

Manitoba Road - Exec. Committee April 25, 1887

Hill to the Executive Committee, 40 & 42 Wall Street, N.Y.

Sends report of Gen. Supt. Egan for past week & that of the Land Dept. for week ending April 21. Gen. Manager's will be delayed until next week since he has been called away. 70 miles of new construction will be laid by May 1. Frost west of Minot so deep the earth had to be blown out with explosives. Dire effects of slow supply of much needed locomotives from Rogers Locomotive Works. We can almost surely get a 26 ft. grade from Milaca via Brainerd to Leech Lake, & hope of same from Leech Lake to Crookston. "This line will run mainly through a heavily timbered country which, while at present is sparsely settled, contains the best timber, both for

pine lumber and hardwood in the Northwest...
The Duluth & Winnipeg Enterprise seems to still
have some life, as Messrs. H. L. Horton & Co. wired
me a few days ago to say that their London cor-
respondents were asking them to take up the
placing of their bonds in London. I wrote them
enclosing Judge Clark's opinion [q.v.] as to
the land grant & such other information as will
I think prevent their having anything to do
with the enterprise. We are overrun daily with
delegations & correspondence from the Southwest
covering southwestern Minnesota, Dakota & Neb-
raska for extensions of our lines in that dir-
ection. Today we have had a delegation from
Sioux City, Iowa, all urgent to do anything in
their power to secure an outlet to Lake Super-
ior. These localities are all prosperous and

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