N.Y. Oct 3 1st 1879

J. J. Hill Esq

Genl Mgr. St. P. M. & N. R. R.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,

Our traveling engineer - Mr. Parker - upon his return, informed us that you wished to know how we would prefer remittance sent for Engine No 51 - & for that reason we telegraphed you to send New York draft.

Will you please favor us with remittance & much oblige.

Very truly,

M. L. Hixman

M.L.H.



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