

Fort Benton, Montana

July 4, 1881

Hill to Paris Gibson

"the distance is so great that so much time would be consumed in going to your place with a railway and new fields or situations might appear that would change all previous plans. Our line is not projected to Benton still it is in our direction but I would be entirely unable to advise you as to holding or selling property the value of which might be dependent on the building of our line. The Canadian Pacific runs thro' an easy country and by the fall of 1882 will be nearly as far west as the longitude of Benton and they will probably build a branch down towards the boundary

which would give your section a very easy connection with the East."

St.P.M.& M.Ry. 5:314 (4/12/81-3/23/82)LetterBo