

Hydges would be only too happy, he thought to do all in his power to make the trip pleasant to the Prince and party; and that, if the Travellers wished it, you would place one of your powerful Steamers at the service of the party, either to go over directly to Milwaukee or Chicago—the city to be at their choice.

"He expressed an opinion that you would consent to this, and he hopes that you may be successful in the efforts you are making in this direction.

"Yours very truly,

"W. H. PARK."

"KINGSTON, 30th Augt, 1860.

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"C. J. DRYDOEN, Esq.,

"DEAR SIR,

"In reference to the proposed Trip of the Prince of Wales over the D. & M. Line, I am happy to say that several of the most influential parties at head quarters are in favor of it, and that the attempt will be made to get it carried out. No opposition will be given to it by the Represent's of the O. T. R. Interests in the Cabinet. The result will entirely depend upon the Gov'r Gen'l; and the matter will be put in the shape of this Line having been built by the G. W. R., and being in effect a *Canadian Line*. I understand that the main difficulty, or at least one of them, is the difference in time between Detroit and Chicago by the two routes. Now, supposing that he went to Grand Haven, and from thence straight to Chicago in your fastest steamer, how long would it take? And how long would the Mich'n Central take to run him through by Express Train? Then again, how long would it take to go to Milwaukee, and thence by Rail to Chicago? Not that I think he would take this course; but it is well to have the time. I may probably have some of the Executive staying with me next week when the Prince is here, and should like to have the above information to use at the proper moment. Please remember that I don't want the time as per Time Bills when arriving at one hour means another. I want to know what you *can* do, and what you *will* do, weather permitting, and also the real time the Central would take, and which may be judged from by the speed they did at that Convention at Chicago, when I believe they did the distance in good style. Give me the true time, and leave me to add or subtract the minutes.

"I believe Mr. Park communicated to you fully my opinion of the importance of the scheme, and that you fully agree with me therein. I need not therefore say more about it, save that I believe it will do as much to satisfy the shareholders in England that they have got something worth having in the D. & M. Line as anything else that could occur. I need scarcely say how absolutely necessary it is that no idea of this object should be allowed to leak out, as, if it did, an effectual stop would be put to it, as the Gov'r Gen'l would say that he would not lend himself to anything so very like a stock-jobbing transaction. The great argument is, its being a Canadian Line, and the pleasure of a sail on Lake Michigan in a fine steamer.

"Please let me have the above information by Tuesday morning.

"I am, Dear Sir,

"Yours faithfully,

"A. H. CAMPBELL."