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Hill to Kennedy

Expects trouble with the Minneapolis & St. Louis Road when contract for the use of our line between St. Paul & Minneapolis expires. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Road man was here with their engineer recently looking over the ground for an entrance & asked how our stock was held. J.M. Forbes was here recently, with his nephew, asst. manager of CB&Q. "I told him that our stock was so held that a control of the property could be arranged through one channel only, & while we had a good money making property & were not seeking a customer, I thought any arrangement that would strengthen c

our system and be of real benefit to us would be fairly considered.      took our 3 last Reports and wrote back for our consolidated mortgage. Judging from his actions while here I think they are in earnest about coming here, & if so, I am quite sure they cannot do nearly as well in any other way than to get control of this property, as it would give the best terminals in both St. Paul & Minneapolis & the control of a large proportion of the business going & coming from the country served by our lines as well as the majority of the wheat ground at Minneapolis. I thought it best for them to start with the idea that we had a good opinion of our property & also of their scheme & that if a satisfactory basis could be con-

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