

Tea - Imports

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Hill to W.C. Van Horne, V.p., CPR, Montreal

"There will undoubtedly be a large amount of business from the Pacific for points in the Mississippi Valley. Our St. Paul merchants import their tea directly from China and Japan. I think less than one fourth of the tea sold in St. Paul is brought from the east. A short time ago a friend Mr. [Donald A. ?] Smith's, engaged in the China trade [Forbes of Boston?], called on me with a letter, and Mr. [P.H.] Kelly gave him an order for two or three carloads of tea to be shipped via Northern Pacific."

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