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St. Paul, Minn., August 23, 1927.  
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*W.R. Mills*  
Mr. Harry Kask:

This department prepared the material shown in the attached rotogravure section of the Chicago Daily News in connection with Mr. Moot's radio photologue delivered at station WMAQ in Chicago August 13. The attached clipping from the Chicago Daily News gives some excellent free publicity for Glacier and Waterton Lakes Parks.

W.R. Mills

[See Indian Picture Writing  
Pamphlet 1926]

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Aug. 17, 1927

Mr. H. Kask,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith memorandum of some suggestions concerning North Oaks greenhouse yard, and list of Peonies, which I will thank you to forward to Mr. Louis W. Hill.

Mr. Hill stated that he felt he ought to interest himself in the better varieties of Peonies, in conversation with the writer at the last Peony Show. He expressed doubt as to whether he could find room for them. Keeping his ideas in mind I have observed conditions at North Oaks and have written under "Suggestions" covering this feature.

You will note that Mr. Hill has plenty of mixed stock of Peonies available for Glacier Park if he follows my suggestions. While there is a greater margin of profit in cheap peonies than in fancy varieties and I ought to push sale of such, I feel that Mr. Hill would do better to use his own stock for the Park and replace with better varieties.

I would be glad to undertake supervision of such digging and dividing as he might wish done, for a nominal sum.

I have spent some weeks with local Peony growers digging up surplusses and getting prices on fine varieties down to a point where I felt I could interest Mr. Hill and the result is reflected in my special price list herewith. I can say that

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these prices represent the lowest quotations available in the trade. On many varieties the cut is drastic and far below current values. Mr. Hill may feel free to order without reference to competitive prices and I will guarantee that we will meet any figure on any list of Peonies he may wish to order, by any reputable grower or dealer.

This list was specially prepared for Mr. Hill's requirements as I conceive them. The list is pruned down to the varieties he ought to consider and no others. We do not expect he will order all, but this is the cream of Peonies regardless of price- some expensive, many very cheap but very good.

The Peony Society rating is a good criterion of quality. If Mr. Hill will be guided by this he will not go wrong in his selection, and will have a very fine show garden comparable to any.

Prices are f.o.b. St. Paul (North Oaks) for strong divisions of 3-5 eyes. Five plants at the ten rate, 50 at the 100 rate.

If I plant fine varieties they will all be located by reference to a bench mark on the plot and location properly diagrammed so that no identities will ever be lost.

Trusting this may be favorably received,

Yours very truly,

MILLER'S SEEDS CO.

By

*A. L. Miller*

St. Paul, Minnesota, August 19, 1927.

Mr. Hill:

Referring to your pencil notation on letter of August 4, addressed to you by Killmer's Northern Nurseries, St. Paul, wherein they quoted price of \$750.00 for 3,000 peony roots; each variety to be labeled if desired:

I inquired of Mike Dey about how many peony clumps could be taken care of at the farm, and he thought about 1,000 would be sufficient, which would leave 2,000 clumps for Glacier Park, in case order is placed with the Killmer Company.

Just after I returned from the farm Mr. Miller dropped into the office to see you about peonies, on account of some conversation he had with you in the bank while the peony show was in progress. I explained to him that you were in California, and it would be best for him to write a letter outlining what he had in mind, and I am enclosing his letter and enclosures herewith.

I have driven by Killmer's Nurseries quite frequently this Summer, as the location is only about a mile from where I live, and did not notice that he had very much in the way of peonies, so there is a question in my mind about the 3,000 roots coming from his own nursery. Further in view of the of the low prices quoted by Mr. Miller on the mixed varieties, I thought it best to hold off on closing with Killmer, at least until you have an opportunity of looking over the letter and suggestions submitted by Mr. Miller. Upon receipt of this letter will appreciate advice as to whether you wish me to place

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order with Killmer Company for the 3,000 roots quoted at \$750.00.

In the meantime I have written Mr. Dishmaker per copy of letter attached, outlining your suggestion, and with the idea of ascertaining how many clumps he can use at Glacier Park, etc., in case you decide to send him some of the Killmer order, or, follow out Miller's suggestion, ~~send~~ separate and transfer <sup>ing</sup> some of the varieties now in the ground at North Oaks.

H. W. Kask.



St. Paul, Minnesota, August 19, 1927.

Mr. George W. Dishmaker,  
Monroe,  
Washington.

Dear Sir:

It appears that we will have upwards of 2,000 poony clumps, of mixed varieties, available for shipment to you for planting at Glacier Park this Fall, and the Chairman has suggested writing you so that you might have the ground well prepared for them.

The Chairman also suggests locating them "preferably in a larger plot back of the Hotel in old vegetable garden, planted in rows three feet square".

In line with the above, it will be appreciated if you will wire me about how many clumps you can use and when you will be ready for them, so that we can make necessary arrangements for digging and shipping the clumps.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) H. W. KASK

On Line, Kalispell Division  
August 20, 1927

Mr. Louis W. Hill:

I spent last night at the Prince of Wales Hotel, having gone in from Many Glacier by way of Red Gap Pass, Crossley Lake, and Indian Pass, and from the Prince of Wales to Glacier Park by auto today. I went quite carefully over the plant and also finding Architect Jones at the hotel, I looked over the various sketches he had for additional rooms.

I do not know what you have in mind with respect of contracting for the addition to the hotel, but in view of the road situation, which will not be much improved inside of 12 months, I cannot help having some definite ideas about the procedure. The contract has been let to grade some revisions in the highway from Cardston to the Park and to gravel that 30 miles of road. Funds for this will be proceeds from the Alberta bonds which the Great Northern recently bought. The way Government work is carried out, it is doubtful whether the grading will be done this year as no work has as yet been started. It is certain the graveling will not be done this year. The working season is short before June 15 and I do not believe that the road will be graveled before August, 1928, and probably not much before September. In other words, it will be near the end of the 1928 season before there will be any dependable road to the hotel. During all that time detours will have to be made, which become practically impassable every time it rains. The roads are virtually impassable now; half of the cars that tried to go through today became stalled or slid off the road. Three hours of the hardest going was experienced between Waterton Lake and Cardston by those cars which got through most promptly.

The cost of taking in material under these circumstances will be very great, which will increase the investment more than necessary and even if we should

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succeed in getting the addition built reasonably early in the 1928 season, it would not be very satisfactory to have a large hotel before there is a satisfactory highway.

It would seem to me a practical thing to do would be to build some dormitories for the help on the side of the hill just across the road from the power house and in the angle between the power house and the hill on which the anemometer stands. The dormitories for the help could be built around the side of that hill and kept low so that they would not be exposed to much wind and would not be noticeable from the hotel, but would have southwest exposure and be very liveable quarters. This would in effect enlarge the hotel greatly by taking the help out of the rooms which they now occupy in the hotel proper and could be done before the opening of the Park season. This would also give one year in which to size up the proper requirements and also would give ample time for complete study and preparation of complete plans and specifications before the work is begun. Again, it would make it possible to have the material ordered and ready to move in beginning early in September, 1928, thus taking advantage of the early fall for hauling and with the new road, the expense would be greatly reduced from what it would be to undertake to get material in this coming winter.

I realize that you may not agree with my impressions as above stated, but having been in there and seeing what seems to me to be a way to carry out this important undertaking in an economical and adequate manner, considering the road situation, I felt you would like to have my views for what they may be worth.

Ralph Budd ✓

Copy-

Mr. A. H. Hogeland

Mr. W. P. Kenney



At Glacier Park, August 20, 1927.

MR. L. W. HILL:

I just thought you would like to hear something in general about the Park, and the Prince of Wales Hotel particularly.

I have been up there twice recently. Everything is running very smoothly at the new hotel, and Captain Harrison seems to fit in admirably. Last Saturday, a week ago today, every room was occupied except one.

I did not have a chance to see you and tell you that I set July 25 as the date of opening of the hotel. They were fooling around with it and did not have it ready, and I felt that if we did not set an arbitrary date, they would not open this season. This was justified by the fact that it was opened up with a very fine bunch of people, and it was very successful, and the running of the hotel this season will make it all the easier to judge what we want next season, and how it should be handled.

The attached statement of revenues and numbers of lodgings and meals July 25 to August 17 inclusive, shows lodgings for 789 people, or an average of 33 per day, and an average of 168 meals per day.

The tap room did the largest business the first week. For the period August 8 to August 17, or nine days, it did a business of \$1,527.20. You will note the business of the news stand.

I had an analysis made of the beer room business for the first six days, August 8 to August 13 inclusive. The receipts were \$1105.35. The cost of the beer served was \$462.26. The profit was \$643.09, or 139%. This does not include the services of the bartender and the waiter. Total bottles sold were 3263, or an average of 544 bottles per day.

I did not know just what your plans were with regard to the temporary tap room, and as nothing had been done about

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it, and as the Provincial officials were feeling that we did not care much for the license after we got it, I told Mr. Noble to fix up the temporary tap room in the northeast corner of the building where it is farthest removed from the lobby and easiest entered from the outside, and this has worked out very fine.

I hope you can arrange to stop off at the Prince of Wales Hotel on your return from California. The roads have been miserable most of the time because of the excessive rains this year, but the hotel is nicely run; it is most pleasing to everybody; and I am sure it is going to be a great feature for us next year.

Mr. Jones, the architect, received the plans while I was there at the Prince of Wales Hotel Thursday, and is working them over now.

Got a nice letter from Louis the other day after his return from California. He was over to Seattle getting out another silk train, and apparently very happy. Hope you are having a good time.

W. P. Kenney. ✓

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GLACIER PARK, 1030 AM AUG., 20TH. 27.

H.W.KASK,

ST PAUL.

LETTER FROM MR HILL AND BLUE PRINTS WERE RECEIVED AND DELIVERED TO MR JONES  
THE ARCHITECT AT PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL THURSDAY AFTERNOON. MR JONES IS  
LEAVING HERE ON NUMBER TWO FOR ST PAUL TONIGHT.

H.A.NOBLE.

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*Mr. Hazeland has meeting lined up with  
Mr. Jones, architect, Tuesday, Aug. 23,  
230 PM. H.W.Kask*

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HARRY KASK,

ST. PAUL.

YOUR LETTER AUGUST 19TH REGARDING PEONIES I WILL BE IN GLACIER PARK  
TOWARD THE END OF THIS WEEK AND WILL TAKE UP WITH MR DITTMER ABOUT  
PREPARING GROUND FOR THEM AND ADVISE YOU AGAIN.

G W D

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MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

August 23rd 1927

Mr. Louis W. Hill,  
Pebble Beach, California.

My dear Mr. Hill:-

I have just returned from Glacier Park, where I spent one week in travelling up to Waterton by trail, and another week at the Prince of Wales Hotel. This gave me many interesting opportunities to observe the working of the present hotels and chalets, and sufficient time, I believe, to go thoroughly over the conditions at the Prince of Wales.

Mr. Kenny and Mr. Noble brought your letter and studies dealing with the proposed extensions up to me as soon as they arrived at Glacier Park. Mr. Budd came up also a little later. I was able, therefore, to go over the various schemes with them, as well as with Captain Harrison, on the site.

Mr. King, Mr. Day and I have also gone over matters with Mr. Hogeland as you suggest, and we expect to have new studies ready for your consideration very shortly.

Unquestionably the new hotel has great possibilities as a resort. The combination of the country, the building, and Captain Harrison's management create an atmosphere that seemed to me very distinctive and delightful. The effectiveness of the interior is even more impressive than I had imagined.

Naturally my week's observation of the way the present building works under actual operation has suggested a number of ideas about the future development of the scheme, and it is our hope to include these, along with your own, in the studies we are now making.

We will appreciate your advising us whether we are to send these studies to you at Pebble Beach, or whether you will be returning to St. Paul in the near future.

Very truly yours,

FOR TOLTZ, KING AND DAY, Inc.

*Roy Childs Jones*

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