

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1880 JUNE 22-30

FOLDER NO.

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Breckinridge Minn.
Jan 20 1870.
Jas J. Hill Esq
General Manager
Dir.

Pending the appointment of a master mechanic of the St. P. M. & M. road, allow me to respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

As the successful management of any business depends in large degree upon the executive ability of Heads of Departments, so in my judgment depends the profitable operation of a road upon the mag. ability and importance of the St. P. M. & M.
To insure economy and

dispatch in the working of the
machinery department requires
a man of to think, equally
forceful, cool in temper, calm
in judgment, capable of controlling
bodies of men, commanding their
respect and enforcing law and
order. Of these qualities
can be found still in mechanical
ability, then such a man
should be an acquisition to any
work or corporation.

I respectfully offer my ser-
vices independent of any support
without any reference except
my past services - fully confident
in my ability to successfully
conduct the affairs of the
machinery department, subject
at all times to your orders
and suggestions, willing to
sacrifice my own desires and
make my wishes and tastes

subordinate to the interests of
the Company. Should this not
meet with your sanction, I trust
you will regard it as written
in confidence, and destroy the
communication.

In conclusion I would state
that my only incentive is the natu-
ral desire of a man without
influence or means, to better
his condition if by honorable
means such an end can be
accomplished.

Respectfully
Yours,
G. H. Shipper
Machinist

MINNEAPOLIS ELEVATOR CO.

FRANCIS S. HINKLEY
Sec'y.

MINNEAPOLIS

1880

New Sir

The annual meeting
of stockholders of the Elevator
Company will be held
in rooms of the Miller
deson on Monday July 5.
at two o'clock P.M.

Election of officers and other
important business to be
attended to
If you cant be present will you
send your stock to vote
F.S.H.



Forest City, Minn.

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Litchfield June 22/1880

Jas J Hill Esq
Genl Manager St Paul

Dear Sir
Enclosed I return
my pass - You I hope of service
enough to the company to have it
renewed. It seems to me that
the experience and close obser-
vation of almost a quarter of a
century here, is what the company
need.

Respectfully
J. E. Jewett

P.S. It is the duty of R. A. Plumley,
who is now soliciting a pass - as
county attorney to prosecute all trespass
and other criminal cases for the RR
company - And the county pays him
a salary of \$ 800.00 a year for his ser-
vices -

But there is no reason to

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suppose that his favorite star of
ill success will not be in the
ascendant in the future the same
as in every criminal case he
has prosecuted in the past - He has
lost every case that I think of - but
one - and there was no defense
made to that - His prosecuting a
criminal case is tantamount
to an acquittal

S. C. O.

HOBART O. HAMLIN,
Notary Public,
Residing 25 years.

HAMLIN & BROWN,

REAL ESTATE, LOANS & INSURANCE,

Minneapolis, Minn., June 22^d 1880

R. J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minn.

W. J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minn.

I went to
St. Paul yesterday and saw Mr E. W.
Saunders about that note of \$2500 - which
I bought of Mrs J. A. Armstrong. He declines
and vows he will not pay it nor any part
of it unless the claims which he states
are allowed viz 830⁰⁰ or 1/3 of the judg-
ment and another claim of N. L. Abbott
Co. for 434⁰⁰. Now I understood you
that the judgment was provided for
and allowed by you to Mr Saunders
I wish you would either see me when
you are in Minneapolis or write me
just what you would do in the matter

under the circumstances. As you know
Mrs Armstrong endorsed the note to me and
I could collect it of her if I cannot get it from
Saunders. If I sue him he has nothing I
can get at and it would involve both Mrs
Armstrong and myself in a long tedious
lawsuit which would cause us much trouble
and expense and Mrs A is a widow and not
much accustomed to business. It seems to
be bad to be put to so much trouble when
Saunders has had his pay once.

The W. S. Scott claim of 434³⁰ she
is perfectly willing to allow me if I deduct
it out as I have told Saunders.

Please let me hear from or see you
at your earliest convenience and very
much obliged

Yours truly
J. E. Brown

JOHN S. KENNEDY.
J. KENNEDY TOD.

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS.

NEW YORK June 22nd 1880.

James J. Hill Esq
St. Paul
Minn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed we hand you statement of St. P.
Ch & Ch 2nd edge Bond Syndicate &c showing
the sum of \$11063.⁰⁰ at your credit, as your
125/1660th share of net proceeds of sales of bonds.

We pass this sum to the credit of the account
in which we are carrying your subscription.

Yours very truly,
J. S. Kennedy & Co.

63 William St., New York,

23rd June, 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:

$\$6000 - @ 96\%$ and interest less commission $\frac{1}{2}\%$.
 $\$2000 - @ 96\%$ and interest less commission $\frac{1}{2}\%$.

Sales accounted for \$ 1093000

Sales to be accounted for \$ 8000

Balance on hand \$ 559000.

Withdrawn $\$340000.$

Respectfully $\$200000.$

L. P. J. S. Kennedy & Co.
C. H. Northcott.

James Hill Esq. St Paul.

63 William St., New York,

24th June 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:

\$10000.- @ 96% and interest less commission 1/2%

Sales accounted for \$ 1093,000.

Sales to be accounted for \$ 18,000.

Balance on hand \$ 549,000.

Withdrawn \$ 340,000.

Respectfully yours, *\$1000,000*

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

James J. Hill. Esq. St Paul.

63 William St., New York.

25th June 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:

\$30000.- à 96% and interest less commission 1/2%
\$2000.- à 96% D= D=

Sales accounted for \$ 1093000.

Sales to be accounted for \$ 50000.

Balance on hand \$ 517000.

Withdrawn \$ 340000.

Respectfully yours,
\$2000000

J. P. J. S. Kennedy, Treas.
O. H. Northcote.

James J. Hill, Esq. St Paul.

OFFICE OF
PLATT & HILL,
 DEALERS IN

ALL KINDS OF GRAIN.

Warren Hudson, Wis. June 26th 1880

J. J. Hill Esq
 Gen Man S. S. M. & M. Ry.

Dr Sir

Farmers at East grand Forks. on the
 Minn Side are Very anxious to have
 a House built on the Switch, East Side

They say there are times when it is
 almost impossible to Cross. - When
 Bridge is put across or the River
 Frozen over. House on the East Side
 would be used Properly, a house that
 would hold from 5 to 8 Thousand would
 be all the Investment we would feel
 warranted in making. You know
 the Situation better than I do. If
 you think favorably of it & say build
 we shall do so. If not all might we
 do not care anything about it. the
 Farmers on the Mnday are urging us
 & we want to say Yes or No. We wait
 your Answer Respectfully Yrs
 James Hill

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Lank Rapids June 22, 1880.
Miss Rice, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I write
to ask from you a favor
which would be the termination
of the case as I proceed
to state them, I believe,
you will readily grant
your Company from the
time of building the
R.R. to this place up
to the present time has
been and still are using
for the depot use and
also for the use of the
trains and employees make
grow well thereby causing
extra amt of expense
in keeping the pump in
running order. I never
have made any claim

on the Company for the
same. If you would be
so kind as to send me
passes for my four
daughters can go and
return from Saint Centre
I should be very much
obliged, should like
them to go between this
and the 12th of July

Respectfully Yours

J. B. Homan

I can endorse the
above

Jane Respy

Agent

S. N. Wright Agent

E. B. W.

Is it necessary to
see water from this well
as stated.

6/29/50 J. H. J.

E. V. HOLCOMBE,
Gen'l Manager.

H. SWINFORD,
Sec'y-Treas.

OFFICE OF

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

Winnipeg, June 27th 1889

James J. Hill Esq.
General Manager

Dear Sir,

In conversation with you this spring in regard to the large "Mendota" - if you remember. I told you I wanted either to borrow or purchase her. Which ever you thought best. That she required some repairs. That if you loaned her to us. We would pay for all repairs. You asked me what was her value. I said if repaired in good shape \$1500 - was willing to pay that in cash. You said all right you would repair her at your Grand Forks yard. That was done. Capt. Gnygs has had the work done - Mr. Elton has now the bill. Amounting to \$351.57 one item of which \$100 - is for towing up & back from Columbia to Grand Forks.

I have sent the bill of sale back to Mr. Elton for correction - it is not having the R.R. Co's name attached. When I receive it. will remit you the \$1000 - & you can have the repairs paid - or shall I send Elton the amount of his bill & deduct that from the \$1500 - & send you the balance. Please reply soon.

Winnipeg, June 27, 1880

James J. Hill Esq;
Gen. Manager

Dear Sir: In conversation with you this spring, in regard to the barge "Manitota", if you remember, I told you I would either wish to borrow or purchase her which ever you thought best, that she needed some repairs, that if you loaned her to us, we would pay for all repairs. You asked me what was her value, I said if repaired (in good shape) \$1500.- was willing to pay in cash. You said all right you would repair her at your Grand Forks yard, and let us have her. Capt Griggs has had the work done, and Mr. Elton sends us the bill amounting to \$351.55 one item of which \$100 is for towing up and back from Pembina to Grand Forks.

I have sent the bill of sale back to Mr. Kittson for correction, it not having the R.R.Co's seal attached. When I receive it will remit you the \$1500, and you can have the repairs paid, or shall I send Elton the amount of his bill and deduct that from the \$1500, and send you the Balance. Please reply
Yours truly,
E.V.Holcombe

Winnipeg, July 13, 1880

J. J. Hill Esq;
Gen Manager

Dear Sir: I returned here today by boat and although the western business has been keeping up very well for the season, the general outlook is rather discouraging, and I feel correspondingly gloomy. If the "Manitota" can make another trip to Fort Ellice, I shall probably go up on her next week. Now that the water is getting down I can get a better idea of the Assinaboine as regards navigation.

I cannot resist a feeling of uneasiness since what you have told me in regard to the future of the steanboat interest, as unless I can controll it with my friends, I hardly think I could remain here. There are reasons for this which, while I might not be able to make clear to you, are very strong to me. I shall figure a little and will try and make you an offer, but am rather afraid I can't raise sufficient cash to handle it. I think by going to the McArthurs and figuring with them, I could do something;;but I fear them in more ways than one, and rather not be associated with them.

In regard to Railroad business, I have a strong impression that we are not getting justice at St. V., but knowing your own disinclination to do anything for us or to take trouble or make expense on account of the boats, I am unable to make complaints.

Would you have any objection to letting me appoint Mr. Morrison as our agent at Lot. He now bills the boats freight for R.R. Co., but does any other work Gooding has for him to do.

I would like to have a representative there the same as the Pembina Branch has one who gets paid at least in part, by us and would feel it his duty to look specially after our interest. He might do more or less C----- work for the R.R. Co., also this arrangement would reduce the expenses of their station.

Will you be kind enough to write me your views on this subject and oblige

Yours very truly,
E.V. Holcombe

Winnipeg, July 14, 1880

J.J. Hill Esq;

Dear Sir:

Referring to the matter of the purchase of the Winnipeg & Western Stock, I find Mr. Graham will not be here for six weeks; so the other parties, Blanchard, Lyons, and myself and probably one or two others, concluded to make you an offer - with the understanding between ourselves that Mr. Graham can come in later if he wants to.

I don't know if you rightly understand the situation of X the stock; it is as follows; Your company owns \$41,000 of stock in addition to that there are \$3000 stock issued to Lyons, B-----, and S----- (one thousand each) for which you hold their notes in nominal payment, but notes are ready to be returned to makers and stock assigned back to you. This makes your total stock \$44,000. One thousand is owned by the estate of James McKay and a like amount by Blanchard, for which you hold their notes partly paid. They intend to pay up balance of these notes and keep the stock, the remaining \$4000 stock to make up the \$50,000 has never been issued, there being no property for it to represent - in fact the first issue for "Cheyenne" & "Alpha" was really an over issue in value of at least \$10,000. You will therefore see that deducting the 4000 - not issued and the 2000 owned by McKay Estate and Blanchard. You are

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actually \$44,000 of the whole stock, and yet it is for that amount of stock we make you the offer of \$40,000. You intimated to me that another party would give par for the stock, but that you were inclined to favor myself and friends, and on the strength of that suggestion I make the above offer, which added to about \$1500 still due on the McKey and Blanchard notes, would make \$41,500 for your whole interest. We would like to pay say about \$20,000 cash and balance in 60 to 90 days, or if that is not agreeable then \$30,000 cash and balance in 90 days, would prefer the former.

If our offer is not acceptable will you be kind enough to let us know at once what your views are, as it will take some of us (your humble servant for instance) a few days to scratch up the cash and I wish to carry one fourth if the trade is made.

It is already reported here - much to my annoyance and disgust - that McArthur is about to purchase the Stock. Please reply soon as convenient and oblige,

Yours very truly,
E.V. Holcombe

Winnipeg, Aug 1, 1880

J. J. Hill Esq;
Dear Sir:

I received a telegram from you yesterday which was so mutilated in the transmission that I could hardly make anything out of it. It seemed to say that somebody or something would be in St. Paul Aug. 10 and something in regard to offer being accepted, which I construed to mean offer for the S. B. Stock. Tried to get message repeated but could not, for wire was down. If not too much trouble, please mail me a copy, and oblige

Yours truly,
E.V. Holcombe

63 William St., New York,

28th June, 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:

\$20000 - @ 98 1/2% and interest, less commission 1/2%.

*(This sale was effected, & under option referred to in
letter of 26th ult.).*

Sales accounted for	\$ 1093000
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 79000
Balance on hand	\$ 488000

Withdrawn. *\$ 340000.*

Respectfully yours,
\$20000000

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

James J. Hill Esq. St Paul.

Territory of Dakota }
County of Burleigh } 22. I, John A. Stoyce a Notary Public
within and for said County, do hereby certify that on this 28th day of June
A.D. 1880, personally came before me John W. Proctor

to me well known as the same person described in and who executed the foregoing deed, and he
acknowledged that he executed the same freely and voluntarily.

John A. Stoyce
Notary Public
Dakota Territory

WARRANTY DEED.

John W. Proctor
TO
James J. Rice

Office of Register of Deeds,
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH, DAKOTA TERRITORY.

I hereby certify that the within Deed was filed
in this office for record on the 28th
day of June A.D. 1880,
at 10 o'clock A. M., and was duly recorded
in Book 6 of Deeds, page 47

Mr. H. Richards
Register of Deeds

By

Pioneer Press Co.

Quit claim deed
of this lot sent to
John W. Proctor
Bismarck
March 15th 1882.

This Indenture, Made this Twenty Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy~~ Eighty between John W. Proctor of the City of Bismarck Burleigh County Dakota Territory

part of the first part, and James J. Hill of the City of St. Paul Ramsey County ~~Dakota~~ State of Minnesota

part of the second part, WITNESSETH, that the said part of the first part, in consideration of the sum of (Acad.) Six Hundred Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY, unto the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Burleigh, and Territory of Dakota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No (12) Twelve in Block No (46) Forty Six in the City of Bismarck (formerly Colonaton) in said County & Territory according to the plat thereof on file in the Office of the Register of Deeds of said Burleigh County

To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said John W. Proctor

part of the first part, for himself & his heirs, executors, and administrators, do covenant with the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that he is well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and has good right to sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all incumbrances;

and the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said part of the first part will WARRANT AND DEFEND.




In Testimony Whereof, The said part of the first part hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

John A. Stoyell

R. R. Marsh

Witnesses.

John W. Proctor   

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General Manager's Office
deeds

GENERAL MANAGERS OFFICE,
ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANTOBA
RAILWAY COMPANY,
ST. PAUL, MINN.

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Newburgh Journal.

DAILY AND WEEKLY.

RITCHIE & HULL, PROPRIETORS.

Journal Building: 46 Second Street, Newburgh, N. Y.

SAMUEL RITCHIE,
FRANK S. HULL.

June 27, 1880

Jas. J. Hill,

Dear Sir:— There is considerable interest manifested throughout this section in regard to the Red River Valley, and already quite a number from Orange County, N. Y. are settled at or near Grand Forks, Dakota, who went from this city as well as near-by points in the county. We desire to send a reporter out there this fall, during August and September, Mr. James H. Matthews, and let him write up harvest, &c. In the spring Mr. Frank S. Hull, of our firm, desires to go if possible, and would give details also, including government laws, &c.— in fact any information that would be of benefit to settlers in Minnesota and Dakota. We will make the interests mutual between yourself and ourself, viz:— We will see that the country and route gets a good "send-off" in our columns if you will send a trip pass

out from St. Paul and return over your road - one
this fall for Mr. James H. Matthews, and then
an order to stand to the credit of Mr. Frank
S. Hull on your books, for pass when he can
use it, over the same road. When he goes, he
will also give the route and country a
"boom." The Chicago & N.W. Road has offered
similar terms.

Consider the matter, and let us hear
from you. We refer you to either of the 3
Newburgh banks, or any Newburgh merchant,
as to our credit for doing what we agree to.
Sample copies papers sent herewith.

Yours,
Ritchie Hull

P.S. - Notice that Mr. Hull is one of the firm.

F. L. King
Lansdowne -

6/29 [1884]

What trains take water from
this well & can you not get
water elsewhere -

E. B. W.

63 William St., New York,

June 29th 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:

\$3000 - @ 96% and interest less commission 1/2%

Sales accounted for	\$ <i>1093,000</i>
Sales to be accounted for	\$ <i>82,000</i>
Balance on hand	\$ <i>485,000.</i>

Withdrawn \$ 340,000
\$245,000

Respectfully yours,

H. J. S. Kennedy to
D. W. Rathcote.

James J. Hill Esq. St Paul.

Stenographic Letter of Partners

JOHN S. KENNEDY.
J. KENNEDY TODD.

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS.

New-York June 29th 1890.

James J. Hill Esq
St. Paul.
Minn.

Dear Sir. \$15,000,000. Suit.

We beg to acknowledge
receipt of your telegram of
this date, and are exceedingly
obliged to you for this infor-
- mation. And beg to con-
- gratulate you most heartily
upon the result reached.

We remain
Yours truly
J. S. Kennedy & Co.

JOHN S. KENNEDY,
J. KENNEDY TOD.

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS.

NEW-YORK June 30th 1880

James J. Hill Esq
St. Paul. Minn.

Dear Sir,

We beg to thank you for your lengthy telegram of yesterday's date, giving us the full particulars of Judge Miller's decision against Sahlgaard's petition, and we await the receipt of the copy which you advise us is now on the way.

We have today shown your telegram to Judge Dillon, who has expressed his satisfaction with its contents, stating that they fully bear out the expectations which he had previously entertained.

Yours very truly,
J. S. Kennedy & Co.



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