

Smith, Donald

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Hill to Smith

Congratulations on your victory for the Selkirk seat in Parliament. Stephen and Angus feared you might not run and so we wared you. Re progress on construction job. Have about 30 miles to lay track upon; have all needed material. Re Marcus Smith, chief engineer of Can. Pac. & need that he at least have the iron laid [to boundary] so that trains can run to Winnipeg during the winter. Water in Red River is so very low that large part of winter supplies for Manitoba will have to remain until railroad is ready or hauled on sleds during

winter. We hope to be at Pembina on 15th or 18
October and will lay in north from there
until we meet Upper and Willis.

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