

Northern Pacific Rail Road Co.

Treasurer's Office.

17 Broad Street New York 22nd Mo 1883

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

Confidential

My dear sir:-

We find that Gen Hammond can secure some very desirable property which was not included in our first scheme because it was understood that the owners would not part with it. Rather than form a new syndicate it has been thought best to have but one ownership and to increase the capital by allowing certain subscribers to double their subscriptions and bringing in one or two new ones for the balance.

Will you authorize me to double yours?

Yours very truly
R. B. Knapp

Randell, Batemore & Billings

(Diamonds.)

COR. MAIDEN LANE & NASSAU ST.

No. 29 Maiden Lane
and 25 Nassau Street
No. 1 N. Broadway St. | NEW YORK.
Hoboken, N.J. | LONDON.

March 22 1883

Mr James J. Hill
St Paul Minn
Dear Sir

We forward the
two pair earrings this
P.M. You understood
that you can return
the other pair or send
you if you wish to
exchange & we will
allow you \$750. making
the difference \$2500.
Awaiting your further
favor or remain

Yours Truly
Randell Batemore & Billings

Confidential

65 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK.

23 March 1893

My Dear Mr. Mott,

I hope you are by this time safe in St. Paul after a pleasant trip.

Since you left there have been all sorts of rumors on the street about an extra dividend on Manitoba Stock. One of our brokers came in and told me that a Mr. Kelly from St. Paul who does a large business through M. E. Horton & Co had been telling all around town that the Co was making a new Canal Mortgage for \$50,000,000 payable 50 years to run and that a dividend of 50% was shortly to be declared to the stockholders payable on these Bonds at 50%. Another party told me his broker had been purchasing stock at about 1400% and when it went to 112% he thought he had his principal in Chicago asking if he should not sell and got a reply "No" (I am sure the Co is going to declare an extra dividend. The Commercial Advertiser had a notice in its commercial edition on Wednesday evening to the effect that there was a solid foundation for the rumor that the Manitoba Co would shortly declare an extra dividend and there are only specimens of the various rumors that have been circulating around for the past few days said to come from Canada, the West &c. It is unfortunate, but I do not see that we can help it. Some of our friends have, undoubtedly

been indiscreet.

I sent for the Manager of the American Bank Note Co. today and begged him to hasten the payment of the Bonds which he has promised to deliver they are going to work on them day and night.

I met Mr. James yesterday and in speaking about what took place at the meeting on Monday he said that before he could vote for the Board dividend he would want a more complete statement of the basis on which it was to be made. He says action of this kind will be closely scrutinized and we must therefore be perfectly sure before we do it that the circumstances warrant it and that we can justify it. He also says that the first thing to provide for was the floating debt, that he was surprised to find it was so large and that I was willing to carry it in the way I was doing and that it must be provided for before he would vote for any extra dividend to stockholders. In fact I am convinced from the way he speaks that unless you can show the figures he will vote for no extra dividend except to the extent the figures justify, less the amount necessary to cover the floating debt. This I should think would be about as far as I talked it over the day you left i.e. we can \$10,000,000 at once, \$2,000,000 be used for the floating debt and divide \$8,000,000 or 40% amongst the stockholders. In making up your statement of the assets on which the Dividend of Bonds is based do not forget to include the \$175,000 under lying syndicate which was paid off on 1st July 1891. The Land Contract on hand are I think a good basis for an

issue of Bonds.

I do not believe it will be possible to get the Bonds ready by 1st May and we will therefore have to arrange some form of receipt which will be exchangeable for bonds on or before 1st July. We will also have to set up a receipt for fractional amounts to be exchanged for Bonds when presented in sums of \$1000 or multiples thereof. I enclose you a form which I think will meet the case and if you approve I will have it engraved.

Please send me an equal printed copy of the mortgage as soon as possible and send one to Smith, Angus & Field.

Do not forget to have Judge Clark prepare the formal resolution for the Board authorising the mortgage and the issue of Bonds &c. He must have everything ready in perfect order in good time.

Yours very truly

John S. Kennedy

James J. May Esq.

S. Paul

Winnipeg

P.S. Judge Clark had better also prepare the form of Circular to be sent out to the stockholders announcing the dividend and stating the grounds for it. This is probably the most important document that has to be prepared concerning this matter. S.J.K.

John S. Kennedy

23rd March 1883

Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

Office of the Assistant Manager

~~Confidential~~ Montreal Dec 15 1885

My dear Sir

This note is as beared 'Confidential'
I sent into 'Hamilton' with
Sept 15 & at 135 became uneasy
& afterwards after holding several
months - immediately as is
my usual misfortune in such
cases - it has jumped upon
me at 140: would have talked
me considerably - without
saying many secrets of
working, would you feel
inclined to give me a quick
opinion either by clearing it
alone, or back in some
way as by some means
impossible - I know any thing

You can most truly tell me
will remain with me, & will
be esteemed, as I felt left
a little worse than is
pleasant, & was really sorry
that I was sold out from under
stone in answer to a
telegram, & not from any
real intention to let it go.
And by letter we will
be valued by

Yours very truly
John P. Minn

I I will
Spaul

Bank of Montreal

Chicago 23rd March 1893

My dear Will

Last night at the
Banquet I had a seat near Mr.
Pullman and in conversation he
was speaking very bullish on
Northern Pacific Stock. He
said that it would ^{be} an eight per
cent stock inside of a year, in
fact I think he said in September of
his year. I know that Pullman
considers Villard one of the great
men of the age and I would like
an independent opinion as to the
value of his enterprises, and shall
be glad if you will drop me a line
when you have spare time. I
was sorry not to see you again. Went
up

up to Pacific with Uphaam but
you were absent without leave - I
hope to buy back my, "Manitoba"
about 150.75 and shall be very
sorry if I cannot.

The Banquet was to
my mind a very poor affair - hardly
one half the chairs empty
and all the speeches except one
the most infernal, "Blows" I ever
had the misfortune to listen
to.

Let me know when you
are here the next time.

With kind regards
to Uphaam and hoping that
you preached St Paul in safety.
Very truly
Wm. W. Wood.

Private Montreal

March 24th 1883

Land ^{Dep't} H. H. Esq
St Paul. Minn.

Dear Sir, I am anxious to have all
Mr. Stephens' affairs written up and in
shape against his return to Canada,
which cannot be long delayed.

Will you please to inform me if there
is anything outstanding in the books of your
Company and give me particulars of the Clinton
and Webster County coal properties in so far as
they affect his interests.

I understood the former had been sold
and that there would be some arrangement as to the
latter. I should be glad to know if the
matter is in such a state that it can be
recorded. Mr. Stephens can make the settle-
ment with you when he goes West in May.

Yours Truly
John Turnbull

Gilman Collamore,
John J. Gibbons.

Office of Gilman Collamore & Co.

Importers China, Glass, &c.

19 Union Square, [West.]

New York, March 26th 1883

James F. Hill Esq.

Dear Sir: - Enclosed please find invoice of goods forwarded you a couple of days since which we trust may arrive safely. We hope you will please find list of pieces contained in old set of English China, this includes everything, there are as you will see a few of the dishes imperfect but there is such a lot of them that there are more than necessary in good condition, the plates are all with the exception of one dinner plate perfect. We have reserved the whole till we hear from you.

Very Respectfully Yours
Gilman Collamore & Co.

List of pieces Contained in Set of
Old English Porcelain

59 Dinner plate perfect + 1 imperfect
 12 Soup " " " 1 " "
 1 Largest meat dish " " 1 " "
 1 2nd size " " " " 1 " "
 4 3 " " " " " " "
 5 4 " " " " " " "
 3 5 " " " " " " "
 1 Soup Tureen (Except Cover) perfect + 1 imperfect
 4 Sauce " " " " " "
 2 Grenadine " " + 2 imperfect
 1 Cocoa bowl " " "

The above list includes 36 Dinner plate
 10 meat dishes 1 Soup Tureen + 1
 2 Sauce Tureens + 2 imperfect Grenadines
 more than we put in the set for which we
 ask \$500 - and we have not offered the plate at
 less than \$150 - by, price for the whole \$700 -
 Very Resp.
 Geo. G.

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Nicollet Hotel
Minneapolis

Dr. Wm. Hille
28th March /83

I should have made my formal
call after the more than pleasant evening at
your house, but for knowledge of your absence
I shall not easily forget your dear children -
You are giving the right way to promote
their own welfare & your own & your wife's
happiness - the delights of music, art &
literature are the true surroundings -

You would hear of my terrible
trial - 2 of the portraits have been all
but-captured - there must have been two
humours engaged & were evidently disturbed -
My anxiety is great - seeing how for so many
years we have cared & watched over them -

as makers of prosperity they are of deep
import in our little worldly means —
I hardly ever leave home now & shall be
thankful when all exhibit of them is at an
end — If the attempt to steal them
does not get into the newspapers I believe
the thieves will have an annihilation — & I
feel sure I know them — 2 men & a woman
they have been following me some time —

I am very glad to see that
St Pauls people thoroughly appreciate
your gift to the Schools — & as they
should do — see enclosed — The 17th
will be defined & hung up Saturday —
each is inscribed as presented by you —
It is impossible to estimate the good
to come out of your gift — I trust Mrs
will follow your example —

Yrs. J. Hill Esq. —
Saml. J. J. Jones
Anna Walter

I have been his tomorrow (Thursday)
for the church to St Paul - Since the
attempt on the protest here I am so short
of sleep as to be injuring my health - so I must
get out of it - Early next week I am going
for a run under the new Pacific with
Mr Wheelock -

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[WITH WALTEE 3.28.93]

OFFICE OF B. F. WRIGHT,

Superintendent of Public Schools,

8 ODD FELLOWS BLOCK,

St. Paul, Minn., March 24, 1883.

Mr James Wallis,

Nicollet House, Minneapolis.

Dear Sir: - We have seventeen
school-buildings including the High School &c
shall gladly receive for them the set of
portraits so kindly offered by Mr. Hill.
When the Board of Education meets action
will be taken which will show appreciation
of the gift. I will arrange for our teacher
of penmanship to be at Stevens & Co's Store
on Tuesday evening, at ^{next} 7 1/2 o'clock, if convenient
for you.

Very truly yours,
B. F. Wright.

New York

Mar. 30, 1883

James J. Hill Esq;
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have paid for your account a call of 10% interest
on 1000 shares North American Railway Contracting Co. Stock.
VIZ:- \$10,036.66 to your debit in a/c.

This stock we hold registered in your name and sub-
ject to your order.

Yours truly

J. S. Kennedy
& Co.

*From envelope found in J. J. Hill
papers, probably copied made at
the Farley trial of 1887*

The Pioneer Press
Editorial Rooms.

J. A. Whedock, Editor

St. Paul, Minn. March 30 1883

(Confidential)

My dear Will.

I expect to find myself in the
necessity, within a week or ten days, of
making a loan of from ten to
fifteen or possibly twenty thousand
dollars to carry me over the present
period of financial stringency or
until I can meet it from my
current resources. As security for
such loan I am able to put up
any amount less ^{or rather up to} one hundred
and twenty five thousand dollars of
a stock which is earning annual
dividends at the rate of from 33 to
35 per cent, and which is better than
any stock on the market except
of course, the Manitoba bond.

I learn that the banks are
hard up and besides I wish to
be independent of them. The
money is for certain real estate
transactions into which I entered some time
ago in anticipation of a boom - and
because I wished to make a
profitable investment. I borrowed in
advance of my bank account.
I hoped to sell enough real estate
this summer to wipe out all
my outstanding obligations, but if I
should fail in this I shall be
amply able to meet them from
my current resources. But
I was just thinking how I could
arrange to make these loans without
calling upon the distressed banks
when it occurred to me that a year
or more ^{ago} you said to me
that you would loan me some
money if I desired it. Hence
this note. Of course this is strictly
confidential. Yours truly
J. H. Wood

Northern Pacific Rail Road Co.,
Treasurer's Office.

Robt Lenox Belknap,
Treasurer.

17 Broad Street.

Dictated.

New York, March 31, 1833.

James J. Hill, Esq.,

Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your telegram of today addressed to "R. L. Lenox, 17 Broadway" / to the effect letter 22nd received. You are hereby authorized to increase my subscription

It has been decided to form a corporation under the laws of the State of New Jersey to take the place of the subscription as heretofore arranged as we deemed this course advisable in view of the larger scope which has been given to the undertaking. Very satisfactory progress is being made and I will keep you advised from time to time.

Yours very truly,

R. L. Belknap



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