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Hill to Robert Bacon

Re Brainerd & Northwestern road; the line from Brainerd to Bemidji was built to haul logs by parties who largely owned the timber on the line. Land sandy and too poor to support a farming population. Timber is very limited on proposed line. "We have had the entire country explored, and all our reports show the timber widely scattered, mostly small bunches of inferior quality West of Vermillion Lakes. East of Vermillion there is more timber of small growth and inferior quality, the main portion of which belongs to Michigan people who are taking it to Lake Superior on temporary rail-ways. J J H Letter Book, 5/13/99-5/30/02, p. 232