

Stephen, George

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Hill to Stephen

Am glad you had so good an opportunity to go over them [Can.Pac. Road matters] with Sir John [MacDonald]. The land matters will soon take very definite shape and nothing is more sure than that the [Dominion] Govt will from 10-15,000,000 acres short of the amount granted to the Can.Pac. therefore it is of the greatest consequence to us to have the basis upon which this shortage is to be settled agreed upon." Hill then takes up C.P.'s low tariff rates compared with those of other "Pacific" roads (cost of coal \$7.50 compared to \$2.00 and \$2.50

on other roads -- climate, deeper snow, &c)
"Poor old Major Rodger [redacted] has redeemed his
promise and the pass through the Selkirks is
better than the Nor Pacific, and with the fur-
ther great advantage of saving the Tunnell[sic].
It is hard to estimate the value of this pass
to our enterprise. The crossing of the Saskat-
chewan turns out to be 490 miles from Flat
Creek."

St.P.M.& M.Ry.LetterBook 6:504(3/24/82-4/23/83)