

Stephen, George

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Hill to Stephen with 3 enclosures

Contract signed by F.R. Delano for construction of first 30 miles of line from Casselton to boundary west of Pembina. Nor. Pac. is claiming that agreement gives them equal rights with us on our line north of Glyndon. Try to do something in Ottawa to prevent Schultz & others from connecting with them. I do not know what the agreement [with N.P.] made in N.Y. covers; wants to be informed. As matters now stand

N.P. is building a rival line of the west side of Red River & claiming such terms on east side as will take about all the grain via Duluth. We are progressing well with laying of

steel and cost is within my estimate. Sends copy of an ad in a Rotterdam paper in re Salgaard & Co. I found that Willius & Prince were on board of directors of elevator co. to build on our line so I at once consulted Kittson & refused to deal with them except as carrier. Prince resigned at once & Willius will do so today. Thompson has just reported Prince very sorry. T will try to use Prince to settle the matter so as to break up the Salgaard pool entirely. Learn if possible about any connection of Schultz with the Nor.Pac. to make a through line.

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