

St. Paul & Duluth Road

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Hill to P.H. Tompkins, El Paso, Illinois

Re St. Paul and Duluth Road. "When the present board of Directors took charge... the track was hardly safe for the passage of trains and the road was not more than half equipped to do its local business. The present equipment is still far less than it ought to be to do the work... [It] has a large Land grant most of which is Timber Land, and a large portion of which was covered with Pine, which has been sold in former years at a very low rate for Stumpage. The present policy has resulted in more fully developing the

the value of the Stumpage and at the same time  
to increase the value [REDACTED] the farming land."

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