

Bacon, Robert

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Hill to Bacon

Decodes wire of June 15. Re crops prospects. Sends map with extensions: (1) Deer River to Red Lake (graded) but no rails—only saw logs for its freight); (2) "a line we are grading about 30 miles north of our main line into a country where we have settled about fifteen thousand German Baptists.; ten miles to head off Canadian Pacific line from crossing Boundary from Lennox south west; line we have surveyed along Kettle River to get into Republic [mine] camp to keep out Canadian Pacific Crows Nest Pass line which they are trying to ex-

tend to Republic; (5) graded line running south from Dugdale; (6) a line recently located we think by the Soo line running to a connection with the McKenzie and Mann road from Winnipeg to Lake of the Woods; (7) line from the Mesabi Range by way of Swan River (about 38 miles); (8) extension of a logging road in Skagit Valley. While in London a few weeks ago I took up with Lord Mount Stephen the matter of securing for the Northern Pacific and ourselves the Soo Line. He thought this might be brought about by careful handling and that he would quietly take it up with President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific. Would be easier to succeed if we include South Shore & Atlantic. "The latter road is heavily capitalized & badly located." JJH LetterBook, 3/13/99-5/30/02, p 205