

C O P Y

J o h n E . L e w i s

Columbia Falls, Montana.

January 17, 1929

Howard H. Hays,

Riverside, Calif.

Dear Friend Howard:

The parties who had option are asking for an extension of time. Do you want the place as it is, - everything, curios, store supplies, all furnishings at \$350,000.00. If so, let me know at once. Will give you terms.

Very respectfully,

John E. Lewis (signed)

At New York, NY., January 27, 1929

MR. LOUIS W. HILL:

Referring to the papers I left
with you from Howard Hays regarding Lewis' Hotel:

John Lewis wrote Mr. Hays as per
copy of letter attached, dated from Columbia Falls,
January 17.

He must be a little soft because
he asked Mr. Hays \$350,000.00 while at the same time
acknowledged that the man with the option at \$325,000
could not dispose of it. I think we can get this hotel
much cheaper.

W. P. Kenney ✓

*Considered at L.A. Ex Com. meeting Saturday,
Feb. 2, 1929.
J.P. Clark 2/4/29.*

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St. Paul, Minn., February 14, 1929

Mr. L. W. Hill, ✓
Mr. Ralph Budd,
Mr. W. P. Kenney.

I quote letter 6th inst. from J. B. Harkin, Esq., Commissioner,
Department of the Interior, National Parks of Canada:

"Re. site for Help's Quarters, Prince of Wales Hotel,
Waterton Lakes Park.

"Referring to your letter of the 7th ult. addressed to Mr.
W. D. Cromarty, Superintendent, Waterton Lakes Park, regarding
the issue of a Lease for an area of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres on which the Canadian
Rockies Hotel Company, Limited, have erected a building to be used
as Help's Quarters, I beg to say that it is considered desirable
to have an official survey of the site made by a Dominion Land
Surveyor before the final lease is issued.

"You may, however, notify the Company that the Department
accepts the report in regard to the matter of improvements and
that the lease will issue upon completion of the survey.

"It is expected that arrangements can be made to have Mr.
C. M. Walker, Dominion Land Surveyor, make this survey sometime
during the Summer of 1929."

Map which we presented showing land required for the three
Help's Dormitory Buildings erected a year ago conflicted so far as
location of the Park Highway is concerned with the original map prepared
by the Government and on file in Mr. Harkin's office. We believe our
map is correct, but they consider it desirable to have an official
survey made by a Dominion Land Surveyor before our permanent lease is
issued and will arrange for same.

This for your information.

A. H. Hogeland ✓

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ST. PAUL DAILY NEWS
FEBRUARY 26, 1929

**U. S. TO SPEND \$5,000,000
ON GLACIER PARK ROADS**

More than \$5,000,000 will be spent by the government in highway construction in Glacier park during the next two years.

This will provide 200 miles of good roadway, much of which has to be blasted through solid rock, according to the statement made today by J. R. Eakin, superintendent of the park.

In addition to the highway program an annual expenditure of \$50,000 is being made for establishing trails through the park to be used by horseback parties. About 400 miles of these trails will be completed in a short time, Mr. Eakin said.

Completion of the highway projects now under way will connect the west with the east side of the park through the Logan pass in what is known as the trans-mountain road.

GLACIER PARK HOTEL COMPANY

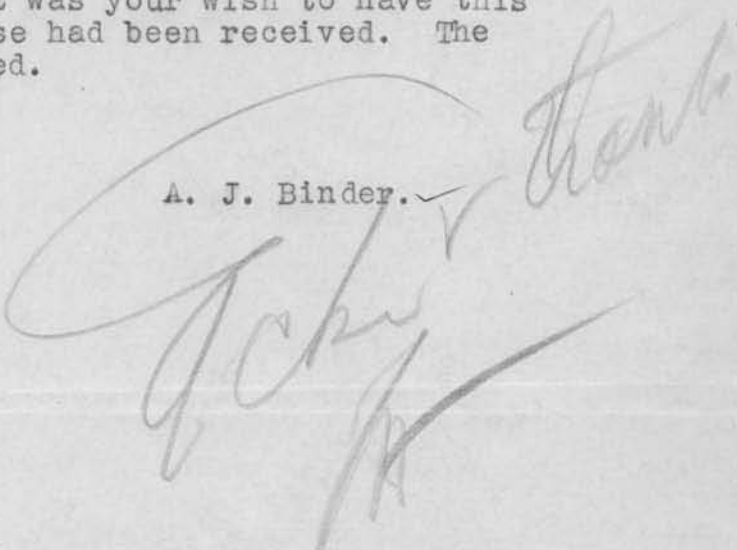
St. Paul, Feb. 27, 1929.

Mr. L. W. Hill:-

I am inclosing, herewith, the 1928 Beer License for the Prince of Wales Hotel.

I understand from the Caretaker at the Prince of Wales Hotel that it was your wish to have this license after the 1929 license had been received. The 1929 license has been received.

A. J. Binder. ✓



Handwritten signature of A. J. Binder, with a large flourish and a checkmark to the right.

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St. Paul, Minnesota, March 1, 1929.

Mr. A. J. Binder:-

Receipt is acknowledged of and I thank
you for yours of February 27, together with the
1928 Beer License for the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Louis W. Hill ,

[3-16-29]

Mr. Hill:

Referring to your inquiry as to what value is put on hotel and other buildings, boat, etc., at Waterton Park for tax purposes.

The investment in hotels and equipment as of December 31, 1928, was \$778,004.66. The assessed value for tax purposes, according to Assessment Notice just received, is \$450,000.

In 1928 the assessed valuation was \$450,000. and the tax paid \$2,646.00. In 1927 the assessed valuation was \$300,000. and the tax paid \$2,400. In 1926 assessed valuation was \$50,000. and the tax paid \$300.

In connection with the above figures I understand the taxes are principally for school house facilities and the Canadian Rockies Hotel Company's property constitutes the main item for assessment; in other words, the taxes to be assessed would come out of the hotel company property. If the assessed valuation is high the tax ^{rate} ~~return~~ would be low or vice versa.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.
March 19, 1929.

Mr. L. W. Hill,
Chairman, Board of Directors.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with verbal request from your office,
we give below statement showing assessed valuation and amount
of taxes paid by the Glacier Park Hotel Company for the years
1926, 1927 and 1928:

Investments:
cost of Hotel & Exp
as of Dec. 31, each year

	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Taxable Value</u>	<u>Tax</u>
1926 2,055,556.78			
Flathead County	\$ 165,200	\$ 51,560	\$ 2,500.66
Glacier County	847,085	263,725	15,553.53
	<u>\$1,012,285</u>	<u>\$ 315,285</u>	<u>\$ 18,054.19</u>
1927 2,245,018.49 *			
Flathead County	165,200	51,560	2,449.10
Glacier County	865,095	273,627	15,531.37
	<u>\$1,030,295</u>	<u>\$ 325,187</u>	<u>\$ 17,980.47</u>
1928 2,288,450.18 *			
Flathead County	165,200	51,560	2,500.66
Glacier County	876,380	278,112	15,519.02
	<u>\$1,041,580</u>	<u>\$ 329,672</u>	<u>\$ 18,019.68</u>

* These years include launch

International on Watneton Lake, cost \$5,527.15

Yours very truly,

James T. Malin

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Right of Way, Land & Tax Commissioner

March 29, 1929

Mr. Charles Donnelly,
President, Northern Pacific Railway Co.,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Donnelly:-

I wonder if you would have someone
of your organization or with the hotel company
which operates in Yellowstone National Park advise
whether the hotel company in Yellowstone Park is
taxed on account of improvements such as hotels,
chalets, etc., together with furnishings, equi-
ment, etc., located in Yellowstone National Park.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) LOUIS W. HILL
Chairman of the Board.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

CHARLES DONNELLY,
PRESIDENT.

March 30, 1929.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have your letter of March 29 asking me for some information about taxes on Yellowstone Park Hotel Company properties, and I will endeavor to get it for you by writing to one of the officers of that company. As soon as I have heard from him I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

Charles Donnelly

Mr. L. W. Hill, Chairman,
Great Northern Railway Company,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



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