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Construction company of the Grants is building the Montana Extension of the Manitoba railroad.

[Later Grant sided with Van Horne in his purchase of the Duluth & Winnipeg versus JJH]

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Hill to Grant

"The grading through to Great Falls, now nearly finished and will be practically completed by the 20th inst. After the track is laid to Great Falls we have to lay one hundred miles or more on the Montana Central." We laid our plans to be in the Falls by Sept. 1 to 10, but had a margin of a month to allow for weather and delays. "Our object in pushing the work so fast was to enable us to put our line in shape ... and ... secure our share of the fall business in Montana. This business is worth from a million to million and a half dollars." I know what difficulties you had to contend

with east of Buford, but we must insist on greater speed.

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