

Shaughnessy, Thos. G. January 9, 1901

Thos. Shaughnessy to James J. Hill.

Has met Mellen and talked over the proposed leasing by the Provincial Government of Manitoba of the lines belonging to the No. Pac. Road in that province. Mellen inferred "that the lines would go to the Provincial Government unless we [the Can. Pac. Road] were prepared to take them at an annual rental of about \$275,000."

Outlines disastrous results if Northern Pacific leases the Northern Pacific & Manitoba to the province of Manitoba, on the

rates for grain freight (150,000,000 bushels in 1899) via Duluth. .P. wants us to rent for the same price as Manitoba will offer. Wants Hill's aid to prevent all this and hopes Hill will advise his associates.

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