


Manitoba Road - Charter  
Hill to J.S. Kennedy

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Re Granger opposition in the Minn. legislature & Mill's work there. "Our charter will protect us," & Nor. Pac., which has a U.S. charter is also working with us, tho' ours is only a state charter. Earnings are 75% better than at this time last year. Blockade by snow may disrupt our coal plans. We are using nearly 600 tons daily & have about 23 days' supply on hand, and are depending on Mpls & St. Louis road for our daily supply & aiming to keep a month's supply on hand. Re issuing \$30,000,000 stock by new mortgage: "It will allow us to cover all outstanding mortgage & make a division of \$10,000,000 in which case we should between us hold over \$2,000,000 of the stock I have heard

that Judge Wilson of Winona, a member of the House is going to introduce a bill to prevent any railroad issuing bonds or stock except for the actual expenditures made by such co. for construction or equipment, but I feel sure we could defeat any such bill in the senate. Bigelow will draw our amendment to the general law on corporations providing for any increase of capital stock. Judge Clark is now satisfied it would never do to ask for any amendment to our charter to provide for an increase of the stock. Re your satisfactory progress in the Can. Pac. syndicate & I congratulate you. Thanks for your offer, but all my means are locked up in Manitoba road. But I am surprised that the new syndicate is asking holders of first \$25,000,000

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stock to agree to sell no stock until the proposed \$30,000,000 to be taken by the syndicate is sold. In the fall when I wanted to dispose of some of my CanPac. stock to be free to aid the Manitoba Road, you & Stephen here in St. Paul advised me to hold what I could until the stock was put upon the market. I sold a portion to pay my debts & expected to sell \$500,000 more. I can hardly see how I am to tie up \$1,500,000 until the other is sold, but I will sell to any of our own party \$500,000 of my stock at the same price the last was sold for. In view of the largely reduced amount of Manitoba stock held by  Canadian friends I feel that we should either increase our hold-

ings to an amount that will give us a reasonable control of the property, say \$8,000,000, or reduce our holdings to an amount that we would not care so much where the control lay. And if I increase my Manitoba stock I cannot hold my Can. Pac., at least to the extent I now hold.

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