

Remarks:

to be sent to the Hon. Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, The President of the Canadian National Railway, Mr. J. G. McNeill, and Mr. J. G. McNeill.

We believe that the proposed extension will not only be of great benefit to the well settled areas now served by the railway, but will solve many of the problems now confronting the people of the entire Garter River Valley. The main objection of the settlement which this line will pass through is the short distance which permits at least a two-hour shorter schedule to Winnipeg and the East. The well settled areas and prosperous country supporting the line will enable the railway to give more satisfactory accommodations at an increased revenue to itself.

As the C. P. R. has during the past year completed the extension from Telford to Tisdale and now serves the country adjacent to the original route planned for the C. P. R. and as in our opinion a duplication of transportation facilities would be detrimental to both railways we would suggest and respectfully urge that the route for the Kelvington C. P. R. branch be now directed east of the original plan and to join the Prince Albert branch at a point at or near Peace or Crooked River.

The suggested route would serve a district badly needing railway service, open up a new area for settlement as it progressed north, provide an almost direct route from Yorkton and Neepawa to Winnipeg and would by eliminating the long haul through step terrain bearing to the railway and would by eliminating the long haul through the bush enable the railway to correct the existing disadvantages.

Respectfully,  
J. G. McNeill

Very truly yours,  
J. G. McNeill

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