GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1882 DEC 20-31

FOLDER NO. 13-16

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

JOHN S. KENNEDY.
J. KENNEDY TOD.

J. S. KENNEDY & Co.

New-York Dec: 20th 1882

My dear Mr. Hill:

I duly received your esteemed favor of 15th inst. and note all you say.

I hope Mr. Bigelow will give the matter referred to early attention the first of the ensuing year and send me a draft as soon as he can so that I may have time to give it a thorough revision. This Mortgage, above all others, must be drawn with the greatest care and circumspection.

The earnings are not keeping up as well as I had hoped; still they are good and if they are not as large as we had anticipated I suppose they are pretty sure to be larger later on.

You must judge how far it may be well to anticipate the Granger movement by making judicious concessions in rates.

I quite agree with you that the control of the Omaha Road passing into the hands of the Vanderbilt party will be apt to stimulate the Granger movement.

I have already advised you

what Mr. Stephen did regarding your Canadian Pacific stock, the power to transfer which you left in my hands. I received payment for your stock yesterday as advised you by telegram. The return made me was for 9,500 Shares @ 46.02½% = $437,648. from which was deducted the balance due on your last subscription of stock amounting to $38,481.56. thus leaving a balance of $399,166.44. which I immediately deposited to your credit with my firm.

This will much more than pay your indebtedness to them and I await your advice as to the disposition you wish to make of the balance.

You will, of course, notice that the people at Montreal have made a mistake as to the number of Shares I transferred for you, the amount being 9509 shares, thus leaving 9 shares which they have yet to account for, but regarding this I have written them and I expect to receive payment for them tomorrow and the proceeds will, in a like manner, be placed to your credit with my firm.

Yours very truly,

John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq
St. Paul, Minn

Dec. 20 - 1882

VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SAINT PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA RAILWAY CO.

63 WILLIAM STREET,

P. O. Box 756. NEW YORK, 20th Dec. 1882

Confidential

My Dear Mr. Hill,

I have been so exceedingly busy over Canadian Pacific and other matters that I have not found time to write you earlier. I have just dictated a letter to you covering all points but one and that is what I can only say to you very privately that when Mr. Stephen came down here first of last week before sailing for Europe he told me he must have some more money & proposed to sell 2000 shares more Manitoba Stock. I told him when we gave the calls to Osborn the understanding was that we were to sell no more stock until these calls had expired and that if he sold any he would have to offer it to Osborn, this he said he would do. He went to Osborn and made his own trade and I have since learned that he sold 2,500 shares @ 140% which gave him $350,000 in cash. This leaves him with but 12,500 shares of Manitoba Stock and I am sorry and disappointed that he has reduced his holding to such a low figure. — I felt that you ought to know this however. —

Hope you are well & all your family and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas

I remain

Yours very truly

John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.

St. Paul

Minn.

[illegible] Kennedy

20 December 1882.

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & MANITOBA
RAILWAY COMPANY.
OFFICE OF
CAR SERVICE AGENT.

F. 880.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec 20th 1882

J. J. Hill
Prest

Have $500 [illegible] when church [illegible]
JJH

Sir

The following is a statement of the situation of the proposed "Atlantic Congregational Church building and Society of Dayton Bluff.

Number of [illegible] about 8000
" " [illegible] in public School 450. of which only about 50 attend S.School
" " " [illegible] about 2. one Methodist. one Catholic.
[illegible] organized a church with about 25. members.
[illegible] Pastor Rev.- - Votaw of Manhattan Kansas.
[illegible] services in the new Store building on N.W. Corner Bates & Hudson Ave
Cost of property [illegible] E. Corner Bates Ave & 16th St. (2 Lots. 40x124 each) $2500
" " " " Church building about $4000.
There are three from this office in this movement and one from the Auditors office of our road.

Yours Resp
C. C. Camon
Chief Clerk Car Service Dept
StPM&M Ry

ST.P.M.& M.RY.CO.
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CAR SERVICE
DEPARTMENT.

Palatka Fla Dec 21st 1882

Mr J. J. Hill St Paul - Minn

My dear Mr Hill,

I am asked to go to Toronto by Hammond party through their atty ~~to g~~ to give my evidence in a suit against M.S.C. R.R. — My physician here says no - though I am now in good health, much better than I have been for years. As you are not pecuniarily interest-ed I do not care to take chances - if you were - I might do so - The memos (of Land Co - Stock etc) as spoken of by us, are now ready and I will forward on receipt of your reply to this - Papers here say Villard has gobbled you up - Surely not — Had I better very quietly and directly buy an M.S.C. RR Stock in Winnipeg on joint a/c or for you, if so what price? Mrs Young joins me in wishing yourself Mrs Hill and Family the compliments of the season

Sincerely

David Young

Ack [illegible]

New York, Dec. 23,
[1882]

Mr. J. J. Hill

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,- Your letter of the 19 inst. enclosing pass and draft is received.. in reply wish to say that cook & waiter will leave for St. Paul on Tuesday next Dec. 26, or sooner if possible. Will act upon your suggestion of arranging with the woman cook for next Spring.

Last week I shipped you two barrels Rockaway oysters, considered by New Yorkers to be the best in the market, also a

"Gorgonzola" cheese, which
you will find far superior
to Roquefort or Stilton.
I hope the oysters have
reached you in good
condition.
Nothing would please me
better than to see you,
surrounded by your family
and some of your friends,
as Messrs. Kelly, Upham
Finch, Lindeker, Manvel,
Judge Clarke & Mr
Secombe etc. on Christmas
day enjoying the oysters.
I have shipped you to
day per Am. Express
Two "neccessaires," which
you will please present
to Miss Hill and
Miss Clara; some dolls
for the younger ladies
(Charlotte, Ruth & Rachel)
which Mrs. Hill will
please distribute, and
for Masters James &
Louis, six volumes "St.
Nicholas" 1880, 1881, 1882
a very popular work
for young folks.
Please accept these
small tokens of our esteem
and wishing you all
a Merry Christmas &
a Happy New Year, and
remain
Very truly yours
Eugene Mehl

P.S. As I quit the
Brevoort House on the
31st Dec. (finishing my
22nd year in its employ)
please direct all letters
to my private address
No 323 East. 14th St.

E. M.

New York,

Dec. 23, 1882

James J. Hill Esq; Pres.

St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We beg to advise that the amount placed to your credit on Dec. 19th. your proportion on the 9509 shares Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. stock, transfered to other holdings as agreed upon at the average price of $46.02½ equals $437,648- which will duly appear in your account and on the same date, we charge you in account $38,481.56, being balance of your subscription to Canadian Pacific Stock, with interest to Dec.18th.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of this morning, stating you had drawn against [illegible] account of drafts on which we shall duly honor.

We are

Very truly yours

J. S. Kennedy

& Co.

New York,

Dec.23,1882

James J. Hill Esq; Pres.

St. Paul,Minn

Dear Sir:

We beg to advise that we have this day placed $35,113.87 to your credit in syndicate account, being the amount received on $37,500 Canadian Pacific Ry.5% land Grant Bonds, the syndicate being closed at 92½% and interest.

The accounts are being made up in Montreal, when we expect to account to you for profits amounting at a rough statement to about 7%.

We are,
Very truly yours

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

[From envelope found in J.J. Hill's papers, probably copies made at the Farley trial of 1887]

JOHN LA FARGE
33 East 17th St. Union Square.
NEW YORK

Received & Answered
28th Dec. /82. J.K.T.

Dec. 26/82

J. Kennedy Tod Esq.

Dear Sir

The stained glass windows for Mr. J. J. Hill of St. Paul, Minn. are now fairly under way and will let you know when they are ready for inspection.

We understand the bill for the glass is to be sent to you, will you kindly let us know if this is correct as it is our custom to deliver goods c. o. d.

Yours truly
Jno. Lafarge
p. s.

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK. 28th Decr. 1882

My dear Mr. Hill,

This morning I have received the enclosed note from Mr. Lafarge concerning your windows. When they are completed I shall inspect them, and, if I find them satisfactory, I shall have them carefully packed and forwarded to you at St. Paul.

Let me wish you and yours a very happy New Year.

Yours very truly
J. Kennedy Tod.

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul.
Minn:

New York

Dec.26,1882

James J. Hill Esq;

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have redeived your favor of the 22nd. inst and beg to reply that your draft for $80,000----- was presented and duly paid by us today.

We are

Very truly yours

J. S. Kennedy

& Co.

[From envelope found in J.J. Hill's papers, probably copies made at the Bailey Trial of 1887]

Henry P. Upham Prest.
C. D. Gilfillan Vice Prest.

E. H. Bailey Cashier
Wm. A. Miller Asst. Cashier

THE
First National Bank
OF
SAINT PAUL.
UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY
CAPITAL $ 1,000,000. SURPLUS $ 280,000.

St Paul, Minn. December 27th 1882

J. J. Hill Esq.
My dear Sir

The indebtedness of the Red River Roller Mills to this bank at this time is $46.500.00 Against which we hold as security ware-house receipts of said company for 10.000 bushels wheat at the mill at Fergus Falls - 10.000 bushels wheat in their elevator at Hillsboro. 9000 sacks of flour at Fergus Falls. on which we have insurance assigned to us for $40.000.

The indebtness of the Mille Lacs Lumber Co consists of two notes payable on demand. one dated Sept 13th 1882 for $19.807.62 - &
" " Oct 16 1882 " 20.000.00
(both approved by you)

This information in response to your request a few days since. The matter passed from my mind until to-day

Resply
H. P. Upham Pt

Agency,
Bank of Montreal,
Address P.O. Box 543. 59 & 61 Wall Street,
Walter Watson, Alex. Lang } Agents

New York, 28 Dec. 1882

Jas. J. Hill Esq
St. Paul

Dec 31/82 pd $33.09 / $16.52 each

My dear Mr. Hill,

You were so kind as to offer, when here lately, to see about my lots, & I now want you to pay my Taxes thereon, & draw on me for them. My lots are designated as, "Lots numbered, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 in "Block 1, and lots numbered 2, 3, "4, 5, & 6, in Block 2, in Dallas "addition to Saint Paul."

Docketed 20/1/83

If you will kindly attend to this I would be very much obliged. The valuation last year was $1110 & the Taxes $17.30. Tell me what you think of these lots, if they are likely to reach 5th Ave. N.Y. figures!

I will be glad to be of any service to you here. Our Stock market is very sluggish, but will be higher after 1 Jan'y. Western Union, & Denver, are the wet blankets at present.

Ever Yours Truly
W Watson

Let me wish you & yours a very happy New Year.

New York

Dec. 29, 1882

James J. Hill Esq;

St. Paul, Minn

Dear Sir:

We have your favor of the 26th. inst. with enclosure as **stated**, and credited to your account $7,000, the amount of Mr. A. G. Tod's draft on us.

Your draft for $7,000 has been duly presented and paid.

We are

Very truly yours

J. S. Kennedy

& Co.

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Rio de Janeiro
Dec 29, 1882

J. J. Hill Esq
St. Paul, Minn

My dear Sir: I have taken the liberty to have a bag of the best coffee of Brazil sent to you and hope it may be duly received and kindly accepted.

In due time I will send you some seed corn of Brazil. Most of that in the market here is from the River Plate. I want to be sure I get the genuine Brazilian product. Very truly

C. C. Andrews.

We are here entering on summer. Thus far the weather has agreeably surprised me.

Vice President's Office

Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Co.

63 William Street.

P. O. Box 756. New York, 22nd Decr. 1882

My Dear Mr. Hill

I wrote you on 20th Inst. and have this morning received your favor of 19th Inst. and note all you say. — The reductions in the price of the Canadian Pacific Stock were deemed necessary to help the general interest and the average price obtained was paid to each of the parties who contributed Stock. The average was a little better than I at first expected being a trifle over 46% whereas the price at which you authorized Mr. Stephen to deal with it was about 47%. — I do not think any more Stock will be sold in order to secure additional financial strength and even though there is you have certainly contributed your share and nothing more can be asked of you. — My firm tell me that the amount they recd. for your stock was all right and that though the statement recd. from Montreal said 9,500 shares it was merely a clerical error and should have been 9,509, the money part of the settlement was all right.

There has been some delay in the Bank of Montreal settling up the Canadian Pacific Land Syndicate but Mr. Clouston of that Bank came down with Mr. Angus this morning and now says he will take up the Bonds and pay us over the money tomorrow. —

The whole amount of money recd. for your Canadian Pacific Stock was immediately placed to your Credit with J. S. K. & Co. it cancelled your indebtedness to them and left a considerable balance at your Credit; after you draw what portion you need of this balance, you might tell them to turn the remainder over to me and I will use it in the way and for the purposes we spoke of when you were here. Manitoba Stock has been very quiet for the past day or two and is quoted at about 143% a 144%. — Would you be in favor of buying some at about these prices and then sell a portion of it with each advance of 1% or 2% and thereafter buy and sell on a sliding scale as we talked of and if so how much would you buy in the first instance? I think 500 a 1000 Shares would be enough. Please telegraph me in Cypher as soon as possible after you receive this what your views are and I will go to work at once. I think there will be a chance to pick up some Stock between now & 1st Jany. —

Sorry to hear of Mr. Manvel's sickness but hope he will soon be better. —

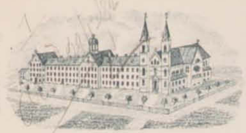
I have had a set of photographs of my Salmon Pictures framed and forwarded to you by American Express which I trust will reach you safely and which please accept with my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Please remember me also very kindly to Mrs Hill & all your family and wishing them also a very merry Christmas & many happy returns of the season I remain

Yours very truly

John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.
St Paul
Minnesota

P.S. The morning Stock list has just come in by which I see that 400 Shares Manitoba Stock were sold to day @ 143 ½ — Monday next will be a close holiday here. — J.S.K.



St. John's College

Collegeville, Minn. Dec 26 1882

Jas. J. Hill Esqr
Presᵗ St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. St Paul Minn

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in wishing you a happy New-Year and many of them. May God bless and protect you. Accept, also, my sincere thanks for the many favors shown me and my Father & Sister. With the highest esteem and much love I remain as ever

Your devoted,
Alexius Edelbrock O.S.B.
Abbot

Ack

New York
Dec. 30, 1882

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul, Minn.
Dear Sir:

We beg to hand you herewith statement of your subscription to the Canadian Pacific Ry, bond syndicate, showing that we have transferred to your account, the sum of $8,566.04 all of which we hope you will find correct.

We are

Very Truly Yours
J. S. Kennedy & Co.

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Dec. 30, 1882

James J. Hill Canadian Pac. Synd a/c

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

			Dr	Cr
1881				
Nov	4	To $12.500 Bonds @ 92 1/2 % & Interest	11619 79	
Dec	31	" Interest @ 6 %	110 38	
1882 May	1	" $12.500 Bonds @ 92 1/2 % & Interest	11614 58	
June	1	" $12.500 " " " " "	11666 67	
"	30	" Interest to date @ 6 %	519 56	
Aug	1	" $12.500 Bonds @ 92 1/2 % & Interest	11771 40	
Dec	31	" Interest to date @ 6 %	1123 53	
	"	" Balance carried to Jas J. Hills personal a/c	8566 04	
		Contra		
April	1	By Canadian Pacific coupons		325 00
Sept	25	" $12500 Can Pac Bonds @ 92 1/2 & Int.		11865 58
Oct	1	" 37 1/2 Can Pac. Coupons		937 50
Dec	23	" 37 1/2 " " Bonds @ 92 1/2 & Int		35113 87
"	30	" 7 % profits on subscription 125,000 Bonds		
"	"	" Can Pac. Synd		8750 00
			$56991 95	$56991 95

E & O. E New York Dec. 20th/82

J. S. Kennedy & Co
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12,500
37,500
50,000

Canadian Pacific Railway Co

General Statement of Receipts & Expenditures from February 17th 1881. to Dec 31st 1882

Receipts			
Capital Stock			10074575
Proceeds of Bonds			
$10,000,000 sold @ 92		9200000	
Less % of proportion earned retained by Govt on account of maintenance & running of Railway	1,325,684.49		
Less deposited with Govt not yet earned	2571,577.56	3897262 05	5302737 95
Cash Subsidy			
561½ miles Westn Div: @ $10000		5615000	
Do " Eastn " @ 15384.61		307692 20	
		5922692 20	
Less retained by Govt pending adjustment of account for rolling stock & of the Pembina branch and cost of first 100 miles West		547519 29	5375172 91
Advances on rails &c		1960226 20	
Less repaid		1474388	485838 20
Revenue			426984 71
Town site sales not covered by Land Grant Mortgage			
Cash		246759 12	
Bonds		287638 17	534397 29
Other receipts			
Represented by temporary loans from Bankers &c covered by material and supplies on hand			2577492 11
			24771961 17

Expenditure		
Dominion Govt Deposit (security for contract)		1000000
Stock Advances		
Trustee Ld Grant Bds. Expenses to be retained from next receipts	16498 92	
South Eastern Ry, Temporary advances secured by 1st Mtge Bds	529452 92	
St Lawrence & Ottawa Ry Stock, subscription to Capital Stock	69900	
Atlantic & N.W. Ry subscription to Capital Stock	70672 49	
Dominion Express Coy	75000	
Canada N. W. Land Co	312729 77	1074753 60
Interest Charges		
Dividend on stock	341572 04	
Interest on Land Grant Bonds	272889 30	
General interest	116340 84	730802 18
Equipment		3543010 29
Construction including advances to Western Divn during Sept Oct Nov & Dec		10464748 22
		4003263 09
Rails & Fastenings		
Shops — Perth car shop	82429 34	
Montreal locomotive shop	172299 17	
Tools & machinery	185442 86	440171 37
Real Estate		
Prices Farm Montreal &c	154505 73	
General office premises &c	80000	234505 73
General Expenses		
Salaries & Expenses Executive offices	89544 25	
" " Montreal office	61770 70	
Law charges	4087 62	
Directors	5311 99	
Sundry Expenses including foreign agencies	47015 48	244018 44
Ottawa line & Branches		457899 58
Stores & Material		524037 41
Canada Central Railway		
Preference Stock Redeemed	917866 67	
Paid on a/c floating liabilities fixed at $1206667.00	1029269 58	
	1947136 25	
Sinking Fund 1st Mtge 1881	49640	
" " 1882	52073 33	
Law charges in suits pending	11133 73	2059983 31
		24771961 17

Randel, Baremore & Billings
(Diamonds.)
COR. MAIDEN LANE & NASSAU ST.
Nos. 29 Maiden Lane and 58 Nassau Street | NEW YORK.
No. 1 St. Andrews St. Holborn Circus E.C. | LONDON.

Acwd 9/1/83

New York Dec. 30/82

Mr. Jas. J. Hill
St. Paul, Minn

Dear Sir

By tonight's express we send your sapphire pin and earrings. We could not tell exactly from your letter whether you intended to have the diamonds left off of the pin or not so, as it was two thirds finished at the time we have sent it as we started it but if we have misunderstood you, will gladly take the diamonds off. Hoping that this will be entirely satisfactory and that the jewels will suit, we remain yours truly Randel Baremore & Billings

C. H. Moorhead

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New York Dec 30 1882

Mr James J Hill

To Thomas Kirkpatrick, Dr.

SILVERWARE DIAMONDS JEWELRY WATCHES CLOCKS, BRONZES &c.

889 Broadway.

Corner 19th Street.

4704	1	Pr Fine Diamond Ear Rings	
		Wt 14 1/8 Carats	5000
5883	1	Fine Ruby Ring	
		Wt 5 Carats Dia 18/32	2800
5842	1	Fine Dia Ring	
		Wt 2 3/4 Carats	1100
5912	1	Fine Emerald Pin	
		Wt 4 1/32 Carats	850
			$9750

Received Payment

T. Kirkpatrick

With Thanks

& Best Wishes for

the New Year

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