

Stephen, George

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Stephen to Hill

Encloses clipping from Wall Street Daily News telling of 25% rate reduction ordered the Manitoba Road by the Minnesota Railroad Commissioners. Inquires if this is true."We have had some trouble lately with Sir A. T. Galt, who has been trying to obtain a charter from the Dominion Govt. for a line from CPR at Medicine Hat[south to the boundary there to connect with a line from [Fort] Benton. Galt has what to us here seems an absurd idea that he can ship his [Bell River?]. . . coal to Benton where he says there is a large market for good coal such as he claims his coal to be. I have definitely told him that the CPR could not permit any charter to be given for any line running from the CPR south

...Mr Conrad of JGBlake & Co. was here recently I explained our position to him & he seemed to be satisfied with what I said as to that territory being better served by the extension of the Manitoba Road which I went so far as to say could be a matter of no distant day" and advising him to get in touch with you, rather than dicker with Galt.

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