"There is very little doing on the Canada Pacific at present. The work is carried forward by the Canadian Government and they are only doing light Prairie work this year. The heavy work has not been awarded so far altho' the bid have been made for four months. In a space of [35 miles/] near Rat Portage [Kenora] there are about 750,000 [?] yards of hard Rock work. I would not advise a man to go there [at present] .... as work will be suspended during the winter."

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