

St. Paul, October 24, 1923.

Mr. L. W. Hill -

The Belton Mercantile Company - George W. Slack, President - have made a proposition to Mr. Noble of \$10,000 for everything, as per copy of attached letter, or \$75.00 per month, leased for a period of five years or more, for the Belton Chalets.

I have checked up the costs, and find they are as follows:

Real Estate.	\$ 1,274.00		
Hotel.	17,504.74	Completed	1910.
Additions to Hotel	4,499.99	"	1913.
Studio	9,690.96	"	1912.
Cottage #1	3,462.52	"	1912.
Cottage #2.. . . .	3,462.52	"	1912.
Dormitory.	26,803.65	"	1914.
Heating System	2,321.41		
Incinerator.	85.44		
Water Supply	15.26		
Grading & Landscape Work	4,342.85		
Lighting Plant	276.82		
Equipment.	<u>6,172.43</u>		
	\$ 79,912.59	TOTAL	

The hotel has 10 bed rooms, lobby, dining room and kitchen. The studio has 5 bed rooms, and a large room upstairs, with skylight. The cottages each have 3 bed rooms, and a sitting room. The dormitory has 24 bed rooms and a large lobby - all bed rooms having hot and cold water. The bed rooms in the plant total 45, containing 39 double and 40 single beds.

#2 - Mr. Hill.

The buildings are in very good shape, considering the small amount of maintenance. The roofs need a small amount of repair work, and probably a coat of stain would help the appearance on the outside, but even as they are, they are in very good condition. The buildings are plastered inside, - the plaster being in very good shape, not cracked, and has not fallen down. Undoubtedly the appreciation in building costs would more than off-set any depreciation that has taken place.

I do not feel this offer is worthy of consideration, but thought you would like to have it.

W. P. KENNEY.

On Dakota Division, November 10, 1923.

Mr. W. P. Kenney:

Referring to your letter October 24, about proposition of Belton Mercantile Company for taking over the Belton chalets:

There is nothing in their proposition which is of interest to us. The property stands us over \$100,000., and we certainly cannot and should not sell for 10¢ on the dollar. If we are losing money each year probably we should rent so we would not lose, but lease should only be from year to year, because I am certain as soon as the highway is completed from Belton to Summit, business at the Belton chalets will be good for a longer season than obtains at present in the Park. This highway probably will be completed in two or three years.

Louis W. Hill.

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423, Northwestern Bank Building,
Grand Forks, N.D.,
November 16, 1923

Mr. Louis Hill,
Great Northern Headquarters,
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Hill,

As you were so responsive to the misadventures of Miss Warren and myself in Glacier Park this summer, it occurs to me you might have equal interest in their sequel,- the call which your representative Mr. Hathaway, made on me November 8.

Briefly, although the interview was very long and dull, two points were clear. First that Mr. Hathaway thought to "jolly" me, (I know no other word for it), into an amiable state of mind concerning our experiences, and second to suggest that if I would promise him then and there to become enthusiastic or at least silent about our trip, the Great Northern, though he had no assurance of it, might consider some sort of a settlement.

Neither method seemed either appropriate nor businesslike to me, Mr. Hill, and I assured Mr. Hathaway then, as I tell you now, that if that is Great Northern policy, it is useless to expect either support or patronage from me.

Yours truly,

Vera Relsey

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ON SHORT NOTICE

Mr. L. W. Hill
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I have this day written to have a copy of 'Parks
& Recreation' publication sent to you. There is an
article therein by Mr. Robert H. Bosard of Minot, North
Dakota on the Glacier Park Trails.

You will doubtless remember Mr. Bosard as we met him
on the morning of your coming from St. Marys just before
we reached the summit of the Hudson Bay Divide and we
stopped and you visited with him a short time. I want
you to read this article because it is extremely well
written and gives a realistic view of travel over the
trails. Please note the pictures taken by Mr. Bosard.

Very truly yours,

PARK SADDLE HORSE COMPANY

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BY *W.H. Hoffmeyer*

C. C. sent to Mr. Robert H. Bosard.

Mr. Hill: I feel it was your conversation and enthusiasm
that gave Mr. Bosard his point of view on his Park Trip.

15-1C
November 26, 1923.

Mr. W. N. Noffsinger,

Kalispell, Montana.

Dear Mr. Noffsinger:

Your favor of the 21st instant is acknowledged and I have today received copy of PARKS & RECREATION for September-October 1923, which you were kind enough to have sent to me.

I shall read Mr. Bossard's article with interest and I want to thank you for the thoughtfulness shown in bringing the article to my attention.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) LOUIS W. HILL

P.S. Thanks also for the information given regarding miscellaneous Indian lands.

L.W.H.



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