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1880 APR 3-17

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

OFFICE OF

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

St Paul April 2^d 1880.
Winnipeg.

J. J. Keefe Esq.
Dear Sir

I have waited here one week
hoping you would have been home by today. As we had
no definite understanding when I last saw you as to
management of the ~~grain~~ ^{grain} business - Capt. Spry
came down & waited a few days to see you. He does not
wish to work for wages - but would like, if he can
make some satisfactory arrangement, to run the boat and
shaves. But as nothing could be done till you return
& neither of us could remain here longer I got
him to go back & start the boat out & stay on his
temporary till some definite arrangement can be made.

It is understood that James Clark will go on with him
as clerk & that he will employ a cheap outfit in the
way of ~~own~~ ^{own} things as economical as possible.

In regard to our own business in Manitoba
I hope you will do what you can conscientiously to
assist us. Our new machinery has been greatly
delayed in transportation - which will certainly cause
some delay & embarrassment in starting at. But I

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E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

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

Winnipeg,

1897

Dear Sir

Nothing Very Serious -

As soon as the winter break-up had
got fairly started - I could come down for a day or
two if absolutely ~~convenient~~ ^{convenient} with you, but at
present it is absolutely necessary that I go to
Winnipeg without further delay -

Very Truly Yours

E. V. Holcombe

Winnipeg, July 1st, 1880

J. J. Hill Esq;
Gen Manager St. Paul
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly apply for annual Passes for me over the following roads:-

Northern Pacific	St. Paul & Duluth
St. Paul & Sioux City	St. Paul Stillwater & Taylor's Falls
Chicago St. Paul & Minneapolis	Chicago & Northwestern
Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul	
- and if consistent the- Illinois Central	Michigan Central
Grand Frank & Great Western,	

and oblige,
Yours truly,

E. V. Holcombe (Gen)
(Man.)

St. Paul, April 3, 1880

J. J. Hill Esq;
Dear Sir:

I have waited here one week hoping you would have been home today. As we had no definite understanding when I last saw you as to management of the Grand Forks business. Cap't Griggs came down and waited a few days to see you, he does not wish to work for wages, but he would like (if he can make some satisfactory arrangement) to run the boat on shares, but as nothing could be done till you returned and neither of us could remain here longer, I got him to back and start the boat out and stay on here temporarily till some definite arrangement can be made. It is understood that James Eton will go on with him as clerk and that he will employ a cheap outfit in the way of crew and run things as economically as possible.

In regard to our own business in Manitoba I hope you will do what you can consistently to assist us. Our new machinery has been greatly delayed in transportation, which will of course cause some delay and embarrassment in starting out, but I think nothing serious. As soon as the river breaks up and we get fairly started, I could come down for a day or two if advisable and confer with you but at present it is absolutely necessary that I get to Winnipeg without further delay.

Very truly yours,

E.V. Holcombe

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JOHNSON, SMITH & HARRISON,

• NO 21 • SECOND • STREET • SOUTH •

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

1880.

J. J. Hall

Just now

My dear Sir

Will you kindly

*send me a T. H. pass for Hon.
Fred. Hooker, one of Washburn's
attorneys in the celebrated Squally
Washburn Case. He goes to Glyndon
to look up a matter there for
W.D. and in his account. Please
have it read to Glyndon and
return.*

*Very truly yours
Charles Johnson.*

63 William St., New York,

April 7th 1888

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$3000 @ 9 3/2% and accrued interest
less commission 1/2%

Sales accounted for	\$ 339,000
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 52,000
Balance on hand	\$ 1,269,000
Withdrawn	\$ 346,000
	\$ 2,000,000

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

James J. Hill Esq. St. Paul
We have \$50,000 under option for clients on the
other side at 9 3/2% and interest less 1/2% comm

63 William St., New York,

8th April 1880

Syndicate

St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$5000 - at 95 1/2 % and interest less 1/2 % comm.

Sales accounted for \$ 339000.

Sales to be accounted for \$ 57000.

Balance on hand \$1264000.

Withdrawn 240000

\$1024000.

Respectfully yours,

*L. J. S. Kennedy & Co.
O. H. Northcott*

James Hill Esq. St Paul.

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MANITOBA RAILWAY COY.

MOLYNEUX ST JOHN,
AGENT

18, Tower Chambers, Water Street
Liverpool 8th April 1880

My dear Sir

I had an interview with one of the Directors of the Dominion Ld. Co this morning. It is with evident intention that the Company explain their having ceased to employ Mr C J Williams. There is evidently nothing in common unless it may be a mutual distrust. They told me, on referring to the Townships that had been set apart for them in Manitoba that they had filled them. The suggestion now made is that they should distribute our pamphlets amongst their Agents and that we should give a Commission on the sales effected through those Agents. As a matter of fact they are distributing our pamphlets already and of course will continue to do so whether any Commission be paid or not. Nevertheless I am of opinion that it would be well to allow me to promise a Commission on the sales under certain restrictions. I don't think it will do to say generally to any Ld. Coys Agents that we will pay a Commission. We should of a certainty have different agents working for the one sale because intending settlers go to half a dozen Agents sometimes each one of whom would claim Com.

Added which some Agents work and many do not but
rarely take their Com or passage money when it chances to
come along. My idea would be to promise a Com to
Agents specially named by myself. on sales of land to persons
who have booked their passage to Paul through such Agent
provided that ~~not~~ I am notified of the fact before the
letter is written and, and provided that such letter
is not one with whom this office has already been
in communication. Mr. Montgomery (the Director of the D-S-C) who
mentioned the fact that he had had the pleasure
of meeting you in Montreal told me that the Atchison
Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. were paying their Agents $7\frac{1}{2}$ p.c.
on sales but that he didn't think it enough as the Texas
people were offering 12 p.c. I am inclined to think
that both these figures are in excess of what is
necessary. Still every day adds to the competition.
The "Oregon and Arkansas Valley" are the latest
arrivals. W. Sheppard of the Northern Pacific who
is commencing work on a grand and imposing scale is
at present in Norway or Sweden. I am in hopes that
the Steam Ship agents there are sufficient and better
than a temporary visitor but I am making enquiries
on the result of which will determine whether I run
over there or not. The result of the elections here

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ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MANITOBA RAILWAY COY.

MOLYNEUX ST JOHN.
AGENT18, Tower Chambers, Water Street
2 Liverpool. 188

will not be against us. I learned privately that it was the intention of the Dom^t Government on the arrival of Sir Alexander Galt (now on his way) to advise Mr Beaconsfield to instruct all postmasters throughout the country not merely to exhibit the Dominion Bells or the exclusion of others (this was natural enough) but to warn all persons enquiring, against applying to American Agents as in England. They do not appear to dispute this assurance from Mr Gladstone. I don't know how far this intention was held but my informant was a government officer in that branch. I am rather growing in the opinion that I did wrong to take offices in Liverpool. I might have done all my Liverpool business from my dwelling place and then taken an office in London. Having

For the office however one naturally feels disinclined
to give it up, though if I can find a tenant or one
to take the fitting expenses off my hand I shall probably
try what I could do in London. I have the
impression that many persons interested in the subject
will come and see me in London but no one will come
to St. Paul.

Mr Montgomery enquired our through rates from
Montreal to Winnipeg all rail. Have we such
a rate? The D & W have the transportation of
the H & B free this year but I suppose the Lakes
can undertake anything else.

I just hear that Sir Alexander Flett will
arrive tonight. I will call on him tomorrow.

I send you the "Field" of this week. The controversy
re Manitoba & Minnesota is still going on. I presume
next week there will be several answers and so on
until the Editor shuts down on it all.

Yours truly
Wm. Brewster

R. B. Angus Esq
St. Paul

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

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

Winnipeg, Thursday April 8th 1880

J. Hill Esq.
St Paul

Dear Sir

I arrived last night & have been quite
busy today looking over our flat ~~land~~. Owing to the great
delay in getting our machinery & outfit for repairs through
we have likely to be a little behind - but I have done the
best we can. It will take from 10 to 15 days favorable weather
to open the river here. I hope we can get ready by
the 20th. Several persons have already asked me if they
could order their freight stop - that I would from this out
(as opening the river here will be attended with danger
difficultly & increased expense - after today - I told
them I feared the Rail Road would not like to hold
freight in cars so long. But if you can do anything for
them in that respect it will be a help to us.

There is a bridge at Grand Forks ^{the Monday} which I would
like to get for use down here by this company - would
purchase it - if you are willing to sell it. Would like
also to get the use of one or two of your large barges
for hauling lumber. Grains &c. - you would have

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

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H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

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

Winnipeg,

188

Left the Winnipeg a nice decked over model
barge - the Pembina a small Randy barge - but not
in very good repair - & three or four barge boats
barges - which is all I more probably than you
will require. I have also about 300 Bids of
wood - on the bank near Turtle River - which I bought
last year at 15¢ per cord for the use of our boats
this side the line but the water got so low I could
not get it down. I will have to try & make some
arrangement for the Grand Forks boat to bring the lumber
for the use of our boats here & to get the money out of
it - I think Wood will be my main item between here
& Pembina this year.

A big boom is promised in the "Assiniboine"
this season. I think it will require three boats till
the first of July - that is including the "Marquette" -
Expect to have the "Manitoba" & "Alpha" in the river - with
the "Minnicouk" running 3 trips for me regularly to St V -
& the "Cheyenne" as a tow boat with 2 barges
in same trade - the pile driver (temporary) which the
Govt will put in at Point Douglas will prevent

Navigation between Lee & Seckitt -

I hope to hear from you. - Don't think
it will be possible for me to give much
attention to Grand Forks boat business & really
wish you would make some arrangement with
Griggs - or some one to release me from it -

Yours truly
C. H. Holman

Winnipeg, April, 8, 1880

J.S. Hill Esq:

St. Paul,

Dear Sir:

I arrived last night and have been quite busy today looking over our fleet. Owing to the great delay in getting our machinery and outfit for repairs - though we are likely to be a little behind - but shall do the best we can. It will take from 10 to 15 days favorable weather to open the river here, and I hope we can get ready by the 25th. Several persons have already asked me if they could order their freights stop at St. Vincent from this out, (as crossing the river here will be attended with danger, difficulty, & increased expense - after today - I told them I feared the Rail Road Co. would not like to hold freight in cars so long, but if you can do anything for them in that respect, it will be a help to us.

There is a barge at Grand Forks (The Mendota) which I would like to get for use down here by this Company - would buy it if you are willing to see it. Would like also to get the use of one or two of your large barges for handling lumber, grain, etc. You would have left the Winnipeg, a nice decked over model barge, The Pembina a small handy barge, but not in very good repair, and three or four large scow barges - which is all & more probably than you will require. I have also about 500 cords of wood on the bank near Turtle River - which I bought last year at \$1.50 per load for the use of our boats this side the line, but the water got so low I could not get it down. I will have to try & make some arrangement for the Grand Forks boat to bring that down for the use of our boats here & to get the money out of it. I think wood will be very scarce between here & Pembina this year.

A big "boom" is promised in the "Assiniboine" this season. I think it will require three boats till the first of July - that is including the "Marquette", expect to have the Manitoba and Alpha in that river with the Minnesota running 3 trips per week regularly to St. Vincent and the Cheyenne as a ton boat with 3 barges in same trade. The pile bridge (temporarily) which the Gov't will put in at Point Douglass will prevent navigation between here & Selkirk. Hope to hear from you. Don't think it will be possible for me to give much attention to G. F. boat business, I wish you would make some arrangement with GRIGGS, or some one, & release me from it.

E. V. Holcombe

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AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

FISHER'S LANDING

4/9

1870

J. Hill Esq.
Genl manager
S. Paul

Dear Sir

I applied to our
Divn Supt. for a pass for
my wife to Saint Centre
& return. urgent case of
sickness. prompted the
request. he referred the
matter to you. If you
will pass her it will
be deemed a great favor
by me.

Yours Truly
C. M. Hinckley, Agt.

63 William St., New York,

10th April 1880

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$50000 @ $9\frac{3}{4}\%$ and interest less comm $\frac{1}{2}\%$
\$5000 @ $9\frac{3}{4}\%$ and interest " "

Sales accounted for	\$ 339,000
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 115,000
Balance on hand	\$1206,000
Withdrawn	<u>340,000</u>
	\$2,000,000

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

James J. Hill Esq. St. Paul
We have \$50000 reserved under option of paying
30th inst. @ $9\frac{3}{4}\%$ and interest less comm. $\frac{1}{2}\%$.

JOHN S. KENNEDY.
J. KENNEDY TOD.

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS.

NEW-YORK April 17 '88

James Hill, Esq.

Mr. Paul
Minn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith we beg to hand you statement of
Mr. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Second Mortgage Bond
Syndicate account, showing the sum of \$11,052.44.
at your credit, as your 125,166th share of the net
proceeds of sale of bonds.

We pass this sum to the credit of the a/c. in
which we are carrying your subscription
and remain

Yours very truly:

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

The St Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co. Bond Mortgage Fund Liquidate.

In account with J. S. KENNEDY & CO., NEW YORK.

1880.

April 12 To postage and petty expenses to date
" " " balance

1880.

3260
14677640

Nov 13 By \$3,000. Bonds sold @ 93 1/2 interest less 1/2 %
" 16 " 31,000. " " " "
" 17 " 5,000. " " " "
" 19 " 5,000. " " " "
" 20 " 1,000. " " " "
" 27 " 1,000. " " " "
Apr 1 " 3,000. " " " "
" " " Coupons due this day Collected 1275/30
" 6 " 3,000. Bonds sold @ 93 1/2 interest less 1/2 %
" 8 " 5,000. " " " "
" 10 " 50,000. " " " "
" " " 5,000. " " " "
" 12 " balance of interest to date @ 5%

287100

2968250

478833

479000

95817

95933

779000

3825000

279250

465883

4657500

745200

\$ 24434

\$ 14680900

\$ 14680900

" " " balance (proceeds of \$15,000 Bonds sold & coupons collected)

14677640

" " " participation of James F. Hill Esq
1251660th \$90000 Bonds taken against

1105244

E. & O. NEW YORK. April 12th 1880.

J. S. Kennedy & Co.
10. H. Northcott.

J. H. Fuller
H. W. Holmes

H. E. Fletcher

John Martin
Charles Holmes

SIDE, MARTIN, HOLMES & CO.

MANUFACTURERS
BEST GRADE
PATENT ROLLER PROCESS
FLOUR.



NORTH WESTERN
ROLLER
MILL

Minneapolis, Minn.

7/16 H 1880

Jas. J. Mill Esq. Dear Sir

When you are
here want about five minutes talk in ref-
erence to some East side property on Main
street. If you are about the mill stop in
or I will meet you up town. Will you?

Yours
H. W. Holmes

63 William St., New York.

13th April 1880.

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

$\$1000$ - à $95\frac{1}{2}\%$ and interest less $\frac{1}{2}\%$ commission.

Sales accounted for	\$ 454000.
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 1000.
Balance on hand	\$1205000.

Withdrawn 340000
Respectfully $\$1205000$

J. P. J. S. Kennedy & Co.
O. H. Southcott.

James J. Hill Esq. St Paul.
We beg to advise, that in accordance with the wishes of the syndicate,
the price of the bonds has been this day raised to 95% interest
and will so continue until further advice, less the usual commission
of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to any member of the syndicate, effecting a sale. This
advance does not of course apply to the $\$150000$ reserved
under option expiring the 30th inst. J. P. J. S. & Co.
O. H. S.

VERIEN & ELLER,
Attorneys at Law,
Ingersoll Block.

JOHN D. VERIEN
HOMER C. ELLER.

St. Paul, Minn., April 14, 1880

James J. Hill Esq
St Paul

Dear Sir

A long time ago Hill &
Carter placed in our hands for collection
a lot of accounts which we have
been able to do absolutely nothing
with. The other day C. R. Agur
who was down among the others
for a bill of \$6 offered through
Rev. R. Breed \$4 in settlement.
Feeling that where such large interests
were involved we should consult and
you we communicated the offer to
you (through one of your clerks) and you
have probably forgotten that you ac-
cepted in a "good and cheerful spirit
of accommodation." Mr. Breed has
sent us his check for \$4 we now
enclose ours for \$3.

Yours very truly
John D. Verien
(for O'Brien & E)

63 William St., New York,

14th April 1880.

Syndicate

St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen;

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$4000 - @ 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and interest less $\frac{1}{2}$ % commission.

The above sale was effected under our option expiring 30th inst.

\$100000. @ 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and interest (without commission).

\$15000. @ 95% and interest, less $\frac{1}{2}$ % commission.

Sales accounted for	\$ 454,000.
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 120,000.
Balance on hand	\$1086,000.

Withdrawn $\frac{340000}{\$2000000}$

Respectfully yours,

L. J. S. Kennedy & Co.
O. W. Northcott

James J. Hill, Esq. St Paul.

St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R'y Co.

Montrose Station, Apr 15 1880

O. B. Wakeman "Super"
To Care

Dear Sir
Please

Send pass for my wife
Montrose to Smith Lake
and return

Respectfully Yours
W. H. Halbrook "Agent"



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