

Manitoba Road - Construction August 24, 1888

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In reply to your question asking the facts re extensions this year, I beg to say that little construction has been done. That done consists of: Willmar to Sioux Falls, 143 miles, by separate co., cost \$1,500,000 (Willmar & Sioux Falls Ry. Co.); Benson to Watertown, ca. 70 miles, by another co., Duluth, Watertown, & Pacific Ry. Co., cost \$500,000; Cando Branch, Church's Ferry in Dakota Ty. north, ca. 20 miles, cost \$600,000; The connections of this company's lines being constructed are: Eastern Ry. of Minn., Hinckley to West Superior, Wis., including extensive terminals (grain elevator 1,000,000 bu., a dock, a rr. yard, and about 400 acres land suitable

for yard and dock purposes). Ry is being built this season. Montana Central Ry., Great Falls to Butte, 173 miles and branches (to Sand Coulee mines, ca. 18 miles; near Helena to Mary'sville ca. 5 miles, and near Helena also to Red Mt. ca. 12 miles of track with 75 lbs. railr because of heavier locomotives and trains.

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