

Washburn, W. D.

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Henry D. Minot to John S. Kennedy

Re United States willingness to survey and open to settlement the North Dakota country west of Devil's Lake. "Mr. Sparks, with his habitual opposition to civilization, suspended these [Congressional appropriations for this work] on account of a claim by the Turtle Mt. band of Chippewa Indians, who, Mr. Hill declares, are rovers from Canada, without any territorial rights in the United States." Washburn will put into commercial operation this month the Minneapolis and Pacific Road for about 225 miles to a point in Dakota near the Ellendale Line. "Mr. Hill has a bitter feeling toward Mr. Washburn."

and Mr. Manvel has not yet found him in a mood to discuss the problem [of rates]. Northern Pacific has put into operation the Duluth and Manitoba up to Red Lake Falls and expects presently to reach East Grand Forks. A new railroad corporation has just been organized, the St. Paul, White Bear & Wisconsin. "I surmise it to be in the interests of local real estate. Its proposed route is via White Bear Lake to a point on the St. Croix River."

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