C.P.R. - Contract   Sept.8, 1880
R.B. Angus to George Stephen
Explains "long telegram"(see.p.454,Sept.7,partly
in code):"We consider essential modify distrib-
ution reducing [cash subsidy for] Nipissing to
"food tricky[Fort Wm.?] Think "Hag" [Govt.?] wil
be satisfied with our strong reasons for this
change. They must bear in mind immediate & large
outlay" etc.
Letter helps understand above: "I suppose you
were able to make out ... my long telegram resp-
ecting the proposed distribution of the Cash sub
sidy for the Canada Pacific.In one respect a
large cash Bonus for the Lake Superior section
would be advantageous, as there would appear to
the public a greater : ucement for abandoning
its construction .On the other hand a small al-

lowance in Cash for the prairie Section would necessitate the borro   ig of too much money and a greater charge for interest during the early years of construction than the enterprise shoulc be burdened with... the success of the whole scheme depends upon the development of the prairie Country and the opening of communication wit the Pacific and every effort should first be devoted to that end... A mere line of iron from Ocean to Ocean would do nobody any good while tl settlement of the Country is the great desideratum. It is therefore most important that prairie and Western sections should be pushed to completion with the utmost energy and before any effort is thrown away on the sentimental that threatens to be so costly in construction and maintenance [North Shore of Lake Superior]...The

retention of the proceeds of every fourth sectio
of Land sold by the Company as additional secur-
ity for operation of the Line is to me a new and
uncalled for condition... The Hon.Alexr Macken-
zie has been here for two days and we have paid
him some attention, although both Hill and I hav
been rather busy ... Dr.Ritchie is here. I am
glad to find he is making a living at Duluth."

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