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R. B. Angus to Hon. J.J.C. Abbott, Ottawa

"Hill and I have greatly appreciated your letters advising us of the political movements connected with the Pacific Railway Scheme." Re Abbott's brother's "suggestion for the Winnipeg station." I shall be glad if Mr Harry joins us; but for chief of construction on the prairie, we think a Western man of known experience is essential. I have just received a note from Sir John [McDonald] directing me to present myself again in Ottawa. I think it useless, but will obey unless otherwise ordered tomorrow." Hill and I have been anxiously looking out for a suitable man and until recently we failed to discover one in whose knowledge of the country

and people and in whose character and ability we could place the necessary confidence. Mr. Stickney who has had charge of the construction work during the past season and who has had 14 years of Railway experience in this region occurred to us at first as a most likely party to undertake the work in Manitoba and the West but from various reasons we feared he could not be induced to accept it. He is now I am happy to say prepared to go warmly into the undertaking and to stake his money on it too if the Associates will permit him to do so."

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R. B. Angus to Duncan McIntyre telegram  
Just received letter from [in code:] "Slayer  
Sarah"[McDonald?] requesting my presence tomorrow;  
this is impracticable, but will go tomorrow  
after keeping an appointment of some importance.

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