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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

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[Elliott, 1879-97]

our own wants, but also
places the rural Southwestern
project at a disadvantage
for the season. I don't take
much stock in the reports
that reach us from time
to time concerning the success
of Shultz in raising money,
but I try to impress upon
our friends in the C. P. R.
that the only way to secure
safety is to occupy the
territory in advance of him.
We shall take power at the
C. P. meeting on the 29th to
construct a branch line from
the neighbourhood of Winnipeg
South or Southwest to the Boundary.

and survey of such line
as you think would best
answer the purpose may be
entered upon when convenient.

We have been meeting daily
at Bartholomew House & giving
what attention we could to
C. P. matters so as to be ready
for the first shareholders meeting
called according to the Act
of Parliament for the 29th

Meantime I may say we
have come to a good understanding
with our french & English
Associates - have, as nearly as
possible fixed Mr Intyre's views,
decided on our policy respecting
Management, Construction and

we could profitably use at
a rate of interest that would
not be considered excessive
for a new Enterprise on our
side the Atlantic —

I have had several interviews
with Mr Menzies of the Scottish
American Land Co who will
act as Agent for our Minnesota
lands in Edinburgh and
Glasgow and will likely
send a few good families
to us and the C. P. during
the coming season —

Stephen and I have been
in treaty with a new Company
which is being formed here
for the Settlement of lands in
the United States, and it is just

within the range of possibility
that we may sell the
"founders" of the concern from
150,000 to 200,000 Acres of
our Red River Valley lands north
of Crookston at say \$4.75
net per acre - with some
reasonable provision for
Settlement.

I don't know whether this
will come to anything, but am
quite satisfied a good deal
could be done towards Settlement
of our Minnesota lands if we
had the right representative
on this side. Molyneux S. John
is not the man for that purpose
and, as I believe he will better

sent the C. P. as a sort of
local Secretary and News-
paper Correspondent, I have
arranged to hand him over
to that Company. He is now
acting for them, but will
continue to represent us until
we make other arrangements
on a small allowance, say
\$500- p. Anm. —

You don't say whether Mr.
Ginney has accepted the offered
appointment. If not, I hope
you will continue on the outlook
for some other capable man
to relieve you of the routine
and professional work of the
Railway. —

[MAR 1861?]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO

Bartholomew House,

London,

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I expect to be able to give
you more definite information
in my next and to say when
Stephen and I will sail on
our return voyage - probably
5th or 14th April.

I get good accounts of
my people as well as yours in
St Paul and trust you have
equally satisfactory news from
Mrs Hill and the children in
the South.

With kind regards to all
I remain Yours faithfully

W. L. Angus

[MAR 1897]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO

Bartholomew House,

London

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E.C.

Country upon some of the leading
men of the day in Parliament
and the press.

Mr. McIntyre we expect to see
on the 28th, and we hope to
arrange with him for the Canada
Central.

Our friends seem so
confident of our being able to
borrow money on better terms
hereafter, and just as wanted,
that we are rather inclined
to go ahead for a year or
so with our own unaided
resources. Meantime there would
be no difficulty in raising all

sal. of hands and have done
much to bring our enterprise
into the favorable notice
of people who can influence
Emigration. - Stephen has been
a good deal with Forster
the Secretary for Ireland. We
visited Chamberlain the President
of the Board of Trade, and
I had a very pleasant and
encouraging interview with
John Bright. Something may
come of it all, and if we
fail to obtain co-operation
of the State, we shall at least
impress the advantages of
sending out good men to
occupy a portion of the new

Confidential

Forwards to Mr. Minn Mar 2, 81

Joseph Hill Esq. Genl Manager

St Paul Minn Dear Sir

I came up from Minneapolis a few days ago. The conductor took my pass from me in the usual manner of seizing stolen passes. I have no complaint to make of him as he acted in a gentlemanly manner, apologized for the necessity and really seemed to feel ashamed of the part which he was compelled to act, as he assured me by imperative orders from the General Office.

While I did not doubt the matter had some relation to my action during the late bond campaign, I doubted as little that it was the result of some hasty and inconsiderate impulse or misunderstanding on the part of some of your clerks, partly because I knew that you had been absent for several weeks, but more because any other explanation would seem incredible.

While I felt compelled during that campaign to criticize sharply the means and methods by which you endeavored to defeat - and nearly succeeded in so doing - what I well knew to be the will of the people of this country in regard to getting another railroad: a clear-headed business man like yourself would know and understand ^{the fact} that it was no personal

matter, and that as soon as the new road became an absolute fact, that there was so far as the business men of this city (including myself) were concerned no personal feeling and no hostility to your road, and that we would be in the future as in the past, ready to take hold and work with and for you.

This is a thing which you would appreciate, but which a clerk might not know or understand, nor would he know as you do, that the kind of campaign that was made was not of my seeking, and that I did my best to avoid an unreasoning hostility and antagonism which resulted (as all such contests always do) and as you had recent evidence of in your contest with the N.P. at Moorhead - in the triumph of the new candidate for public favor, and the loss of popular sympathy to the old corporation.

Nor would a clerk know as you did, that so far from the acceptance of a pass, putting me under obligation to your company or implying that my opinions and actions were to be gauged by the fear of the pass being taken from me; the obligation was really on the other side. He would not probably know as you did that what I had given in property, paid out in money, saved your

company in getting its right of way, assisted with others in procuring municipal bonuses for you, and done in getting passenger grounds for your company in this city at not more than half price for the land and upon the promise that such grounds should be used and occupied by the passenger buildings last year — amounted to many thousands of dollars, so that however much I might ride on a pass, the value would probably not amount to 4% interest on the benefits conferred on the other side.

Nor would he appreciate the fact that as a punishment for opposition to the wishes of your company the stoppage of 4% interest would ^{not} be to me very important as compared with the voluntarily donation heretofore of the principal.

Nor would he probably know and understand as you do, that the obligation was likely to extend into the future as well, and that I would be as ready hereafter as heretofore to assist your company in other things desired here. For instance he would not be likely to know that the roundhouse here stood on my land or that other matters here quite important to your company might be brought about through my active assistance.

Finally he would probably not realize as would a far-sighted, sagacious and

liberal man such as the manager of this
Great railroad is, how little, mean and
ridiculous, such an exhibition of petty
spite would be regarded to be, by the
community at large if it were known.

For myself I wish to say I have
no personal feelings in the matter, except
of regret at the attitude in which your
company seems to be placed, through what I
must believe to be an inadvertance or
misunderstanding, and you will find me
ready, now and ever as heretofore to
co-operate with you in all things to the
advancement of your interests, when they
also favor or do not menace those of this
City. But now and ever as heretofore
it must be Pegus, first and your railroad
and all other railroads - each and equally -
second in my thoughts and acts.

I hope to hear from you in Minneapolis

Truly Yours

Geo. D. Briggs

JOHN S. KENNEDY,
J. KENNEDY TODD.

Private

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS.

NEW-YORK

4th March 1881

James I. Hill Esq

St Paul
Minnesota.

My Dear Sir

I have rec^d your telegram of yesterday and was glad to get it as I began to fear you had not got home or that my letter to you and my telegram to Chicago had not been rec^d and that the delay might prove disastrous. I am glad to notice that you will now push matters to an early close and trust you will secure an arrangement on such terms as will protect your Company against threatened competition.

I had a call yesterday and today from a Mr. J. W. P. Cowman who represented himself to be the Pres^t of the Minnesota Construction Company engaged in constructing the Central Minnesota & Dakota R^r and Pelican Valley R^r with headquarters at St Paul though he said that he lived in Chicago. He talked rather mysteriously so that I was very reticent with him but as I understood him to claim to have a charter to build a road from the Northern Pacific R^r through Fargo, Hall's & Breckinridge to the Pelican Valley on the same line that the Northern Pacific R^r propose to build and he seems to have got at Suggs heads with the N. P. people about it and was very anxious to see some of the officials of the Manitoba Co. - I told him I could say and do nothing regarding it and referred him to you. He says he will be here in a day or two but meantime I think he is here trying to make an adjustment with the Northern Pacific people and wanted to get something out of you to play off against them. I was not favorably impressed with him and may be mistaken as to what he is doing or trying.

I hope Chicago is at work and that he has been successful in securing all the available business in Manitoba for this season's work and that he has not allowed any one to get ahead of him.

No word from Mr. Stephen or Mr. Angus. I telegraphed you on Wednesday in answer to your enquiry that the "organizing" was cabled as off the Pacific coast at 8.30 on Monday morning and that Mr. Angus must have reached London on Tuesday evening.

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy.

Detroit Minn
March 27/87

Gas J Hill Esq
Genl Mngt St P & M Vt Rly
St Paul

Dear Sir
Please send me
a Pass from Moorhead to St
Paul ~~return~~ want to go down
to see you

Yours Resp
Gas. B. Holmes

~~sent trip~~

Sent
10/9/87

(No. 2523.)

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,

Railway Adjustment Division,

Washington, D. C., March 10, 1881.

Sir:

An order has been issued to embrace Deviston, in
the County of Traill, State of Dakota
between the offices of Grant Forks and Fargo
on Route No. 35005, from Grant Forks
to Fargo, operated by the

This order is to take effect from March 20, 1881, and ~~you~~
~~will report the action then taken.~~ it is the duty of your
Company to supply and receive the mails
from this office, it being less than 8000,
distant from your Station.
Very respectfully, &c.,

Wm. J. Brant
Second Assistant Postmaster General

J. J. Hill, Esq.,
Gen. Manager St. Paul,
Minneapolis & Manitoba Rwy.,
St. Paul,
Minn.

Have directed
apt. Brant as
above W. J. Hillman
3/10/81

JOHN S. KENNEDY.
J. KENNEDY TOD.

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS.

NEW-YORK

Private

17th March 1887

My Dear Mr. Mill,

I have no letter from you manuscript & am disappointed that I have no telegram from you yet advising me that you have closed matters satisfactorily with Mr. & Mrs. Merrill. I am on hopes that you would have it completed ere this.

The Trustees under the 1st Mort. will have a drawing of Bonds for the sinking fund on the 13th or 14th April and which after the proper announcements are made will make the Bonds redeemable principal and interest on 1st July next. They have about \$130,000 now on deposit with the Trust Co here but it is of importance for several reasons to make the redemption as large as possible. The Trustees can only draw Bonds by lot to the extent to which they have the money actually in hand at the time of the drawing and I will be glad to know at your earliest convenience whether you can send us any more money and if so to what extent so that we can have it here by the 13th or 14th April? - If you have money that you are sure will come in say by 1st July you might anticipate such payments and send us the money out the Trustees must have the money in hand or they cannot draw Bonds against it. Suppose you have money coming in more or less all the time

for principal and interest of land notes and you can readily estimate what those revenues will be till 1st July.

I would also be glad to know approximately if you cannot conveniently state it exactly what amount of Land notes you have now on hand and the amt. of interest which they yield you annually.

Mr. Dr. Intyre called this morning at Liverpool to join Mrs. Stephen & Engles in London.

The Stock & Bond market is dull and drooping. Nothing doing in Manitoba stock or Bonds.

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy

James J. Mill Esq.
St. Paul
Minn.

Copy forwarded to Acton 3/23/87
N.F.H.

From

MEMORANDUM.

P. H. DuVERNET.

General Western Agent.

N. W. Cor. Clark and Randolph Sts.

Chicago, *Mo* 19th 1881



To

Will E. Johnson
Genl Mgr. P. M. V. Co.
London

Dear Sir,
May I ask you
to forward a pass to R. K. Stanton
the Anania, good for 30 days,
between London & Liverpool.
He goes on the line to work
up business for the Cunard
Line.
Yours truly
W. E. Johnson



St. Boniface
March 19th 1881.

Sir,

I very much regret-
ted that I was not aware
of your visit to Winnipeg
before you left otherwise I
would have reminded
you of the promise you made
me to visit our Establishment
when an opportunity pre-
sented itself. I trust that
we shall be more fortunate
on some other occasion.

Today I take the liberty
to inform you of my inten-
tion

intention to build, if not
a new convent at least
an addition to the one
now existing and which
is in great need of con-
siderable repairs.

To meet the expense I
am applying to a cer-
tain number of our friends
and as you have on
every occasion evinced
great interest in all that
concerns our Institution
I hope you will not find
it unkind for me to beg
of you to afford us some
help in our undertaking.
The aged, infirm, poor and
orphans will in return
obtain a hundred fold
reward for what you will

do in favor of an Establish-
ment entirely devoted to
their interests and you
will acquire a new
right to the lasting
gratitude of the entire
Sisterhood.

Trusting that you will
pardon the perhaps too
great liberty I am taking
I remain

With deep respect,
Your most humble servant,

Sister Hamel, Superior
of the Sisters of Charity
of St. Boniface

Sent Check #209
payable to order of Sister Hamel



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