

Stephen, George

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Hill to Stephen

Your message of 7th containing Van Horne's message to you & your request for Langdon & Co. to take immediate steps to prevent the force from leaving the front was repeated to me while up on the line. I was in Winnipeg on 7th & saw Van H. on his return from front, when he told me the same as he wired you except more details and steps he had taken to hold the men &c. I asked him if he had notified Linton, a partner of Langdon & Co. in re the situation & he said he did not know Linton at all. In the face of Van H's statement I thought that L & Co. were not taking interest that I should in securing if possible the completion of the work. When I

reached home, Shepard was out on Hinckley Line & returned yesterday [redacted] much surprised and claimed there was nothing to the report. He handed me the enclosed letter written by Linton on day he arrived at Winnipeg, same day as Van H. So I thought the letter would interest you as it did me. Evidently Linton thought matters were going smoothly & with a fair show to finish the work to the river & it would also seem that he did not know of any dissatisfaction of Van's part. If there was ground for any complaint, Linton does not appear to know it.

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