Re Fisher's proposition (a road from Morris to Brown's Valley,40 miles, and thence to Casselton; also another proposed line from Sauk Centre or Alexandria via Benson or Morris to west boundary of Minn.; asks Stephen's reaction to

"getting the Hastings & Dakota thro' Russell

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Hill to Stephen

Sage; Shepard says he thinks it might be done. The road is new, well built, and passes thro' an excellent country."; we are not telling how fast we are building the road; Shepard says he will have 33 miles laid by Sept. 1 and we will have track to Grand Forks by 10 September.

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