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The Hon. Robert Rogers, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Rogers:-

A matter has been called to my attention in connection with reaching the Red Lake district by railway, which seriously affects the City of Winnipeg and the interests of Manitoba and the West.

There is a point on the C.N.R., called Quibell, from which it is proposed to run a branch line to Red Lake. It would appear that C. B. Hibbard is making an application to the Dominion Parliament for a charter to build a line from this point in a north-westerly direction via Red Lake to a point on the C.N.R., at or near Le Pas. This of course, you can see at once, would have the effect of diverting all the northern traffic from Le Pas over this line and laying this whole northern country tributary to eastern points, ignoring entirely Winnipeg and the West.

Mr. Heenan has consented to introduce the Bill into the House, and it is reported that he is not personally enthusiastic over it, in fact is inclined to work against it.

I am suggesting to you that this charter should not be granted as it would be most detrimental to interests of this Province and would have the effect of diverting traffic in all these mining districts to the East rather than towards Winnipeg. May I suggest that it should be the object of Western members to exert as much influence as possible to prevent this application from being granted, and this line from being built.

I am sending a copy of this letter for Mr. Meighen, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hannesson, Mr. Hay and Mr. Murphy.

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