

Stephen, George

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Hill to Stephen

Weather cold and ground frozen and men cannot finish the last 25 or 30 miles east of the Saskatchewan crossing. A Pembina friend reports on the Emerson Northwestern [Ry.?] Co. At Winnipeg on the Manitoba and Southwestern business we found Ashdown, Hugh Sutherland & other shareholders anxious to sell O had been led by Oregon Transportation Co. to consider their Manitoba & Southwestern stock of some value. I explained that that Co. did not get back the money they had invested in construction & their stock was actually thrown in as a means of giving control of the [redacted] After some consideration they came around & expressed a will-

ingness to act with us & joined in the election of Manvel, Col. Smith & me to fill vacancies on the Board. I ordered Gen. Hammond to close up everything, discontinue all trains except once a week, arrange to have Canadian Pacific run a train to the end of track & back for any grain or traffic, &c.

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