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Hill to Hon.O.N.Barnes, Anderson, Pope County

"I would call your attention particularly to what I think is the best part of the Red River Valley at Hallock or Alice on the Two Rivers about 15 miles south of Pembina where you will find good rolling prairie a sufficient quantity of timber and good water....The terms offered by our company to actual settlers who cultivate the land purchased, i.e. allowance of from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per acre on all land broken and put under cultivation during the first three years, which allowance is credited on the principal of the purchase price of the la make it very easy for a settler to get a cheap home and also makes

his payments to the Railway very easy. In fact our terms are fully more favorable than preemption of Government lands. [several letters in this period mention a 20% reduction of rates on both freight and passenger service; e.g. p.472]

St.P. M.& M.Ry.LetterBook 2:447 (1879-1880)

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Hill to Springer Harbough, Pittsburgh

"The visit of the English Commissioners to the Red River Valley during the past fall is likely to prove of great benefit to that country. We expect a large number of well to do Scotch and English farmers in the spring."

St.P.M.& M.Ry.LetterBook 2:443 (1879-1880)