

Mille Lacs Lumber Company Papers -Separate File

Origin is given in a letter from W. Hammons to Hill, August 17, 1883: "Through your great kindness I had a \$15,000 profit in a lumbering and manufacturing business during 1881....In the Fall of that year I made the acquaintance of Mr. Tod which shortly afterwards led to the business association, now known as the Mille Lacs Lumber Co." He in the same letter refers to the great oak and pine timber stands on "many thousands of acres adjacent to the line of the St. Cloud and Hinckley road." Re building the mill at Anoka: "The oversight of the construction of the mill fell upon me....In Sept. last, I received a line from Mr. Tod, as I

supposed by your direction requesting me to step down and out of the mill management." It has not prospered since. Andrew G. Tod was president; W. F. Parish was manager.

On May 27, 1884 Parish resigned. Wm Secombe was sec. and treasurer a/c a letter of June 12, 1884. On June 20, 1884, Hammons writes: "At the time of my appointment as General Manager, I found the Co. doing business at three points viz. St. Paul, Anoka, and Milaca." Secombe's reports begin June 23, 1884, with J. J. Hill signing as president, Oct. 29, 1884. On the 29th Hammons wants to get out of co. and be paid in (1) cash; or (2) lands; or (3) lumber.

Dec. 27, 1884 Hammons writes Hill that he is starting suit against the company. On June 20,