Sept. 8, 1898 Smith, Donald Hill to Smith Gives details of offer to contractors, who (Upper) say if we would buy them out he would do the work & finish it this fall, "but of cours I have enough to do on our own work." Worth \$100,000 to whole St. Paul & Pac. lines to have work dome this winter, for with it we could take the entire Manitoba traffic both north & south over our lines all the way from StlPaul.' "I will see the Assoc. Press man tomorrow & let him inform the Manitoba people that the Nor. Pac. are disposed to leave that country to the St. Paul & Pacificand that all difference: will be settled this was "." JJH Letterbook, 4/11/78 - 1/16/79, p. 313