


Stephen, George

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Hill to George Stephen

Earnings, construction, &c. of ~~ri~~alroad; wire just received from Capt. Holcombe that "Manitoba" is sunk at Crooked Rapids, about 25 mile south of Winnipeg; no particulars; will try to replace her with "Cheyenne" and keep up the line. "This is the first accident of the kind we have ever had happen [to] one of our boats." News from Winnipeg visitors of poor conditions on the CPR and it grows worse every day; will soon be unsafe for trains at any speed. Schult passed through here yesterday en route to Ottawa in the interest of the Southwestern. "Cap Barns and friends are  among the [prairie] chickens and grouse and will have a good time."

Please don't send any more men to be employed.

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