

1885 Hammons writes: "I have acted as atty for your R.R. Co. from Feb. 1879 until Feb. 1885... worked four years quite hard in the lumber business," and lost much of it unfairly. Secombe writes to Hill, Oct 11, 1887, "I am informed that Dennis Ryan has a man up River [from Milaca] looking over the [Indian] Reservation pine or that part of it to which D M Sabin and A H Wilder have patents. There are from three to five hundred million on the Reservation. I would like to see our Company get hold of this some way as with the facilities we have here we could take care of from 10 to 15 millions a year each. 100 million of it would come into

the River below Mille Lacs Lake. I am told W. D. Washburn has an option on it. Two or three year successive operation here to such an extent as indicated would gather around Milaca a large population to whom we could doubtless sell our lands." Letter of May 30, 1888 by Secombe to Hill encloses statement of the money advanced the company by J. Kennedy from July 6-Sept. 24, 1883 -- \$12,500.00. On January 18, 1889 Secombe writes: "All our lamps have been broken up and the men let go, and we have cut and skidded... 1,200,000 feet white oak, 75,000 feet Red oak, 27,000,000 pine, 200,000 Basswood... We have ten four-horse teams at work now and between now and Monday next we will have in all twenty-four-horse teams." On March 6, 1889 Secombe