

1886, February 5

John S. Kennedy to James J. Hill.

Re financing Mason City & Fort Dodge
railroad. "I closed with the Sackawanna
co. for another 5000 tons Rails in my own
name as I was doubtful whether they
would sell the co. any more on the same
terms as the 10,000 and I made a personal
matter of it with Clarke who is under some
obligation to me." Your telegram today leads
me to believe that you are ready to take
up the Mason City & Fort Dodge line
practically ~~as~~ on joint a/c with me."