

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1883 APR 24-30

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Note signed 21/4/83

W. J.
How is this?
What note is it?
J. H.

May 1st 1883 5
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St Vincent April 24/83

J. J. Hill Esq
St Paul

Dear Sir

You hold my note for (\$5000)
Five Hundred dollars, secured by mortgage on
"Northern Hotel" at this place, owing to the house
remaining vacant so long and the expensive
repairs I find necessary to make after the last
tenant I shall be unable or pursuant to pay either
principal or interest.

Respectfully Yours.
J. H. Shepard

New York

Apr. 24, 1883

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

Dear Sir:

We beg to advise having today purchased for your account \$101,000-- Minneapolis Union 6% Bonds @ 107 & interest. We consider ourselves fortunate in having made this purchase, as we know of transactions this week by other parties @ 108 & interest:- One lot of \$20,000:- was sold by a friend of ours at this price a few days ago.

We have already advised the purchase of \$20,000 for your account, making the total \$121,000, and we shall be glad to know if we may continue purchases for your account as opportunity may offer until we have obtained \$250,000, as indicated by you in conversation with the writer when last we had the pleasure of seeing you.

We may mention that we do not know where we are likely to get any more of these bonds, and we would not have been able to secure the above had we relied upon the open market where transactions are very infrequent, but at the ^{present} same time we are placing ourselves as much as possible in communication with all holders of Manitoba securities in order to see if any of them desire to realize on their existing holdings and invest the proceeds in the New Consolidated Mortgage Bonds.

We have been able to secure for ourselves and our clients here the assignment of the rights on the Manitoba Stock @ 45, which will make the cost of the Consolidated Bonds to us about 101 on the 1st. July.

As soon as the market takes a definite shape, and the price becomes established, we shall confer with Mr. Kennedy and Mr. James on the subject of taking over the \$574,000 Bonds which your Company have to dispose of. At present it looks as though your suggestion that we should take these bonds at par is not very far out of the way, although we confess at the time

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you were here we thought that the figure was rather high.

Our view is that if we take over these bonds at par on the 1st. July less a Com. of one percent to us, the transaction would in view of all the circumstances of the case. be a satisfactory one to both parties.

We shall be glad to have an expression of your views upon the subject, as well as upon the other matters referred to in this letter.

We have deemed it best to write you unofficially upon this subject.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

try to cover the obligation by sending
so many paying travellers as you
by your railway. There will be a
large number from Victoria, this season,
& much more stock than last year
going west. This service is being
strengthened & horses & cars, & even for the
N.W.P. I have your letters, unfaced
well? Yours faithfully, G. David Lewis.

ack.
28/4/83.
Permit to.
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G. David Lewis.
My son &
a Scotch settler, both
young men are going out
to the Fort McLeod
Country as settlers & cow
boys. Will you kindly
send me a pass covering
both from St. Pauls to
St. Vincent, & I will

WAR DEPARTMENT.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

1130 GIRARD STREET.

Philadelphia, April 25, 1883.

My Dear Sir,

I hear that you have become one of the great prime business women of the Northwest; I am glad of it & congratulate you. Now Providence has blessed your efforts & I trust will continue to do so; thinking this with your business talent & the smiles

of heaven I am so pleased to
inclined to think my rescue and
you may be able make me an
~~the~~ ^{bring} something offer. I always
out of the shore remember you
of A. Vincent kindness to me,
that belongs to me, & hence venture
~~won't~~ you buy this much an old
~~my~~ share or take time truly yours
it off my hands. J. H. Colabrid
I want money, I
am far away a
non-resident owner
& cannot succeed
as you can with it

brother to

E. K. H.?

begging

George W. Smith & Co.
Commission Merchants
15 South St.

GEORGE W. SMITH.
CHARLES E. FENTON.

New York, Apr. 25th, 1882.

Mr. J. H. Bill Esq.
Dear Sir

The bearer of this note, Mr.
Fred H. Hae, and Edward
H. Hae, are the two young
men, I spoke to you about.
They mean business, and
will be an addition to any
community in which they
may locate. By giving them
a little of your good counsel
and advice, they will be
sure to succeed. So much
depend upon their first
location, I commend
them to you. They are sons of
Messrs. H. Hae & Co. of this city.

Very truly yours
Geo. W. Smith

New York

Apr. 26, 1883

James J. Hill Esq;

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have your favor of the 23rd. inst., and note your draft on us for \$25,000, which shall meet with due honor on presentation to the debt of your a/c.

Yours truly

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

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probably copies made at the Farley Trial
8/1887]

Private

Montreal, 26th April, 1883.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 2nd April
having reference to mine of the 29th
March last I beg now to acknowledge.

In the letter I then addressed you
I had no desire to use any influence
one way or another in favor of the
Accident Insurance Company of
North America, beyond what might
appear by itself entirely in the best
interests of your road, and have no
doubt the view given expression to
by you is the proper one.

During my absence in
England the Shareholders of the Accident
Insurance Company elected me one
of the Directors, but as such I

I declined to act, and my interest in
it is merely to the extent of \$1000 of
which \$200. is paid, and really I
know next to nothing about its affairs.

This explanation I deemed owing to
you, seeing that I addressed you at
all on the subject.

Believe me
Yours Very truly
Donat. ~~Wm~~

J. J. Hill Esq.

President

St Paul Min: and Man. R.R. Co. }

St Paul }

Manitota College

Winnipeg

April 26th 1883

My dear Sir:

I received your
note this morning. I have
no doubt you have a vast
number of calls upon you.
I am grateful to you for your
promising a subscription to
us when we need it. I trust
that your railway Enterprise
in this country may be a
ship bringing back the
golden fleece in due time.

Yours truly

James H. H.

George Boyce

Jas. J. Hill Esq.



Portland
Oregon
April 26

Dear Mr. Hill

I hope you will forgive me
for writing to you, but
knowing how largely you
are interested in Minnesota
property, I must be very free
to take the liberty of asking
would you like to buy some
land there. Perhaps you
are aware that we have owned
there for years, and would
now like to sell, for a fair
value. You have such a large
connection with wealth

I have thought if you did
not care to purchase your-
self, you would be kind
enough to mention the
property to others. There are
from five to seven hundred
acres in a body, a pretty
good farm house, stables,
milk house & a seventy acre
under cultivation, four or
five miles of fencing, and
the best well, finest spring
in the country at the door.
Plenty of hay, and the
Lyndale River runs through
the land. I let Mr. Harrison
have the farm at a

nominal rent, as I felt sure
he would care the place and
prevent the timber, which
is most valuable from being
cut. We have had offers for
pieces of the land at good
prices, but prefer to sell
the whole. Should you think
this letter ^{best} consideration, I
shall feel grateful. The
land lies between Hotel Wain
and Exeter. I write this
privately as I wish to know if
there would be any chance
of selling before I mentioned
having done so to anyone. I
have thought of asking you
this question for some time
have the farm at a

but lacked courage to do so.
I have tried to make this letter
as short as possible, so as not
to trouble you too much. but
before I close, let me thank
you for all your kindness
to Charlie. Admiring I never
had the opportunity of
writing, but often wished. If
you desire to ask Mr. Morrison
about the place. No so, this letter
I will ask you to keep private
for the present. as no one knows
I have written it.

With best wishes I
am sincerely

Box 886 Mary L. Harris
Portland.

SELKIRK HOUSE

BERT HANEY AND LEM NOBLES,
Proprietors.

OPPOSITE PASSENGER DEPOT.

Grand Forks, N. D., 26 April 1883

My dear Mr. Hill

I arrived in Grand Forks yesterday with Mr. Palmer who left for Devils Lake immediately. The excitement is still very intense here & I understand more so West. I saw Mr. Harvey today and had a long interview with him and Mr. Towner. It resulted in Mr. Harvey guaranteeing to me that the County seat shall be located at our place and a promise that I shall be named one of the Commissioners. But it appears that Towner has been promised one also by Gov. Odewy and Mr. Harvey had to agree this afternoon to appoint

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OPPOSITE PASSENGER DEPOT.

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him to one of the commissions.
Afterwards I saw him alone
and he told me that, if, when
he saw you, you might object
to Towne he should not hesitate
in appointing someone else. - Mr.
Towne of course promises to
act with me in locating the
County seat but we have
no guarantee beyond his
word, that, when he is made
Commissioner, he will not
in conjunction with the 2nd
Commissioner pick us the
cold shoulder and place the
County seat elsewhere. His
character is so notorious that
it seems dangerous to trust

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him, even though Mr Harvey
himself promises that Mr
Towner shall act as he has
agreed.

I am sorry to have to trouble
you so much with our affairs
& write such a long letter -

Mr Harvey leaves for St Paul
on Sunday night to see you -
With kind regards to Mr Hill

Believe me

Yours very truly
J. Kane

JOHN S. KENNEDY
J. KENNEDY TOD.

J. S. KENNEDY & CO.

NEW-YORK 27th April 1883.

James C. Still Esq.
St Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir,
Your favor of the
23rd inst. is to hand this morning,
and I have instructed competent
parties here to see to the prompt
shipment to you of the Pheasants
Eggs immediately on arrival.
Yours very truly
J. Kennedy Tod.

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Clayton
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Stephen
27 April 1853

My dear Mr Hill

I wrote you, nearly
three weeks ago. As you were then
on your way to New York, my
letter has probably not reached you.
Will you kindly write three words
on a post card and let me
know whether my surmise is correct.

If you have not received
it, I will write again. If you
have not had leisure to give it
consideration, pray consider this
note as not written. I know how
busy you have been and must
still be, and will gladly wait
your kind attention to the matter
when

when more important things
are not pressing.

I am very glad to observe
the high figures of the stock,
which has come through the
financial pressure better, it seems
to me, than any other Railway.

We hope you will be
pressing this way before long.

I am Yours very faithfully
J. Henry

James Hill Esq
St Paul

New York

Apr. 27, 1883

James J. Hill Esq:

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We beg to hand you herewith statement of your account to date, shewing a Dr. balance of \$59,787.10, which we trust you will find in order.

We remain

Yours truly

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

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

1883.

Apr 19 By Cash to J. Osborne & Co	119 188 1/2
27 b Balance	59 787 10
	<u>178 975 53</u>

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E. & O. E. NEW YORK.

April 27th 1882.

J. Kennedy & Co



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