

"Pembina Branch " - Construction Jan'y 14, 1879
Hill to George Stephen, Montreal
Upper & Willis have finished grading Pembina
Branch, have repaired old grade, made drain
ditches, built 5 wooden trestle bridges, all
the wooden culverts & laid track from St. Boni-
face to Emerson. Lists what is still to be don
Re source of gravel: Birds Hill or crossing of
Roseau River, Rat River, etc. Iron instead of
wooden bridges probable choice of Dominion Govt
Is working under difficulty: loaded cars here
& at St. Vincent for a month. Need to know rates
to tell merchants & Can. & N. Eng. railways.
Emigrants will go to Kan. & Neb. unless we can
tell them rates.

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