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TREASURER'S OFFICE,  
ST. PAUL, MINN., ST. PAUL & MANITOBA RY CO.,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

Receipt from Thos Lowry  
for \$1000 to give on land  
deeded to R S Argus

[8-17-80]

Milford, Mich, Aug 18. 1880

J. J. Hill Esq<sup>r</sup>  
St Paul, Minn, 3

Dear Sir

In recently traveling through Minnesota I noticed the want of fuel at a moderate price, was a serious drawback to the rapid settlement of the country. This is also the case with Dakota & Manitoba. I am interested in the best known Patent for Manufacturing Condensed Peat The "Dodge Process" which if introduced into the parts of Minnesota through which the St Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba RR passes would largely aid in the sale of its lands and increase its carrying traffic thousands of tons annually. I take the liberty of sending you a sample of Peat for Mail to day manufactured by the "Dodge Process" for your examination with a view of interesting your Railway Company in the prosecution of this industry. I am reliably informed there are large Peat bogs of choice quality in Minnesota & Dakota and know there is in Manitoba which Providence in the "Eternal fitness of things" seems to have located there for development and utilization by man. The Grand Trunk Railway Co have been using

Peat largely for several years past below Montreal  
of not near as good quality as sample I send you  
2000 pounds of the "Dodge Process" Peat for Steam purposes is  
equal in value to 1500 pounds of Anthracite Coal - Messrs Heald  
Sisco Co in their Engine and Centrifugal Pump Manufactory at  
Baldwinsville Oneida Co N.Y. have used about 100 tons of  
this Peat very satisfactorily - Partically dried Peat is now being used  
for Steam purposes at the following places in New England  
Plymouth Woolen Co - Plymouth Mass.

Babb & Davis Rice Works	"	"
Willard Lewis & Son	"	"
D. W. Bird	"	"
Hollingsworth Co	Walpole	.
Parkhurst's Brewing	Boston	.

I am now arranging for and shall commence the  
Manufacture of Condensed Peat in Manitoba next Spring  
and if You and Your Railway interest would like to join  
in such an enterprise in Minnesota I shall be pleased  
to correspond further and shall be glad to hear from  
you at your earliest convenience after which will  
impart further information on the subject

Yours very truly  
Sam'l P. Holley

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MANITOBA RAILWAY CO.

MOLYNEUX ST JOHN,  
AGENT

18, Tower Chambers, Water Street.  
Liverpool, August 19<sup>th</sup> 1880.

R. B. Angus Esq<sup>re</sup>  
St Paul

My dear Sir,

I find that my advertising and printing & having been a little heavier than I expected my credit is very much reduced. The accounts I have forwarded to you show up to the end of June £457. 15. 4 expended against the £600 credit. July shows £50. 0. 6 and August having an Advertising bill of £44. 11. 0 in it will show about £79 or £80. That is

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Feb 2 March	108. 9
April	43. 8
May	84. 0. 9
June	221. 17. 7
July	50. 0. 6
August	80 0. 0 (Alot)
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I am not advertising much now because the season for that is over and the next one not yet at hand, but I shall require to do a little towards the close of this year. I have paid something on account of the

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panorama which is now nearly ready and have yet some more to pay. As the autumn sets in I shall also require to do some more printing, but I am considering the possibility of a change in this which will be less expensive. Instead of printing any large supply of pamphlets I think of using only the map folders and another kind of folder.

The Graphic people want £8 for an ~~electrotype~~ electrotype of the Red River pictures they published. I think of buying it - especially if I can get them to come down in price a little. and printing the same material that goes on the maps, on the back of the pictures. The pictures would I think attract attention to the reading matter better than the maps or pamphlet form. The panorama will lessen the advertising charges a good deal and I am obtaining confidentially a select list of agents from several of the S.S. Companies in order to get into more direct communication with them. I am sorry if I have passed the limit of expense you thought would be necessary but you do not perhaps realize how close the competition is for settlers, and my advertising has been small in comparison with some of the others. The other day I noticed that a Manchester Agent who publishes

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a small paper to assist his emigration business had called towards Minnesota and Manitoba and was pushing Texas (which he had formerly abused) and Missouri so I went over to find out how this was. While in his office a man came in to look for Manitoba where he and a party of friends thought of settling, and I saw that party turned from Manitoba, and the arrangements made for looking them from Missouri. Before I left I extracted from him the fact that Dr Kingbury pays him 10/- per head for all he can send to Texas, and that the Missouri Agent pays him 16/- a head. He told me he had made £10 out of one family and that he had sent altogether about 400 people. Many of these are not people whom we desire particularly as they are without capital and are to find work on railways that are building, but he will send farmers just as soon as anyone else 10/- or 16/- shillings all the same.

Since writing the above the Inspector of the Canadian British

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Agents has just called in. He strongly approves of the idea of printing on the back of the pictures and in reference to the panorama said that he has for some time been urging humans to do the same. His ideas are of course on the scale of his Company and are necessarily very much larger than I can manage, but he has given me some information of a useful nature. I think that up to the end of December another credit of about £250 will be necessary and that will prepare much of the material for the new year as well. In the mean time I have asked the manager of the Bank of Liverpool to give me a small credit in case I want it while I write to you. I found the last returns of our sales in the Press. They are sure to fall off as the summer goes on, but the people over here seem to think that the emigration next year will be as good all round and better from Great Britain than it has been. A good number of farmers would like to go if they could, and it is astonishing to see how slow they are to understand what is offered to them in the West and how they can get on land there. As far as understanding the difference between one part of America and another I presume it will be years before that knowledge is acquired. There is nothing to do but keep on driving it into them.

Yours faithfully,  
Molyneux St John

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LOUIS W. HILL PAPERS

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Map			
Blueprint			
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State of Minnesota  
City of St Paul

Deed in relation to the Railway crossings over  
or under the Streets within the City limits. It is understood that it is  
~~the power of the City Council to determine what~~ <sup>of which</sup> the tracks  
crossings shall be made, whether at grade by bridges over, or roadways  
under the tracks - That the extent of approaches of these crossings  
whether bridges over or roadways under the tracks, shall be determined  
by the City Authorities after consultation with the Chief Engineers of  
the respective rail road companies interested in such crossings -  
That when the plan for any crossing requiring a bridge over the  
railway tracks is adopted by the Common Council the rail road  
companies interested shall build the abutments of the superstruc-  
ture over their right of way & in case of roadways under the  
Railway tracks, the railway companies shall make the  
necessary excavations across their right of way & surface the  
same in gravel in a suitable manner & the city shall build the  
approaches thereto. And after such crossings are completed in  
accordance with the requirements of the city Authorities, such  
crossings shall be maintained <sup>by</sup> kept in order at the expense  
of the city government. Provided however that nothing herein contained  
shall affect the right of the city under its charter as to making charges  
of grades of the public streets of said city or the rights of said rail  
road companies to maintain their lines of road as they now  
exist in said city at present grades of said roads

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In the matter of the Railway Crossings over or under the Streets within the City limits. It is understood that it is the Law of the State of Minnesota that the City Authorities have the power of the City Council to determine when and where such crossings shall be made, whether at grade by bridges over, or roadways under the tracks - That the extent and character of these crossings whether bridges over or roadways under the tracks, shall be determined by the City Authorities after consultation with the Chief Engineers of the respective rail road companies interested in such crossings - That when the plan for any crossing requiring a bridge over the railway tracks is adopted by the common council the rail road companies interested shall build the abutments and the superstructure over their right of way and in case of roadways under the railway tracks, the railway companies shall make the necessary excavations across their right of way and surface the same with gravel in a suitable manner and the city shall build the approaches thereto. And after such crossings are completed in accordance with the requirements of the City Authorities, such crossings shall be maintained and kept in order at the expense of the city government. Provided however that nothing herein contained shall affect the right of the city under its charter as to making charges of grades of the public streets of said city or the rights of said rail road companies to maintain their lines of road as they now exist in said city at present grades of said roads.

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RAILWAY COMPANY,  
GENERAL OFFICE.

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Morris  
ST. PAUL, MINN. Aug 23rd 1880

H. C. Irvin Esq.

Dr. Sir,

W<sup>m</sup>. G.  
would like to get a P car  
from St. Paul to Morris and  
return. Please send it to  
No 87 St. east St. Paul.

Truly yours  
Archibald Johnson



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St Paul, Aug. 28. '81

Dear Sir,

Please send me a trip pass  
from St. Paul to Morris and return for  
Rev. J. Nealis". I am having to go up  
on Colony business -

Respectfully  
*J. Ireland*

*J. Ireland*



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