

Montana Extension

September 7, 1887

Hill to John S. Kennedy

Our line is completed to Watertown & certificate will go to you on my return from the East. I leave tonight with my boys to place them at school. Our track is laid to Fort Assiniboine, 110 miles from Great Falls. Heavy crop expected and with all our ties, timber, rails, &c. delivered at Minot, our equipment can now market it. "I took Senators Dawes, Morgan, and Davis of the Senate committee on Indian Affairs to the end of track through the Reservation and have their assurance that they will do everything in their power to secure the early ratification of the treaty which will throw nearly all that country open to immediate settlement." "We are finding

new deposits of coal every few days, apparently of excellent quality, [REDACTED] the analyses of the [iron] ores indicate their superiority over anything that has heretofore been found in that country. One of the locations gives ore absolutely free from phosphorus."

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