

Duluth, Minnesota

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Minot to J.S. Kennedy

Have just returned today from a ten-day trip over our lines. Re "our extensions": between St. Cloud and Willmar, Elk River and Milaca, and west of Devil's Lake. At West Superior our new elevator piling is nearly all driven and cribbing for our dock begun. Rapid development at Duluth the past 12 months. St. Paul & Duluth Road is erecting flouring warehouses, new coal docks, and new yards. I think we have not adequately provided for our space (170 acres only THERE. I went 25 miles north by west from Hope and advise extension there this year. Also drove west of Devil's Lake. Minneapolis & Pacific Road there is in progress under Washburn's

auspices, who apparently hopes to sell either  
to the Rock Island or the Northern Pacific.

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