

St. Paul, Minn., January 8, 1927.

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Mr. Louis W. Hill:

Referring to yours of January 6th.

Mr. J. E. Pugh is Superintendent of the Blood Indian Reservation, Cardston P.O., Alberta, Canada. I called on him in October concerning Indian designs for the frieze in the lobby of the Prince of Wales hotel and he agreed to co-operate with us in getting the Indians to assist us. He also referred me to the Reverend Canon Middleton, Principal, St. Paul's Indian Residential School, located about seven miles from Cardston. I also called on the Reverend Middleton and he was greatly interested in our proposed plan and agreed to co-operate with us in every way possible.

I would suggest that we send both these gentlemen a set of the Christmas card pictures and I will do so, if you approve.

W.R. Mills



admitted to museum
Sequoyia
Sent 1/12/27.
Copy to RB WPK HTR WRM

Jan. 8th, 1927.

Dear Mr. Secretary:-

Your letter of Nov. 12th in regard to a meeting of the concessionaires of the National Parks to be held in your office at Washington on Jan. 17th, 1927, received and in reply will say that it will be impossible for me to attend. The Park Saddle Horse Company had a very poor year in 1926 and, in fact, suffered a considerable loss owing to fire conditions and the closing of Logan Pass Trail and therefore cannot afford to send a representative.

However, we are very much in favor of this meeting and think it to be a splendid thing and a meeting that should be very beneficial to all and it is hoped that it will be held as it is certain to be highly successful. It will afford an opportunity for all the concessionaires to meet each other and talk over their problems which no doubt are somewhat similar, it being almost impossible to do this when the Parks are open and in operation as each one must be on the job. To do this under your guidance should result in a better understanding and improved service.

In view of the fact that I will be unable to attend will have to write about a matter that I should like to take up there if present. We are vitally interested in the matter of trails and as Glacier is essentially a Trail Park the proposition of opening the trails on time, the maintenance of trails and the additions of new trails is a very important factor in the development of the Park. The Park Saddle Horse Company has endeavored to keep pace with the growth of the Park by adding new equipment, increasing the number of our horses and making additional attractions for the tourist. There are a great many points of interest that are not now available to the tourist for the lack of trails and, in fact, I am told there are not now as many trails as there were ten years ago. I know that Mr. Mather is very much interested in the trail development of Glacier Park but from what I am able to learn it is a matter of finances or a lack of appropriations to do this work. There has and is being spent a great deal on roads and the roads that are being built are perhaps necessary and will augment the travel to

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this park considerable, however, the trails I feel should not be overlooked but should get their share. I would like to see the addition of one or two important trails each year. I would like to suggest, if I may, that a careful study of trail needs be made and then a definite Trail Development Program outlined and adhered to. I have done this and have in mind a dozen trunk line and branch line trails that should be built.

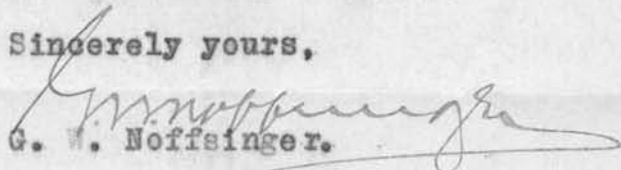
The Patrons of the Park are asking for them and by these additions it will be possible for the visitors who come to Glacier to become continuous visitors and see a new portion of the Park each year. We have a great many people who are particularly fond of Glacier and prefer to come here each year and do and go over the same trails each year and keep asking for new trails as there is a great portion of the Park they have not and are unable to see. There are a good many trails that can be improved in the matter of grade and length thereby making them faster and distances shortened.

Another matter that is vital is the planting of fish each year. A plentiful supply should be secured insuring a wide distribution. I am not well informed on the supply available or how the supply received by Glacier Park compares with other parks. We have an abundance of lakes and streams in which they thrive and I can think of no greater attraction for Glacier than excellent fishing. It is important too that a good distribution be made as the city men likes to get away from the crowd and go to some remote place to do his fishing.

These are the principal matters that I should have liked to have taken up at your meeting but trust that they will still receive your consideration.

Again expressing my exceeding regret over my inability to attend the meeting and trusting that it may be most successful, I am,

Sincerely yours,


G. W. Noffsinger.

Hon. Hubert Work,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 10, 1927.

Messrs. L. W. Hill, ✓

W. P. Kenney.

Referring to my memorandum of January 5:

Monday
I received a wire Saturday from Mr. Albright, saying that he would be in St. Paul the sixteenth and seventeenth, and I wired him that I was arranging a conference for eleven o'clock Sunday, January 16, which I hope will be agreeable to you.

Ralph Budd. ✓

Sunday

*OK
but me*

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St. Paul, January 10, 1927.

Mr. Ralph Budd,
President.

Dear Sir:

The Alberta Liquor Commissioner advises that a company applying for a beer permit must advertise its intention to apply for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper circulated in the district where the license is being applied for. At the end of that period a formal application must be made on form which he has sent me, together with payment of the prescribed fee of \$200.00, plus an application fee of \$10.00. He states that he has received various vigorous protests against the granting of beer selling privileges in the Waterton Lakes Park, and that a little later another full survey will be made of the situation to determine whether a beer license will be issued in that area for 1927.

Shall I go ahead and advertise our intention to apply?

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. G. DORETY

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Copy to Mr. Louis W. Hill ✓

St. Paul, Minn., January 11, 1927.

Mr. W. R. Mills:

Referring to your letter January 8, file M-1,
about Indian designs for the frieze in the lobby of the
Prince of Wales Hotel:

I approve of your suggestion to send Messrs.
Pugh and Middleton a set of the Christmas card pictures.

Louis W. Hill.

1-11-27

John M. Dorety

Mr. F. G. Dorety:

Referring to your letter January 10 to Mr. Budd and his reply of January 11, about beer permit at the new Prince of Wales Hotel:

On our copy of Mr. Budd's letter of January 11 to you, Mr. Hill has made following notation:

"See Mr. Dorety. When is best time - summer or winter?
Population or no population?"

The above for your information, so that you may have questions in mind before talking to Mr. Hill at some convenient time.

H W Kask - 1-11-27

The White House
Washington, D.C.
St. Paul, Minn.

Herbert Hoover
Director

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the proposed purchase of the land at St. Paul, Minn., for the establishment of a national monument.

I am sorry that I cannot give you more definite information at this time, but the matter is being considered by the Department of the Interior.

I will keep you advised as soon as a decision has been reached.

Sincerely,
John Edgar Hoover

The last
 year's
 summer
 population

Vice-President and General Counsel.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of January 10:

Please go ahead and advertise our intention to apply for beer permit at the new Prince of Wales Hotel.

Yours truly,

cc: Mr. L. W. Hill.

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St. Paul, Minn., January 11, 1927

Mr. L. W. Hill:-

Herewith set of six photographs showing progress of new hotel at Waterton Lakes Park, Alberta, up to December 30th.

You may retain these in your file, as I have retained a set for my file.

A. H. Hogeland

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 12, 1927

Messrs.

L. W. Hill.

Ralph Budd.

The Department of Interior have finally given us approval to raise the Chalet rates in Glacier National Park to basis of five dollars per day.

This account of our improvements in the Chalets, and will soon pay for them.

W. P. Kenney

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points? yes \$5.00 per day. American plan.
1/14/27*

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January 13, 1927.

Mr. F. D. Schmiedemann,
c/o Biltmore Hotel,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter January 6, regarding matter of your securing a position at Glacier National Park during the coming season. Inasmuch as matters of this kind come under the jurisdiction of Mr. H. A. Noble, General Manager, Glacier Park Hotel Company (who is in St. Paul when the Park Season is closed) I am referring your letter to him for attention.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Louis W. Hill.

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Copy to Mr. H. A. Noble:

Herewith I hand you Mr. Schmiedemann's letter above referred to for such consideration as you may see fit to give it.

Louis W. Hill.

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 13, 1927.

Mr. Ralph Budd,
Mr. W. P. Kenney,
Mr. H. A. Noble,
Mr. W. R. Mills.

For your information I enclose herewith copy of letter January 8, 1927, just received, addressed to Honorable Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, by G. W. Noffsinger.

I thought you might be interested in noting this in connection with our recent discussion about Glacier Park Trails.

Louis W. Hill.

St. Paul, Minn., January 13, 1927.

Mr. W. R. Mills:

Referring to letters exchanged and conversation we had about Indian designs, etc., for decorations in The Prince of Wales Hotel:

Herewith I hand you Volumes 1 and 2 of Catlin's THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS, which I think it would be well for you to hold in case you go out to Cardston to visit Mr. Pugh, Superintendent of the Blood Indian Reservation.

After the books have served your purpose, they should be returned to me.

Louis W Hill.

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 13, 1927.

Mr. Ralph Budd:

Referring to your memorandums of January 5 and January 10, regarding conference here at eleven o'clock Sunday, January 16, with Mr. Albright.

The time for the conference is agreeable to me.

In this connection, I sent you today copy of Mr. G. W. Hofflinger's letter to Honorable Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, outlining various matters for consideration at meeting of the concessionaires of National Parks to be held in the office of Secretary of Interior at Washington on January 17. Do any of our people contemplate attending the meeting in Washington on January 17?

Louis W. Hill.

Copy to Mr. W. P. Kenney

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 14, 1927.

L. W. Hill, Esq:

Referring to your memorandum of
January 13 about Glacier Park matters:

I have been told that Mr. Noble
stated yesterday that the meeting in Washington on
January 17 has been called off.

Ralph Budd.

At Chicago, Jan. 17, 1927.

Mr. Ralph Budd:

Had a talk with Mr. Albright yesterday together with Mr. Noble, and then he had dinner with us and spent most of the afternoon talking over conditions in Glacier Park.

He is very anxious to make a good record in the Park and has been furnished with Mr. Hill's views as to the most important trail and road work, which happened to be in accord with his own ideas and he intends to work along those lines.

Mr. Albright has always been friendly and he will leave nothing undone to work out our recommendations. He has the money for surfacing the Two Medicine road and it will take \$41,000.00. This will be done before the opening of the season. He also has instructed Engineer Randalls to blow off the corners on the sharp curves above the Two Medicine crossing, near Trick Falls, and put the road in shape for the running of any kind of equipment. This will also be ready before the season is over.

He promises to have all the trails in shape before the season opens and will have the Park ready for business on the 15th of June.

In order to keep the Superintendent on the east side of the Park and still have prompt communication with the west side, he asked if we would allow the Government to put a cross arm and a couple of wires on our poles between Belton and Glacier Park. If our poles will stand it, I would recommend that we do this because it will tie us up with the Park people in a very practical way and there is nothing that we can do for the present outfit - Mr. Albright and the new Superintendent, Mr. Aiken - that will not be returned to us in better service. They are all very friendly.

We furnished Mr. Albright with a copy of the memorandum showing the different projects, in the order of their importance, and also with a map and I think you will find he will work to this in the future.

I told him that the road on the north side of St. Mary Lake, from St. Marys to Going-to-the-Sun, was of no importance and need not be finished until they were ready to connect up the Trans-Mountain road, or about 1930. We have boat service on the lake and there is no reason why the road should be completed in a hurry.

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He has had a survey made of the new road from Babb to Many Glacier, which he thinks is of importance, and also a survey made from Kennedy Creek to the boundary, to connect with the road from Waterton Park. This latter proposition, both Mr. Albright and the Canadian National Park people are keeping quiet in order not to interfere with gravelling the road from Cardston to the Park boundary at Waterton Lakes.

Mr. Albright told me that on the west side, more than a year ago, Mr. John Lewis had made an application for a Chalet Group at Logan Pass and that he had found that Superintendent Kraebel had encouraged Lewis to think that he would get it, and Mr. Albright had had it held up in the Department and told Mr. Lewis that he did not think there was any chance of his getting it because the policy of the National Park Service, as put forth by Assistant Secretary Edwards, was that a concession such as the Glacier Park Hotel Company, was a monopoly and that others could not have an application granted until the Glacier Park Hotel Company had refused to construct the accommodations. He told Mr. Lewis that we would be given the opportunity and if we did not want to take advantage of it, Mr. Lewis' application will then be given attention, but that we had the preference. I told him that Mr. Hill had stated a year or two ago, when the matter was up in an indefinite way, that we were ready to do necessary work after the Trans-Mountain Road was completed and that Mr. Hill had particularly mentioned the fact that Logan Pass, or, for that matter, any mountain pass, was a poor place for stopping tourists, especially those who have their own tent camp accommodations, because the passes were the coldest places in the Park. He agreed with me that this is something that can be taken up later after all interested have had a chance to note where the travel could best be handled.

He has made up his mind that the place for the big automobile camp would be at Rose Creek, on the north side of St. Marys (big flat place that is about half way from St. Mary to Going-to-the-Sun) and that it will probably require a regular auto camp similar to the Yellowstone Park camps.

I think the next few years, with Mr. Albright and Mr. Aiken in charge, will show real constructive effort on the part of the Park authorities. They have not so much money for new construction, but in their maintenance budget they have a large amount of funds, particularly since the money that was spent for fighting fires has been refunded to them. This will enable them to put the present Babb to Many Glacier road in fine shape and as the new road will be in an entirely different location, it will not interfere with the operation of the present Babb to Many Glacier road during the construction of the new one.

W. P. Kenney. ✓



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