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Hill to John S. Kennedy

A long letter reviewing the accomplishments, needs, prospects, etc. of the Manitoba Road and its extensions and branches: Montana Extension, Aberdeen, Ellendale, Evansville, Watertown, and Sioux Falls (also Huron) lines; the bill to Shepard & Co.; 3,000,000 ~~yards~~ more of earth work than the engineer's estimate called for in grading and bridging (50% excess) - or \$14,000 per mile cost. When we reach Helena, we will be entitled to about \$750,000 more Mont. Central bonds. We will close the season with about 850 miles of new Manitoba Road and 100 miles of Montana Central track laid and in operation.

and about 230 miles of new grading more or less complete, as well as to addition tracks (4 in all) between St. Paul and Minneapolis,-- or nearly 1000 miles of new road with new equipment costing \$1,700,000, \$500,000 paid for land contracts, and \$310,000 paid for account of Minneapolis Union Ry., \$400,00 Lake Superior Elevator docks &c., \$75,000 for building site for general office, and up to this time about \$80,000 on account of the General Office Bld., or about \$13,000 per mile. "At the same time [we have] about 1000 miles of new road much of which is giving us quite good earnings, and our Montana Extension will begin to move cattle and sheep next week and all mdse. for Assiniboine, Benton, and Great Falls country has been held  
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for our line. We have tonight about 70 miles to lay to ... Great Falls and expect to have it completed by October 10 or 12, as we will have some delay at the Marias and Teton Rivers." We are now moving over 300 cars of grain a day of our largest ever crop.

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