

S. Dakota - Railroads

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Henry D. Minot to Judge I.N. Kidder

Re proposed lines in Dakota, where you are to act as Cannon's agent in place of Benedict. Lists 4 parties to be dealt with: Wm. H. Becker of Ellendale, pres. of Dakota Midland Railroad Co. "which is projected to run from Campbell, Minn on Man. Rd's Breckenridge line, to Ellendale, & as much further west as may hereafter appear desirable; (2) Byron Smith and others of Minneapolis, "of considerable local influence, who control an old organization for a line between Columbia & Sioux Falls"; (3) John T. McChesney and associates of Aberdeen - he is mayor of the town and Pres. of the National Bank; (4) E. S. Templeton and others

of Pierre "who are restive under the monopoly of the North Western R[REDACTED] and impatient for another connection - preferably to Duluth via Aberdeen or Columbia." "The Manitoba Co. will have nothing to do with the organization of these lines, but will facilitate a development and exchange of traffic with any profitable connection." Re also forestalling the Milwaukee R[REDACTED] in some parts of the Dakota country.

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