

Railroads - Ties

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Hill to John S. Kennedy

Re 75-pound steel rails - uncertainty of getting them because of difficulty in securing ties for extensions. "The enormous quantity of ties we require this year has been most difficult to get. We are bringing ties from all parts on the north of Lake Michigan and from Green Bay to the Mississippi River, from Chicago, and from all points in Minnesota." Party (Forbes, Perkins, Honeywell & Higginson of Boston) with me on trip to "the front, about one hundred miles west of Minot" were most enthusiastic about the countryside. "There is enough good land and fresh water lakes to furnish an abundance of hay for sheep and cattle grazing and I am satis

fied that the entire country can and will be occupied by settlers to a greater or less extent. The value of this to our Company is very great."

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