

Stephen, George

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Hill to Stephen

"We have the Grangers in full force" and about 5 bills to regulate railroads and as many to regulate grain."The latter subject might with judgment and care be greatly benefitted, & I am doing what I can to that end." Congratulates Stephen on the "greatwork" so near completion. "I am glad you have found our location via Bow River so favorable. It would have been very easy to have made the mistake of taking the old government line via Edmonton, had we listened to the advice of those who judged the Bow River and Selkirk route without having any real knowledge of the subject & while we had not seen it, our views made up from the observation of

the simple but truthful halfbreed voyageur
making proper allowance for the causes which
took him into that country have been confirmed
by the adoption of the line and its completion
over the impossible portion."

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