

Luxton, William F.

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Hill to Stephen

Upper is still here. Luxton, editor of Manitoba Free Press, is here & I have taken pains to show him the whole of our connection with Willis in re (1) buying out Murphy to prevent abandonment of work on line last fall; (2) I was simply Willis' bondsman; (3) "their letter refusing to let our trains run on the [Pembina] Branch unless we paid them \$64,000; when Upper found that we did not want the road enough to pay their demand, he came & wanted to put Willis out & have us go into partnership in a losing contract & give him 25% of the earnings; and (5) stood ready to take

road up to a recent date provided the Govt. would get the contractors out of the way. Luxton was pleased with what he learned & said we had been badly misrepresented by political enemies. Luxton complained about the want of accommodation of our agent at St. Vincent, the one I tried to have removed as being lazy, but "like everything else recommended by me it was not done by Farley. Wakeman came today & I hope a new era is opening in the operating dept. Re Union Depot Co. & parting with land in St. Paul

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