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Stephen to Hill

Re rumors Northern Pac. is buying Manitoba or NorthWestern Road's charter. "They are not quite such idiots." I agree with your every word about the Duluth & Winnipeg; it will disappear as soon as the Govt. gives the Manitoba and South Eastern its quietus. Strange that Luxton, otherwise sensible, should be led astray by the rubbishy cry of 'Monopoly' which is being used as a political weapon not without some effect because the question is not properly put before the public. I quite agree with you as to the the absurdity of the Dominion Govt aiding & largely in the construction of a through national line & before it is finished permitting a

policy to be pursued which can have no other effect than to render the national line useless. It is only politicians & fools that would for a moment think of such a thing." Re Stickney and lack of supervision "We shall need all the spare days you can give us for CPR & Man. Rd. matters before I sail on the 18th. I was glad to get a note from Major Rogers from St Paul from whom I shall be very glad to hear again in reference to his efforts to get in through the mountains on the short line."

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