

Mason City & Ft.Dodge Road      May 3, 1886

Minot to Charles Fairchild, Boston

"The Mason City and Fort Dodge Railroad of which you inquire, I have only casual information of. It was organized, and is being constructed, by Mr. Hamilton Brown[e], of Fort Dodge, Iowa, an energetic and capable manager, who believes that the road can be made successful as a local enterprise. Mr. Brown is an old acquaintance of Mr. Hill's and may have sought advice from him and persuaded him to take some of the Bonds; but this road is totally disconnected from the Manitoba, as well as from the Des Moines and Fort Dodge; it will serve different interests. My superficial judgment is that the scheme is not wild, but is likely to do well. The financial ar-

rangements,as I understand, have been effected  
in New York,but by who do not know."

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