

## LOUIS HILL PLEASED WITH NEW SETTLERS

Head of Great Northern Railway Makes Shopping Tour to Winnipeg

"What we need in the United States is hard working immigrants such as Canada is getting today," declared Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern railway, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., who made a flying business visit to Winnipeg Thursday, in connection with the purchase of furnishings for the new Prince of Wales hotel, being erected at Waterton Lake, National park, Alberta. Mr. Hill arrived in the city Thursday morning from St. Paul, his private car leaving again at 4.45 in the afternoon.

Some weeks ago, Mr. Hill completed his annual tour of inspection of the west and is extremely interested in the large influx of immigrants which is pouring into western Canada daily. "These men are hard workers," he declared, "and although Canada needs them badly, the United States, I believe, even needs them more so."

The large quantity of water which has been overspreading certain portions of western Canada this spring, will prove more effective than defective, Mr. Hill believes, for, although some areas have suffered from floods, other districts will profit greatly by the spring moisture.

Mr. Hill's visit to Winnipeg was in connection with the purchase of furniture for the new Prince of Wales hotel, which will open July 1. The hotel, erected at a cost of approximately \$400,000, on the Waterton lake, is north and adjacent to the Glacier national park. The structure is all-Canadian built and all furnishings are being purchased in Canada. Thursday, officials of the company, accompanied by Mr. Hill, went on a real "shopping tour" and several thousand dollars worth of furnishings were purchased in Winnipeg. Mr. Hill was very appreciative of the assistance given the company by both the provincial and the Dominion governments, who have co-operated to the fullest extent in the project.

Dealing briefly with railroading, Mr. Hill declared that there is very little being done at the present time, and it is not likely that any railway construction work will be undertaken this year.

J. B. HARKIN,  
COMMISSIONER



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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE J.P......S.M.R.

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SATURDAY MAY SEVENTH (1927)

MY DEAR MR LOUIS HILL :....

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR VERY KIND AND INTERESTING  
LETTER OF THE TWENTY SIXTH OF APRIL :WHICH HAS BEEN  
FORWARDED TO ME HERE AT HEADBOFFICE OTTAWA .WHERE I AM  
NOW ON SPECIAL DUTY:THOUGH ~~STILL~~ SUPT OF JASPER WHICH  
WILL ALWAYS BE IN A VERY WARM SPOT IN MY HEART.

I HAVE NEVER OVERLOOKED AN OPPORTUNITY OF DOING MY  
BEST TO FORWARD THE BEST INTERESTS OF YOUR COMPANYS.NEW  
VENTURE IN WATERTON LAKES PARK: AND FEEL THAT MY WORK  
HAS BEEN OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO YOU.

MY WIFE IS DOWN WITH ME AND IS VERY MUCH IMPROVED  
BY THE CHANGE THOUGH OF COURSE IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY BUT  
IT IS MUCH <sup>so</sup> ~~IN~~ MAKING HER LAST DAYS MORE COMFY:THIS BEING  
OUR OLD HOME WITH MANY OF HER FAMILY AND OLD FRIENDS  
MAKES IT SO NICE FOR HER.

I AM AS FIT AS A TWO YEAR OLD BUT DO NOT FANCY THAT  
OFFICE WORK WILL SUIT ME FOR VERY LONG AS I HAVE ALWAYS  
BEEN AN OUTDOOR MAN .

J. B. HARKIN,  
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[May 7-27]

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE.....

TWO LOUIS W. HILL

PLEASE FEEL AT <sup>all</sup> TIMES THAT I AM ONLY TOO PLEASED TO  
BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO YOU AND YOUR WONDERFUL COMPANY  
SO DO NOT BE AFRAID TO WIRE OR WRITE ME IF THERE IS ANY  
THING I CAN DO .

IF YOUR HOTEL GENERAL MGR CAN SECURE THE SERVICES  
OF CAPTAIN SNOW THE SECRETARY AND MANAGER OF OUR ROYAL  
OTTAWA GOLF CLUB AS MGR OF THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL YOU  
WILL MAKE NO MISTAKE HE IS A SPLENDID ALL ROUND MAN OR AS  
WE USE THE TERM AN OFFICER AND A GENTELMAN THE LATTER IS  
A GREAT ASSET IN A MGR OF A PARK HOTEL THAT CANNOT BE  
OVERLOOKED.

ALL GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR MOST INTERESTING  
FAMILY I FEEL A VERY PATERNAL INTEREST IN LOUIS W JUNR &  
TRUST HE IS GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START AND THAT HIS  
ENGLISH UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE WILL PROVE IN THE END AN  
ASSET OF IMPORTANCE.

MOST SINCERELY YOURS

LOUIS W. HILL ESQUIRE

CHAIRMAN THE BOARD  
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

J. B. HARKIN,  
COMMISSIONER



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[May 7, 1927]

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE.....

DEAR MR LOUIS.W.HILL :....

I KNOW YOU WILL NOT MIND MY EXPRESSING THE  
TAKE  
HOPE THAT YOU WILL ~~WILL~~ THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING  
THE ACTING SUPERINTENDANT OF WATERTON LAKES MR W.D.  
CROMARTY WHO IS IN CHARGE OF TOWN PLANNING AND THE  
ARCHITECTURAL BRANCH OF OUR PARK <sup>C</sup> ATIVITIES AT HEAD  
OFFICE HE IS MOST CHARMING GENTLEMAN AND A PERSONAL  
FRIEND OF MINE.

CROMARTY HAS ALREADY MET YOUR SON AND THE PRES/  
IDENT MR BUDD.AND HE IS MOST KEEN ABOUT YOUR GREAT  
DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS PARK .

MOST SINCERELY

St. Paul, Minn., May 7, 1927.

Mr. L. W. Hill,

Chairman of the Board.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Hogg has just wired me that the granting of the beer license in the Waterton Lakes Hotel is "unofficially but definitely assured today".

Very truly yours,

*A. G. Herety*

FGD/b

cc-Mr. R. Budd  
Mr. W. P. Kenney

*Copied  
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at archivist office*



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PRESIDENT'S  
OFFICE  
MAY 18 1927  
G. N. RY.

St. Paul, Minnesota, May 7, 1927

Mr. Louis W. Hill.

Mr. Ralph Budd.

Mr. J. R. Eakin, Superintendent National Park Service, advises by telegraph that he has just approved the location for permanent boat house at Waterton Lake, as selected by Chief Ranger Carter and Mr. Swanson. Mr. Swanson plans to start work about May 15 or as soon thereafter as the ice goes out of the lake.

Under date of May 3, Mr. Swanson advises that he plans on loading the boat material the last of the week for shipment to Waterton Lakes, and that he has practically all the equipment there and the work, he feels, is further advanced than he had first planned.

W. P. Kenney

*Handwritten notes and signatures:*  
A.H.H.  
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Noted 2804  
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Yale Block  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
7th May 1927.

F. G. Dorety Esq.,  
Vice-President and General Counsel,  
Great Northern Railway Company,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:     Re: Canadian Rockies Hotel Co.

By telegram I have just despatched you this message: "Granting of license unofficially but definitely assured today".

This relates, of course, to the beer license for the new hotel at Waterton Park. I have sent this message on the strength of a personal talk I have had this morning with the Liquor Commissioner by telephone. The Cabinet has agreed with his recommendation to grant the license and he states positively that it will issue in due course, but for a day or two he wishes to make no official announcement in the matter. Mr. Dinning is coming to see me the middle of the week, he says, and at that time we presume he may have some suggestions to make in the light of the controversy there has been over this application.

The other day I wrote you about the questions raised by the customs authorities. I have just been intimating to Mr. Hays of the Transport Company that it might be well within the coming month if we could arrange a joint conference among Federal and Provincial authorities, representatives of your Company and of the Transport Company or of any other Company that may be interested in the problems which we are putting before these governmental authorities. There are so many matters of law and regulation which depend on practical business arrangements that I feel such a conference may be an expedient way of getting every minor matter finally settled. For example, the customs officials before stationing and instructing a special officer on the new route of travel might wish the Transport Company to combine with the Hotel Company in special arrangements for the handling of baggage under lock and key, and they might wish both companies to adopt standing instructions to their porters or drivers. With a view to such conference, might we count on yourself, Mr. Noble, or some officer of your Company to attend with us on a Saturday or a Monday if we give one week's notice? I think we can make similar arrangements with the others concerned.

ABH/DS

Yours truly,  
HOGG & GOODMAN,  
Per A. B. Hogg

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(C O P Y)

St. Paul, Minn., May 7, 1927.

Mr. L. W. Hill,

Chairman of the Board.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Hogg has just wired me that the granting of the beer license in the Waterton Lakes Hotel is "unofficially but definitely assured today".

Very truly yours,-

FGD/b

(Sgd) F. G. Dorety.

cc-Mr. R. Budd  
Mr. W. P. Kenney.

Copy for Mr. A. H. Hogeland,  
Mr. T. D. McMahon,

If we not already have plans for tap room in the hotel, we better proceed with preparation of such plans, and, in Mr. McMahon's absence, I will be glad to assist in getting the work under way.

Louis W. Hill.  
5-7-27.

*Mr. Hill:*  
*Mr. McMahon expected back Thursday of this week and Mr. Hogeland latter part of week also. attached is latest plan for tap room.*  
*W. P. Kenney 5/9/27*



St. Paul, Minn., May 7, 1927.

Mr. W. R. Mills:

Referring to your letter February 17, file M-1, regarding baggage stickers for use at the new hotel at Waterton Lake:

I have just received sample sticker from your department, hereto attached, but it does not bear the Canadian emblem, coat of arms, etc., mentioned in your letter and also in my note to you of February 16.

Please advise if there are other samples which do contain the emblem?

Louis W. Hill.

15-1 F

Glacier Park Mont May 8th 1927.

Mr. Louis W. Hill,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:---

Yours May 3rd. regarding the Iris, they arrived O. K. in good condition, healed them in for a few days until we have the beds ready for them, Intend putting most of them in the beds between the Hotel and the Arch, the center bed is twenty four feet wide, large patches of the Iris will look good there.

Yours Truly,

*Geo. W. Washburn*  
Geo.

15-12  
Mr. Hill

St. Paul, Minn., May 9, 1927.

Mr. Ralph Budd,

President.

Dear Sir:

I enclose agreement with William H. Tucker & Son, covering construction of the Glacier Park golf course. Mr. Hill asked that certain corrections be made in this, which are indicated in pencil upon the copy of the previous draft which I enclose. I redrafted the agreement accordingly and Mr. Hill has executed same. I enclose the agreement herewith in duplicate for execution by Mr. Tucker.

Very truly yours,

(Lgt) E. B. Darity

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copy for Mr. Louis D. Hill

St. Paul, Minn., May 9, 1927.

Mr. L. W. Hill,

Chairman of the Board.

Dear Sir:

I attach copy of a letter of May 5th from Mr. Hogg, of Lethbridge, regarding proposed customs arrangements in connection with a steamboat to ply on Waterton Lake and a bus line. This is the first that I have heard of either the steamboat or the bus line. You will note that Mr. Hogg would like to be advised as to whether the hotel company will furnish a room, meals and office for a customs official. Will you please let me know what reply to make?

Very truly yours,

FGD/b

cc with encl. to  
Mr. R. Budd  
Mr. W. P. Kenney  
Mr. A. H. Hogeland

*[Handwritten signature: J. H. Hill]*

St. Paul, Minn., May 9, 1927.  
H-1

Mr. L. W. Hill:

Referring to your letter of May 7th regarding baggage stickers for the new hotel at Waterton Lake.

The sample sticker you attached was not intended to be used for baggage purposes but was gotten out for the use of Jim Ridler and his news stand in mailing packages, etc. We are working on a baggage sticker and I hope to be able to show you a drawing within a few days.

W. R. Mills ✓

*Todd, Chase & Herrin  
"Substitute L.R. Boat for Maple leaf  
and drawing" BOK 11/22/27.*





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