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Pensacola & Atlantic Railroad Company

Presidents Office Second & Main Streets

Louisville Ky Jany 5th 1883

F. de Funiak
President

Jas. J. Hill Esq
Prest.

My dear Sir –

I have your favor and am under obligations to you for your kindness –

I will thank you if you remember me in the future if an opportunity offers itself for an engagement with some of your Northwestern Roads – As after March 1st I could resign here to accept a more active & important engagement –

I hope you will be down our way this winter, I want to send you over my new line from Pensacola to Jacksonville Fla – I have the line all completed by the 26th of this month and will give you a nicer trip than you had last time – We have a first class line to Jacksonville & Savannah now & I hope to see you this winter in "our Italy" –

With compliments of the season

Very Yours truly

F. de Funiak

THE

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY,

No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Jan 7 1883

Jas. J. Hill Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 31st ult. at hand. The reduction of the dividend on your policy #26566 is in consequence of the completion of the payments on said policy.
The dividend of 1882 had regard to the surplus of premium in the last (10th) premium paid in 1881.

In 1883 as no premium was paid in 1882 this source of profit was cut off.

Very truly yours
O H Lohern
Div'd Clk.

Cathedral of St. Paul. 1

St. Paul, Minn., Jan 8. 1883

My dear Sir,

I understand that you are to go to Devil's Lake some day this week, and as Father Stephan, who is now in the East, begged me to attend to his "Dakota hopes," I take the liberty of again sending you a word on the matter.

If you do not locate at Devil's Lake City — I have nothing to say. Those, however, knowing the country, are rather confident that this is the right place. But if you do locate there, I want from you the favor of giving me the first word. The parties owning the land at that point — to be candid with you — believe that you & I are not bad friends, and they have signed a positive agreement with F. Stephan, that in case of success, both of us will derive from the place some substantial profit. To another Railroad man I would not talk as I do with you. With you I take special privileges.

I enclose Donan's letter, and also one from F. Stephan to me.

Very respectfully & hopefully &

John Ireland

Jas. J. Hill. Esq.

Private

My dear Mr. Hill:

I regret that the multitude of my engagements here for the past 10 or 12 days has prevented me from writing you as often and as fully as I could wish. I have been under very great pressure, working late and early & mainly over C. P. Ry. matters which, I am happy to be able to advise you, seem to be getting into very good shape indeed. A Syndicate is being formed to take $10,000,000. of C. P. Ry. Co's. stock @ 50% with two options, each for a like amount, one in June and another in October next, @ 52½ & 55% respectively, and we have already applications for more than $10,000 m of stock but cannot make a public offering yet as we are obliged to wait to hear from Amsterdam until the 22nd inst, Boissevain having been allowed until that time to decide whether he and his friends there would take one half of the first $10,000 m with a corresponding interest in the two options. Whether they do or not the thing is bound to go as I have large applications to be admitted to the Syndicate from some of the very best people both in this City and in Amsterdam, London & Scotland. Should you wish to get a little interest in the Syndicate please advise me and I will do the best I can for you though I presume from your having sold a considerable line of your original stock you do not care to buy back the stock now at a higher price. However, I will be glad to hear from you on this point.

I am glad to hear that my action touching your C.P. stock was satisfactory to you. I think that it was a wise thing for us all to contribute a portion of our stock to get new parties of large financial strength interested with us. I was only sorry that you felt constrained to part with so much of yours. Those of us who hold stock of the original issue of $25,000,000. are signing an agreement to withhold our stock from the Market until the Syndicate now being formed has disposed of its stock. I have signed for myself and now enclose you a copy of the agreement which I would be obliged by your signing and returning to me at your earliest convenience. I think it only fair that those of us who hold the original issue of stock should do this.

I am glad to hear from you that you think Mr. Vis' report will be favorable. I have no doubt from all I have heard that it must be so. He arrived here from Montreal last night and, I understand, sailed this morning at 5 O'clock for Liverpool. They are awaiting his report in Amsterdam before deciding what interest they will take in the Stock Syndicate.

In view of what you say about the Granger movement I will buy no more "Manitoba" stock for the present. The Market is very quiet and lacks animation but I think later in the month we will have more activity in all our stocks. At same time I agree with you in all you say about the property and I will work with you in every way I possibly can in the direction you have indicated.

I will be glad to see you here about the end of the month for there is much to talk about, and I hope when you come you will bring a draft of the new Mortgage with you.

The Governor's speech which you say you sent me has not come to hand. Perhaps you could send me another copy of it? I have seen some extracts of it in our papers here but I would like to have the full text of it.

Don't trouble yourself any further about the St. P. & D. dividend matter. I only wrote and telegraphed you regarding it to oblige my friend Catting.

Thanks for your kind attention to my ~~say~~ Nephew Andrew's matters. I am quite satisfied, and have been all along, that he has got a good thing only he is attempting altogether too much and trusting too much to accomplish his objects through the means of borrowed Capital. I want to restrain him from undertaking so much and will be glad if he could dispose of his flour mill and give his time solely to his lumber business which no doubt will be very profitable. I will write him to that effect.

As soon as we succeed in floating the stock ~~Syndicate~~ for the C. P. Ry. the Company should be in possession of ample funds to pay us for the Manitoba & So. W. Rd. though it may be the middle or end of Feby. before they are in a position to do so, but we must try and carry it for them until that time.

The time has now come when we must consider the propriety of making the quarterly dividend on the stock. We ought at least to give a weeks notice before closing the books and my idea is that I should have a meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday, next, the 15th inst., declare the dividend & publish it with a notification that the books will close on the 22d of the month, thus leaving 10 days from the date of the closing of the books to send out a copy of the balance sheet from our stock ledger to you at St. Paul for comparison before the dividend has to be paid. If you concur in this please telegraph me on receipt and I will have a meeting of the Executive Committee called for Monday, next, when Mr. Angus will be here from Montreal at any rate.

Meantime I hope you will see that Mr. Sawyer continues to make me remittances as with the interest due 1st Jany. I am still largely in advance to the Company, and I hope he will not fail to send me at least $250.000 this month. I believe I have touched on nearly all the points referred to in your letters of 3d, 4th & 5th inst. and I will endeavor to keep you advised how matters are progressing with C. P.

Meantime, I remain
Yours very truly,
John S. Kennedy

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

House of Representatives,

Private. Washington, D. C., Jany 8, 1883.

Dear Mr. Hill,

Will the syndicate of St. Paul & Duluth, composed of the Omaha, C. M. & St. P and Manitoba likely continue to and past the next annual election in June?

If I felt sure that it would not continue I should feel inclined to buy some of the stock, with the idea of cooperating with somebody.

Confidentially, give me your

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views. When do you come east again?

Yours truly
W. D. Washburn

Saint Paul
Jan'y 8/83

J. J. Hill Esq,

Dear Sir,

Through a sprained ankle I am unable to accompany Rev B. Frankland to meet you this morning to talk over Bethel matters but he will be glad to see you if you are not overengaged

Yours very truly
Robert Smith

New York

Jan. 12, 1883

James J. Hill Esq;

St. Paul, Minn

Dear Sir:

Your favoe of the 9th. inst. is received, and we beg to reply that your draft for $15,000 on us, was presented and duly paid today.

Very truly yours

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

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

H. N. ELMER. W. F. NEWELL.

ELMER & NEWELL.

Civil Engineers and Contractors,

Room 5, Presley Block, 102 E. Third Street.

Recd 15/1/83

St. Paul, Minn. Jan 13th 1883

Mr Jas J. Hill

Dear Sir

We understood that you gave your permission for the topographical survey and plan of "Waverly Heights" to Mr Elmer last summer at Minnetonka. Otherwise we should not have troubled you. It is but just to us that you have this explanation.

We regret that you do not approve of the plan as it will disappoint our other clients

Yours respectfully

Elmer & Newell

Civil Engrs.

New York
Jan.15,1883.

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

We have your favor of the 10th. inst, and as requested by Mr. Angus, we charge you in account $30,743.29 as per enclosed draft.

Very truly yours

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

P. S. Retaining his draft on us for $29,500 to your debit, as our voucher.

J. S. K.

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SAM'L THORNE,
67 WALL STREET

Jany 15th 1883 -

My Dear Mr. Hill.

The close of the old year & the commencement of the new brought with them so many duties that I have only today succeeded in getting the Bird Books packed & shall ship them tomorrow to you by Xpress. I trust they will reach you safely & prove of both interest & use.

The sets of both English & American editions are complete up to the time I gave up reading, but you will not have any difficulty, if you desire, in procuring the later volumes.

I trust your several Roads are doing well & that I shall have the pleasure of looking them over next fall.

When you next see Upham please tell him I consider him the shabbiest of men for not having at least given me the pleasure of taking him by the hand when he was here recently. I understood he said your faith still continued strong in Manitoba as you had proved by exchanging some of your C.P.R. holdings for an increased interest in the older road. I regret exceedingly not having had an opportunity to share in what proportion of the original interest of C.P.R. was sold, & must confess to being greatly disappointed, as I was under the impression that when the time came for taking in any outside parties, I was to be included in the number admitted.

You will perhaps remember my having talked with you about it a year ago last fall when in St. Paul. While I was not one of the lucky ones who saw the great future for the St.P. M. & M. road & reorganized & developed it, I was one of the very first outsiders to invest in it - taking some of the St Paul & Pac Debentures - & have, as you know, always since held & represented an increasing interest, & considering the C.P.R. as in a great measure an extension of the Manitoba road, I counted with certainty upon having in good time an inside interest.

I do not feel ~~now~~ like saying anything more to parties here at present but would like to say to you, that if you are inclined to part with any more of your holdings, I should like

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very much to get personally an interest of $100.000 par value at whatever price the other recent purchasers have paid, & I flatter myself - & I trust not without reason - that if you are willing to still further lessen your interest you would prefer giving it to me than outsiders -
I understand there has been quite a lessening of interest by some of the large holders of Manitoba, but my faith, like yours, continues so strong that I have not sold a single share of either my fathers or my own - I do not suppose, no matter what change of ownership takes place, there can be any change of administration -
You know so well my feeling with regard to your management, that you need not be assured how deeply I should deprecate any change - I trust your family are all very well, & though perhaps a little late, cannot but express the sincere wish that the coming year may be a most happy one both to you & them

Yours Very Truly

Saml. Thorne

Jas. J. Hill Esq.

63 William Street
New York

Monday 15th January 1883.

My dear Mr Hill,

I am obliged by your letter of 10th inst and quite satisfied with the prices allowed. You will be charged by Messrs Kennedy with the draft for proceeds of the Stocks $20,500 and with my cheque on the Bank for balance of [illegible] dividend [illegible] $424.20 [illegible] will observe [illegible] less [illegible] $50 [illegible] statement [illegible]

R. B. Angus

the Minneapolis Elevator stock having been extended as $100 Shares instead of $50.

With regard to your C.P.R. Stock I am satisfied it is the feeling of Stephen Smith and myself that you should just do as may be most in accordance with your own inclination and for your own advantage; and you may rely upon this, that your withdrawal from the Enterprise would not be allowed in the slightest degree to interfere with

Thanks for your kind message respecting Edith. I thought Aiken too cold for the present and therefore took Mrs Angus and her to Palatka Florida which seems a charming place and I am in great hopes the climate will prove beneficial.

I will gladly meet you in New York or elsewhere at any time that suits your convenience.

Yours faithfully
R. B. Angus

James J. Hill Esq
St Paul

our harmonious action in the future. We are all aware that your connection with us may sometimes place you in an embarrassing position in your dealings with other Railways, and the motive for your action would be understood and appreciated. Please do not mistake my meaning. We don't want you to retire but if you think it desirable in the interests of the St P. M. & M. we will facilitate your design. I am rather

differently situated of course and my purpose is neither to increase or diminish my present holding of $1500.000. Some of our Associates would I think be inclined to replace the Stock they recently parted with and it is quite possible some outsiders might be found to give a higher price. The restriction on transfers has been withdrawn, altho' the holders of the original Stock are requested to tie it up for 12 months.