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Hill to Stephen, "Private & Confidential." See also original letter. Re form of assents (2). Harty's information came from Folger, a banker of Kingston who is a warm friend of Sir John's [Macdonald].Gen. Stark, N.P.'s vice pres. has spent a great deal of his time the past summer in Manitoba & Canada. Dominion Govt. just changing the bridges [Pembina Branch contract] to iron whic. will give an opportunity to extend time [from Dec.1,1879] still further, should it be deemed necessary. Re getting \$400,000 of debentures by 8th or 10th Nov. [on completion of work]. Earnings, but for repairs, would have been

would have been \$60,000 at least for August. Will be \$70,000 for **2000** & still more for Oct.. Still thinks we should have a lease of Extension Line. Becker has finally been brought to point by Thompson in matter of his bill for services as trustee, & the best that Becker will do is the bonds for his farm near Morris. These will cost us \$2500 to \$3000 & as it settles in full a claim for eleven years service against all of the trustees, I believe it is a good settlement.

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