

55 - "Drummond Apts."

Twenty-sixth
January
1924.

Dear Col. Dennis:-

Thank you very much for your letter of the 24th inst. and the interesting information contained therein.

As usual, the C.P.R. overlook nothing in their arrangements out West, but I think you will find something will be done in the way of additional branch lines by the other Railway, or a truck service where possible, to assist the Farmers who are far away from the Railway.

The grain should be carried by the trucks in such a way that it can be left at the Station, in case there are no cars immediately available for shipment to the elevators.

I am sure your splendidly organized service will be able to figure out something to overcome the difficulty which at present exists.

With regard to the roads, it would appear to a casual observer that it would be much easier to improve them or even to build new ones, than to lay railroad tracks which would only be useful for only a small part of the year and the advantage of having the trucks is they could always bring back farmers' supplies and mail from the station at a certain cost, which would cover overhead and interest.

I am of course, quite well aware of the development service that your Company renders, but my idea is that the emigrants should have less trouble than they have now, when they actually arrive in the West, and take up new farms and new land and this is why I feel that expensive machinery could be rented out, if properly distributed and the ground broken and other preliminaries attended to and assistance given them.

I am sorry you have been ill.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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