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This would be the commencement of the trunk line for a system of colonization railways to the south-west, and if constructed at once it would, at a small cost, greatly facilitate settlements in the Valley of the Assiniboine and the adjoining country between the Grand Rapids and Fort Ellice, the river between these points being navigable for barges and small steamers ; and when found expedient the extension of the line up the valley could be made at very small cost, the bottom flat of the valley being very favourable for railway construction.

Yours most truly,

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