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| G 8702 | C - 250 | Jan. 9, 1883 | Telegram Copy | Harder, Wm Traffic Mgr CPR | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Two cars of coal shipped from Stairs to East Selkirk in mistake. Replied same date by telegraph to sendthem on to Winnipeg. [Damaged] |   |

“Two cars coal from Stair consigned to E. Powell East Selkirk [illegible: conse gull?] cannot be found understand were shipped to him by your order say quick what you wish done with them Wm Harder”

“Replied same date by telegraph to send them on to Wpg”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal**

JN to Dennis Ryan, St. Paul 24 April 1883, [D6-7] “…the present is not an opportune time to be able to make a visit to the mine which I am very desirous you should do. I do not expect it will be practicable to go to the mine before the 15th of May so that if you can make us a flying visit about that time I think we shall be able to treat you to a sight of as rich a vein as you would wish to see….” I hope your own mining operations are progressing well….

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| G 8704 | C - 832 | June 20, 1883 | Copy of Letter | Daly, Paul K.Sask. Coal Co. | Medicine Hat | Lawson, J.P. | Report of coal by Paul K. Daly. |

Daly reports as locomotive foreman, to Lawson as Engineer, Sask Coal Mines

“Dear Sir In compliance with your request to have my verdict on the result of yesterday’s test of your coal, I desire to say: The test was made on Engine ‘78’ Engineer J.P. Murray between here and second siding one of the hardest pulls on the road, with a full train. Mr. Murray reports to me that it done well and he believes it is going to be a very superior class of steaming coal. For my own part I might it [sic] has surpassed my expectations altogether. I examined the fire and ash pan of Eng 78 upon her return and found neither ashes nor clinker. It is slow on the start but makes a very hot fire after it gets burning. … As you say you are only ten feet from the surface: my firm conviction is you will have a very superior class of coal as you get deeper down. A great deal depends upon the way it is fired on a locomotive. Different kinds of coal requires different kinds of firing. No doubt after your coal comes into general use and the men using it become better acquainted with its nature they will get better satisfaction. Though yesterday’s test I consider as a first trial was all that could be desired. The engine having steamed in first class shape. Trusting that your enterprise will meet with the success it deserves. I am Sir Yours respectfully, …. “

 Annotation on back of document: “original report of Daly was sent to Mr. Van Horne”

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| G 8701 | B - 67 | July 24, 1883 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting 1:30 on 24th of Coal Co. |   |

Please be at Coal Co office at 11:30 am for “a meeting of importance… and it is necessary you should be there…”

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| G 8701 | B - 38 | July 25, 1883 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | After he had gone west to Medicine Hat re coal mines.Replied to 26 July 1883. See L.B."C" p. \_\_\_ ??? | 2 pp. |

Letterhead Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Transportation Co. Ltd Head Office 576 Main St Winnipeg Mines at Medicine Hat NWT

 “Dear Sir I will be at Brandon all day tomorrow and leave Friday for Medicine Hat & expect to remain at the coal fields two weeks in order to get the Co & Works fully organized and systemised. I hope all the Goods for the Co including mining plant lumber machinery steam power and a full equipment for commencing the works successfully [sic] I feel it my place and duty to as much [sic] on the spot as possible as the whole thing depends on getting out the coal We must make this undertaking a success I shall write the office often also yourself If you conveniently call at the office occasionally it would be well you & I must work together in this matter & make our financial position better I have already placed your stock at $2500 trusting this our first business will be but an introduction to a further and productive future. Yours truly J.E. Woodworth P.S. If you can do anything for Mr Ransom in giving him a position he would be very thankful.

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| G 8701 | B - 80 | Aug. 13, 1883 | Telegram | Woodworth, J.E. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Private. | Copy |

“Please meet me your office this evening seven o’clock”

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| G 8700 | A - 1432 | 1883 [perhaps 6 August?] | Draft Letter in pencil |   | [No Location] | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Re: T.R. Camerons Coal Mine. Incomplete. | Copy |

“My dear Sir John J.R. Cameron and others are applying for authority to go on and work a coal mine that they have been working since the first week of December last & from which they have already taken about 200 ton of coal. They have now several tons of coal at the end of the CPR track and have teams still employed in fetching coal there. They appear to have some displayed [sic] considerable energy & enterprise & all they seek is that the Govt will recognize their claim to the discovery & operation of the mine to an extent that they will feel warranted in prosecuting their work as it would be a great loss to them if after they have expanded largely in the development of the mine they would find that other parties would come in and deprive them of any advantage they might reasonably expect through priority of operation & discovery. I know the parties well & should feel very grateful indeed if you would give them the assurance that they would be protected in their enterprise to the extent that so far as the same had been prosecuted without contravening the law. This is the same property that Scott & Woodworth have been interesting themselves in on behalf of J R Cameron”

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| G 8700 | A - 1364 | Aug. 13, 1883 | Letter | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Riviere Du Loup, Quebec | Norquay, John | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. |   |

“Riviere du Loup August 13/83 Private My dear Norquay

I have yours of the 6th on behalf of the Saskatchewan Coal Co.

 Nothing can be done on this matter until Council reassembles next month.

 I shall do what I properly can for this Co. but there are many applications, and Govt must judge impartially between them. From Woodworth’s a/c they must have done a good deal of work and if so deserve every encouragement. I shall keep your letter as a proof of the interest you take in the Co which will do them no harm.

Yours faithfully John A Macdonald

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| G 8704 | C - 942 | [No Date] | Petition | Sask. Coal & T. Co. | [No Location] |   | Copy of petition to Dom. Gov't. asking for assistanceto develop coal mine. |

2 pages, carefully handwritten, not complete:

 We petitioners have developed “at considerable cost and trouble” a coal mine near Medicine Hat. The fuel was needed and Company “have spared neither time or expense to place coal in the market and have in consequence exceeded the means at their disposal and incurred liabilities beyond their immediate ability to meet believing that the development of this industry would eventually place the Northwest in an independent position as far as regards the fuel supply…. [We request] that you would be graciously pleased to recognise their enterprise by assisting them with a bonus to the extent of twenty thousand dollars…or… a loan of that amount … for the term of one year….”

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| G 8701 | B - 19 | Aug. 16, 1883 | Telegram | Woodworth, J.E. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Matters looking bright.  | No Cover |

“Matters looking favorable Writing you particulars”

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| G 8700 | A - 1345 (a) | Aug. 15, 1883 | PromissoryNote | Woodworth, J.E.,Sask. Coal Mining Co. |  Winnipeg | Brydges, C.J.H.B.Co. Land Commission | Promise to pay $4000.00. | Torn |
| G 8700 | A - 1345 (b) | Aug. 15, 1883 | Cheque | Woodworth, J.E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Woodworth, J.E. | $4000.00 cheque payable to himself and endorsed byhimself. |   |

a) promissory note – 30 days after date we promise to pay C.J. Brydges Esq H.B. Co Land Commission $4000 first payment Sec 8 Twp 13 Range 6 West 4 Meridian

from Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Co. J.E. Woodworth Manager & Trustee

b) apparently a cheque, on a cheque form of the Federal Bank of Canada, possibly dated 30 August, also in Wpg: “Pay to J.E. Woodworth Genl Manager of Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co” sum of $4000 – and it is signed by J. E. Woodworth

 The office annotation says “From J E Woodworth, Winnipeg, 30 August: Note for 4000 – payable to himself and endorsed by himself also promissory note for same”

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| G 8701 | B - 421 (a) | [No Date] | Letter | Pugh, R.H. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | A few alterations he wishes made in Agreement. Willcall tomorrow at 12 o'clock. Alterations herewith. |   |
| G 8701 | B - 421 (b) | [No Date] | Application | Pugh, R.H. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Copy of application for loan at Merchants' Bank. |   |

Application to Merchant’s Bank from Sask Coal Mining and Transportation Co. Ltd, Winnipeg MB for $10,000 to carry on the business of coal mining, to be drawn during 3 months on the endorsement of Amos Rowe, Wpg; John Norquay, Edward Benson, W.M. Carruthers, Jacob Klotz and Thos Renwick

 Note: pencilled handwritten 4 pp document re danger of machinery becoming unfit for use, or being resold, or damages to be paid in case of default, or in the case of a strike or a refusal to work by the miners or laborers employed in or about the said mines

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| G 8729 | No #     | Aug. 16, 1883 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | Brandon | Norquay, John | Re: Land & Sask. Coal Co. |

“My Dear Sir I wired you today and now beg to enclose you letter from Mr. VanHorn [sic] also D.B.W. which speak for themselves but would say the getting of the land looks very favourable as the Government should by all means give the parties actively working the coal mines & expending large sums of money the request to [unclear] Please shew these letters to Dr. Benson if you can conveniently. Also continue to use any influence you can in inducing the Department of the Interior at Ottawa to grant our Company the lands applied and give me a letter of [committal?] at once better write D.B.W. yourself if you think of anything to help the matter along as we must obtain those lands Soon as possible[.] Sir Alex Gault will do all in his power to get them. C.J. Brydges informed me there was a party with the cash ready $32000 for Sec 8 the moment we failed to comply with the offer made by Mr. Brydges but Mr. Brydges has given me until the 31st inst to make arrangements & complete purchase first payment $4000[.] Our other business is all going on satisfactory, Yours very truly J.E. Woodworth

Ps – please keep letters till my return

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| G 8701 | B - 458 | Aug. 27, 1883 | Letter | Pink, Robert CPR Western Division Wpg | City (Winnipeg)  | Woodworth, J.E. | Re: Coal. |   |

Pink to Woodworth, Genl Mgr of Sk Coal

 Tested coal shipped to Egan in Engine #73 running on gravel train from here to Birds Hill, “and altho the results are not as satisfactory as I could wish I think that it will make a very good coal for household purposes. The advantage the coal possesses are, it does not clinker burning to a white ash, and not much smoke, consequently little waste….” The engineer says “he could not get more than from 60 to 80 lbs steam, the coal being too light for steaming purposes, it also takes a much greater quantity to do the same amount of work than what would be required of the coal at present in use.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1365 | Aug. 29, 1883 | Receipt | Macdonald and Tupper | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | $1000.00 to be applied on purchase of SaskatchewanCoal Co. premises. |   |

Letterhead of law firm Macdonald & Tupper McArthur [J B] and Dexter [HJ]

29 Aug 1883 “Received from Hon John Norquay the sum of one thousand dollars to be applied in purchase of Section 8 – Twp 13-Range 6 West of the 4th Principal Meridian [by?] the Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Company (Limited)

Macdonald & Tupper

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JN to F. White (who is in Wpg), 29 Aug 1883: The company wish the E ½ Sec 7, all of Sec 17-18 in Twp [13?] Range 6, W of the 4th meridian. They would also like to get the south halves of 5 & 6 in the same twp and range, and sec. 31 in Twp 12, R 6, W of 4th. “…in view of the improbability of our being able to get all that we ask and that the first sections are absolutely indispensable [sic] inasmuch as they intervene between the mine and the railway track, and as the Company have already put in shafts on the said 17 and 18 Sections and some buildings I would press strongly that these be granted to the company.”

**8731 LB C: Coal:** JN to JEWoodworth MPP Brandon 20 Sept 1883: re yours of 10th, found “on my arrival at home.

 “I of course during my visit saw the work that you had carried on. I have telegraphed Sir John again on the subject of the lands and received a reply yesterday that it would be dealt with next week besides which I have seen Fred White who assures me that there is no cause for uneasiness so push the works.

 “I have written Van Horne and shall see him personally as soon as he comes on the subject of freight rates.

 “I have seen Klotz and have had a talk with him and I have seen Renwick he is rather uneasy notwithstanding the assurance he received from me of the enterprise being the biggest in the North West.

 “I will lose no opportunity of promoting the interest of the Company. I remain, yours very truly …” [p C329]

**8731 LB C: Coal**: JN to Woodworth 1 Oct 1883: you complain in 2 recent letters of Renwick not carrying out his promises. “I am satisfied if he saw the work that you have pushed so satisfactorily, and with such energy, he would change his opinion, and see the value of the enterprise. I congratulate you on the success.

 “I have written Van Horne in respect to the ironing and tieing of the spur, and he assured me that he would attend to it immediately. I hope that as soon as the cars can go there you will be able to turn out enough to load 10 or 12 cars a day. The price of coal has risen in Winnipeg those interested in hard coal are busy doing all they can to depreciate the Saskatchewan Coal. Immediately that our coal appears on the market I have no doubt that there will be a great demand for it as it will speak for itself. Hoping to see you soon. I remain…” [p C341-342]

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| G 8701 | B - 437 | Oct. 5, 1883 | Postcard | Dominion Express Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | 3 Tubs, 1 Pail, 1 Box. Express $1.90. |   |

On the back of this postcard, an innocent bill for $1.90, Norquay doodles, signs his name and initials, and writes “$600, 60 shares, Mine is so good, 60 shares JN The mine is so good” and, “Shields 60 shares”

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| G 8700 | A - 1377 | Oct. 8, 1883 | Letter | Macdonald, Hugh J. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Enclosing a letter from W.M. Carruthers statinghe has transferred 50 shares of the K.M. Co. toFred L. Watrous. | 2 pp. |

Hugh John encloses a letter to JN, Pres of SK Coal, stating that W M Carruthers has transferred 50 shares to Fred L Waterous. “Mr Carruthers is anxious that this transfer should be kept a secret and asked me to request you to say nothing about it, which I now do. I am glad to learn that the prospects of the Company are so good.”

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| G 8702 | C - 193 | Oct. 27, 1883 | Memorandum |   | [No Location] |   | 27th October 1883: $24.32. Imperial Bank. No action. |   |

Imperial Bank 27 October 1883 $24.32. B. Vandin [?]

William George Ptolemy signed on back of this odd memo

**8731 LB C: Coal?**  JN to [??], City, 29 Oct 1883 [C384]: “I have no objection on my part as President of the Company to issue the stock that the Vendors are entitled to but while I am willing to do so, and believe that the Directors will also have no objection, it would be necessary that the Vendors should agree as to what proportion each of them should receive, in which case the way would be made easy, otherwise until such arrangement is arrived at to which all would be consenting parties, I cannot see how the Company can issue the stocks in separate [parcels? ] unless they are made acquainted with the amount each is entitled to.

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| G 8700 | A - 1351 | Nov. 9, 1883 | Letter | Lawson, John P. | Medicine Hat, N.W.T. | Bowes, James A. | Coal matters. |   |

Same letterhead stationery Lawson to James R. Bowes, Sask Coal &c office

From “Coal Mines” – the picks from Munson & Duff aren’t fit for use – as the Vulcan blacksmith said, ‘there was no steel in it’ – they can come and get them if they won’t accept 50 or 60 cents a piece for them.

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| G 8700 | A - 1350 | Nov. 10, 1883 | Letter | Lawson, John P. | Medicine Hat, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Showed Mr. Egan and Shields through the mine. Supplies needed. |   |

-printed letterhead of “Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Transportation Co, Limited 576 Main St, Winnipeg Mines at Medicine Hat, NWT”

Letter from “Coal Mines” addressed to “The Saskatchewan brethren”

“Gents Mr Egan & Shields have just left the pit – I had them to the far end of the …[illegible] The coal looked well. Mr. Egan said it looked much better than he had any idea of.

 “I have got the new screens in operation They work all right. I shewed them the coal in the coal cars after the new screening. They said ‘That looks well’

 “I hope you will see Mr Egan soon as possible and get a contract from the C.P.R.

 “Mr. Shields promised to put a siding in for us under the screens, when he does so I will send you a car of ‘nut’ coal

 “I saw the coal from Anderson’s mine It is not anthracite coal I told Mr. Egan so and gave it as my opinion that this coal would raise as much steam per ton as Andersons coal

 “The coal from Anderson’s mine is ‘slickinsided’ looks as if the seam will be faulty, I would not be surprised if they loose the seam. – At any rate their coal will not greatly interfere with this I am not afraid of it unless they strike something better than yet seen

 “A report is current today that the C.P.R. will be shut down west of Moose Jaw for the winter will you enquire into it?

 “You will have no more slack to contend against. The screens work all right, we may have some trouble shipping wet coal during hard frost. It will delay us somewhat That is the reason I am anxious to have another screen put up, so as we can use the one, while the other is getting cleaned. John P. Lawson

[ps] Powder & oak rails reqd by the end of this month

 We will require a supply of powder the fine grained is best for us – we also require more pit rails (oak) by the end of this month, large portions of the roads require to be relaid owing to not having strap iron. JPL

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| G 8700 | A - 1357 | Nov. 11, 1883 | Telegram | Egan, John M.,General Superintendent, C.P.R. | Balgonie, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Sorry he did not see Mr. N. On reverse: Note from Ritchie, J.N. re: First class coal for engines. |   |

“On no. 61 Am very sorry I did not see you. We passed your train east of Moose Jaw”

 Pencil on back: “Nov 11th Saw J P Murray engine driver who said had no trouble in keeping 120 to 130 lbs steam believes it first class coal for engines. Don’t see why it should not be used. J Ritchie”

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| G 8701 | B - 415 | Nov. 14, 1883 | Letter | Wilson, D.H., M.P.P. | Nelson, MB | Norquay, John | Stating he has a friend he wishes appointed MedicalSuperintendent of the Asylum at Selkirk and alsoremarks as to the Assize Court being established atManitoba City. |   |

My Dear Norquay …. [see ch 73 for full letter]

I hope you have a pleasant trip to the coal mines & that your investments in that enterprise be highly remunerative. Yours …”

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| G 8729 | No #      | Nov. 19, 1883 | Letter | Norquay, J.  | City (Winnipeg)  | MacDonald, J.A. | Unfinished letter re: land dispute & Sask. Coal Co. |

Letterhead of Sask Coal Mining & Transportation Co Ltd Head office 576 Main St Wpg

**Draft – apparently in JNorquay’s hand**

“My dear Sir John I have just received a notice from Mr. H H Smith of Peterboro informing me that he was the first to make application for the S ½ of section 7, Tp 13 R6 West of the 4 meridian and that a patent is to issue to him shortly and threatening the Saskatchewan Coal Mining Company with damages for any works undertaken by them on such land. Now our steam engine & all our works are on the centre of Section referred to in the notice of Mr Smith and the Company have expended a sum of fifty thousand dollars in development of the mines besides which while the Company were carrying out these improvements & spending their time and means in doing so neither Mr Smith nor his abettors was doing anything towards utilizing the coal deposits of the Medicine Hat region which are so essential to the settlement of that western country. I think the Co who at their own risk developed that commodity should not only be entitled to the lands when they are working but should also receive a tangible recognition from the Govt in the way of a bonus for I am sure it is as important and necessary an industry as are some industries in the East which are bonussed. I trust you will see that the Company will get such recognition at the hands of the Govt that they need have no apprehension but go on with their work for I can assure you they have had sufficiently hard times & difficulties & obstacles to overcome already.

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| G 8701 | B - 461 | Nov. 19, 1883 | Indenture ofAgreement | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) |   | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Company. |   |

Agreement between JN representing SK Coal Co, and Amos Rowe: Rowe “will forthwith procure” from CPR an order “for at least one hundred tons of coal daily to be supplied from the Saskatchewan Coal Mines at Medicine Hat…” Rowe will receive 250 shares of SK Coal stock. Jacob Klotz witness.

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| G 8701 | B - 460 | Nov. 24, 1883 | Letter | Cameron, John R. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal mine re: transfer of shares. | 2 pp. |

Two letters: “Please take notice that I have transferred my interest in…”

 a) 500 shares of SK Coal to Alex McIntyre –

 b) 452 ½ “ “ “ to Fred L. Waterous

Kindly see that the stock is allotted to him.

**Date: 30 November 1883**

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| G 8729 |  |  |  |  No # | Oct. 6, 1885 | Letter | Ptolemy, W.J. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Note for $5000 - Sask. Coal Co.  |

“My Dear Mr. Norquay Upon getting your letter this morning I at once started to try and find the 5000.00 note wanted, and after spending the whole afternoon at the search have to state that I have been unsuccessful. I have gone over all the other old papers of the S.C.M.&T Co which had not before been handled by Emslie and me. We never saw it during our audit. Both McKeand and Shorey are away, and it is very doubtful if they know anything about it anyway. After having the Merchants Bank to make a thorough search which was fruitless, I asked Mr. Miller to give me a copy from their books with a certificate as to its correctness, which he did, and I herewith enclose same trusting it may serve your purpose. Respectfully yours

Encl: D. Miller to Norquay, 6 Oct 1885 Re SCMTCo:

 Re yours of the 1st ult and my reply of 2nd idem:

 “I am of the opinion that the note for $5000 was handed to Mr. Klotz when the renewal for $3000 was discounted, but we have looked carefully over all our vouchers of the time without finding it.

 “I enclose herewith what is to all intents & purposes a copy of the $5000 note hoping it may be of use to you. I cannot vouch for the exact wording of the note, but at all events the chief points – the names &c are the same.”

 Attached form: 30 November 1883: $5000 The Saskatchewan Coal Mining &T Co three months after date, for value received promises to pay to the order of A. Rowe at the Merchants Bank of Canada, Winnipeg, the sum of Five thousand dollars sgd J Norquay Prest. SCM &T Co.” “Due March 31 1884”[inserted in pencil at top]

Note on obverse contains 5 “sgd” names: “A Rowe, JE Klotz, W M Carruthers, E. Benson, Jno Norquay”

**5 December 1883:**

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| G 8704 | C - 941 | Nov. 23, 1883 |   | Sask. Coal & T. Co. | [No Location] |   | Statement. Dealt with by Mr. N. |

Handwritten, formal: workers employed at SCMTCo at Medicine Hat proceed against the Co under master and servant ordinance “for wages due them” up to 12 Nov 1883 and obtained judgment for same against directors – Thomas Bottress, Tweed & Ewart Francis, Dick George McQuaig, George F. Tupper, Donald Archibald, O. L. Main and D Cameron [all guesses only].

 On 26 Nov, Mr. Bowes, paymaster of Co, came from Wpg with funds to pay the workmen, and Mr. Lawson Mgr of Coy at mines, and agreement was made to pay a certain portion of the wages due for October and reimbursing them for all lost time, and the workmen would resume work without prejudicing their claim, acc. to Mr. Clark. Delay ensued, workers sought cause of delay, interviewed creditors, and creditors said they would not allow the mine to be worked. Operations at mine stopped from 26 Nov to 5 December 1883.

 We workmen endorse foregoing as true: R.A. Clark; Wm Brown; George Anderson; Ben Firmston; Thomas Paterson.

Dated Medicine Hat mines, 5 Dec. 1883

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| G 8701 | B - 488 | Dec. 1, 1883 | Telegram | Shirtcliff, A. | Maple Creek, Sask. | Norquay, John | Telegram. Re: Saskatchewan Coal Mine. | 2 pp. |

“On west-bound train Have no power to stay proceedings, men have nothing to eat, provisions under seizure, creditors advised by lawyers that they will be liable for all debts incurred if they allow the mine to be worked, better arrange at once to have men fed & come or send someone to arrange with creditors to allow the mine to be worked Let me know if you arrange to have men fed that I can postpone sale to satisfy their claim

$3.00 Bill incurred 1 Feb, -- settled 13 June

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| G 8701 | B - 462 | Dec. 9, 1883 | bill | Tweed & Ewart | Medicine Hat, Alta. | Saskatchewan Coal Co. | Bill. |   |

Merchants – bacon $45.50, plus oats $51.86, corn beef $30, bacon $38.25, can milk $14.40, box soap $5.40, and 1 Brl Biscuit $7.20 = 193.61, cash pd 20.00 = owe $173.61 and H. Beatty certified “quantity of goods & cash correct”

Plus more bills from 8 to 17 December including stove, bacon, stove pipes, yellow oil saltpetre pushing the bill up to $354.59

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| G 8701 | B - 483 | Dec. 10, 1883 | Telegram | Lawson, J.P. | Stair, N.W.T.[Medicine Hat] | Norquay, John | They have loaded 8 cars Saturday and 7 today. If much more coal required send more miners. |   |

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 “Loaded eight cars Saturday seven today fifteen miners left if much more coal required send more miners”

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| G 8701 | B - 485 | Dec. 11, 1883 | Telegram | Lawson, John P. | Medicine Hat, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Re: Blacksmith leaving and asking for another. |   |

“Blacksmith left us can you send another at once one accustomed to tools”

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| G 8701 | B - 397 | Dec. 11, 1883 | Letter | Walker, James | Calgary, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Accepting the Agency of Saskatchewan Coal Co. at the above point. Answered 14 December. See L.B."D" . |   |

Stationery of Bow River Mills, James Walker, Lumber Merchant, Calgary:

“On train: Dear Mr Norquay: I am sorry I missed you yesterday. If agreeable to you I will take the agency of your Coal Coy at Calgary allowing you $4.00 per ton for coal on board at Medicine Hat and will agree to sell it in Calgary at such reasonable prices as will secure the largest sales. If this offer meets your wishes please write me at Galt, Ont, so that I may secure scales &c. to enable me to handle the business properly. I will be returning about the 1st of Jan.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Tom, Saskatchewan Coal** JNorquay to “My dear Tom” [D63-4] 13 December 1883

 Re yours of 10th re rate charged for coal in Virden – tho’ nearer the mine than Brandon, CPR gives no reduction, so the charge is the same in the two towns and in Wpg, “where we encounter strong competition for the sale of our coal.”

 Rate to individual purchasers who are not Company agents and who are taking less than 200 tons/year is $5.00/ton. Rate to our agents is $4.00/ton (commission of $1.00 for handling our coal). In Virden, the coal can be sold for $9.50, leaving $1.00 to agent, unless he chooses to charge less for handling coal, in which case we make a slight reduction in the cost thereon.

**G8731-letterbook D:Coal, gold, investment** JN to JD Pennefather, Norquay [D67] 13 Dec 1883

I agree that with “the judicious application of a little money at present such properties can be acquired as will when developed enrich every person connected therewith…. I am President of a Company operating a Gold Mine where the assays run from fifty to five hundred dollars to the ton and it is now closed for want of funds with about three hundred tons of ore available for treating just for lack of funds to purchase the proper machinery. I am also engaged in developing a coal mine at present where the engineer estimates the quantity on our lands at about eleven million tons one and a half miles from the main line of the C.P.R. This I am glad to say is working satisfactorily and will pay handsomely every person interested in it….”

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| G 8701 | B - 512 | Dec. 14, 1883 | Letter | Mustard, J.W. | Stony Mountain, Man. | Bedson, S.L. | Test of American and Saskatchewan Coal.  | Copy |

Copy: Engineers report, Manitoba Penitentiary [to Bedson from Mustard]

“…in testing the two kinds of coal, by the amount of water a ton of each kind would convert into steam, the result of the test was as follows: The quantity of water used while burning the ton of American Coal was 1575 gallons with an average pressure of 25 4/7 lbs. The ton of Saskatchewan coal 1445 gallons with an average pressure of 22 ¾ lbs. The only difference in the conditions of the test that I am aware of was, that the furnace was hotter when beginning to use the American coal, than it was when commencing to use the other, which would reduce the difference a little.”

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| G 8701 | C - 45 | Dec. 18, 1883 | SK Coal Mtg Minutes |   | City (Winnipeg)  |   | Extracts of minutes of meetings of Saskatchewan CoalMining Co. & copy.  | 2 pp. |

Two identical extracts, in two different hands, from the minutes of SK Coal meeting in Wpg on 18 Dec 1883 Present: JN President; Amos Rowe vp; Jacob Klotz Sec; D. E. Benson; J.R. Cameron. JN clearly signed one, and the other records his signature.

 Motion of Cameron, Benson seconds, that JN “be requested to go east and be authorized to make such arrangements to raise fund sufficient to carry on the mining operations of the Company and he can be empowered to dispose of sufficient stock for that purpose, or mortgage the real and personal property of the Company as in his discretion may seem best.”

**G8731-letterbook D:CPR, Saskatchewan Coal** JN to DB Woodworth, MP, Ottawa, 19 Dec 1883 [D70-73] “My dear Woodworth: Joseph has shown me a telegram he has received from you which seems to imply disappointment at the amount of stocks to be issued in your name.” In explanation: note that we used considerable stock “for the purpose of securing influence and as a means of securing funds to prosecute the work of development at the Mine.” And an additional 25,000 was hypothecated to secure an order from the CPR. All the stock held by Joe totals 140,000, of which 10% is by mutual agreement of the stock owners hypothecated for the general uses of the Company. That leaves 126,000. Joe has asked me to issue certificates to you “representing 50,000 dollars.”

 The board decided yesterday to send a delegate with full power “to make such arrangements as would carry the Company through safely they having been very materially interfered with by the dead-lock on the C.P.R. the consequence of which will be ruinous to the Company unless they can by some means or other tide over the financial crisis the dead lock has thrown them into.” They have withheld stock in reserve “in case it should have to be made available for the purpose of extricating the Company from their present embarresment [sic]…. [We had hoped] that the strike would have been over in two or three days in which case we would not have been materially effected [sic] by it. But as the strike followed immediately on the strike of our men at the mines and an attachment of the property of the Company we have not sold a ton of coal since the 12th of November and the result has been most embarrising [sic] with notes maturing every day and the creditors of the Company threatening us with suit after suit.”

 I’ll be in Montreal and Ottawa shortly, will talk this over with you. I will see that no advantage is taken of any stockholder….

[no signature] – [Miss Cooke typed this out, presumably, anticipating that it would fade out completely.]

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| G 8729 | No #      | Dec. 20, 1883 | Letter | Shirtliff, A. | Maple Creek N-WMP | Norquay, John | Costs of $150.00 in Employees v. Sask. Coal Co.Receipt.  |

“Received from the Hon. J. Norquay…” --- $150, “being amount of costs in the case of the Employees vs. The Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Co.”

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| G 8701 | B - 475 | Dec. 22, 1883 | Letter | Ryan, D. | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter and stating he doescare to enter any more speculations until Spring. |   |

Stationery of Horn Silver Mining Co of Frisco, Utah, offices Wall St NY.

“Hon. John Norquay Dear Friend Yours of the 12th came to hand yesterday….”

 “I am sorry I can’t make you the loan you ask for as you know I am tied up in real estate & the hotel scheme in St. Paul requires all and more than I can spare. I do not wish to go into any more enterprises until spring. Very truly yours, D. Ryan”

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| G 8701 | B - 490 | Dec. 22, 1883 | Receipt | Sutherland & Jackson | Medicine Hat, Alta. | Norquay, John | Order to deliver note of $512.00. Saskatchewan Coal Co. |   |

A Note of the Federal Bank of Canada, Winnipeg, “Received for collection from Sutherland & Jackson, Sask Coal & Mining Co due April 9 $512 & Interest”

“Receipt from Federal Bank on Sask Coal Mining Co Note placed there for collection”

“Please deliver note for $512 and Interest to the Hon. John Norquay as the same has been paid, and oblige, yours, Sutherland & Jackson (To the Manger of the Federal Bank)”

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| G 8701 | B - 509 | Dec. 23, 1883 | Telegram | Bowes, J.R. | Stair, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Telegram: "I am leaving for Winnipeg tonight." |   |

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| G 8701 | B - 444 | Dec. 24, 1883 | Letter | Pugh, R.H. | Chicago, Illinois Leland Hotel  | Norquay, John | Stating he has received Mr. N.'s telegram and isawaiting contract and sample of coal and askingseveral questions. | 2 pp. |

I duly received your telegram and await the contract & sample of coal…. Asks questions: what is character of your roof, and distance for safely keep props from the working face of the coal; are there any pyrites, sulphur or other hard substances that will injure a heavy pick; of what is the underlying strata composed, and whether hard or soft; is the coal vein horizontal; if not what is average angle; what is the width of your rooms

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** JN to JE Woodworth, Brandon 24 Dec 1883 [D74]

W J Clelland claims $90, our account says we owe him $3.70. Did we engage him at $75 per month or $3.00 per day? “You will see by the account that he is only credited at the rate of $75.00 per month for October and November and he claims at the rate of $3.00 per day.”

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| G 8701 | B - 477 | Dec. 26, 1883 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E.[MPP] | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Shares to be issued to him. |   |

“My dear Sir: Mr. Pyke left the mines on Friday last and up to that time no cars had left the mine and there are some 80 cars standing on the track everything was all right at the mines the drifts were all full of coal also outside where ever they could pile it. People here are anxious for the coal & since they have gone back to using Eastern soft coal they see the superiority of our coal. We are now using soft coal in our house from the CPR and the difference is marvelous, we can’t keep fires all night the House is being smoked up the pipes & stoves full of soot and it is very disagreeable whereas the Sask coal is clean no soot don’t go out & no smoke I tell you its worth more in every way than Pennsylvania Soft Coal or any other Soft Coal I ever used. Pyke says the coal now got out at the mine is far superior to what had ever been shipped I think now our coal will bring in price equal to any other coal and as the coal will coke we have surely a profitable thing. I would like to have the certificates of stock as soon as possible leaving the 28000 in your hands for a while I am anxious for this for more reasons than one for if the 24000 is issued in my two son’s names as long ago arranged it may save trouble and which you would appreciate if you knew my reasons and I don’t see why the delay. $24000 in B.F.W. and $24000 in J.F.W. and $1000 in my name as per memo given you some time since. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am yours truly J.E. Woodworth”

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| G 8701 | B - 398 | Dec. 28, 1883 | Letter | Taylor, E.A.,Bank of Nova Scotia | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | An overdue acceptance of $193.44 signed by J.E. Wood. |   |

I hold on behalf of our customers Doull & Miller an overdue acceptance of $193.44 signed by J E Woodworth Man. Director Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Transportation Co. This has been several times presented at the Co’s office & payment promised but not yet received. Will you kindly inform me whether the new Co assume this indebtedness & if so when some arrangement of it may be looked for.”

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| G 8701 | B - 400 | Dec. 28, 1883 | Letter | Kennedy, William | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Recommending Dr. Ballenden for a position. |   |

“My Dear Mr Norquay We have just now living with a relative – a nephew of the late John Ballenden at one time a Governor of Assiniboia. He came to this country in June last hoping to find something to do but so far he has been disappointed. He has some knowledge of medicine & is also more or less acquainted with mining life having been brought up in the ‘Black Country’ where his father has been a life long medical attendant on miners. Could you not give him a position at some of your mines where with being a medical man he could also make himself generally useful? I would take it as a great personal favour done to myself if you could do anything for him in this or any other way. Wishing you the compliments of the season & that every good thing may ever attend you & all yours. I remain, very truly, Wm Kennedy

**8731 LB C: Saskatchewan Coal** JN to Willoughby Clark, lawyer Medicine Hat, 28 Dec 1883[C433]: “I am in receipt of your notice informing me that W. J. Clelland an employee of the Saskatchewan Coal Mining Company has put in suit a claim that he holds against the Company for $98.20. On referring the matter to Mr. Woodworth the late manager he admits that the Company owe your client the sum of $81.70 which the Company will pay the next pay day that occurs. Should your client persist in going on with the suit please notify me at what time the court sits so that the Company will be able to put in a defence.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** JN to E.W.Taylor, Mgr Bank Nova Scotia, City 29 Dec 1883 [D75]

 Re acceptance on behalf of Sask Coal Co by JE Woodworth, late manager, for $193.44. “The present Company will assume the obligation and settle the amount although I cannot promise that we can do so immediately as the late strike on the C.P.R. has been to us most disastrous not having been able to place coal in the market we have been prevented from realizing from our output of coal which has been considerable during the last fortnight. However as we receive coal we will be able to pay a portion of our liabilities with a certainty of liquidating them all if time is allowed us.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal**, JN to W. Kennedy St Andrews 29 Dec 1883 [D76] Re your note re Dr. Ballenden: We do need professional men at our mine, could employ him “if he has had considerable practice…”: our system is to charge the men $1/month for medical services guaranteed. “The doctor is paid to the amount of the number of men we have employed during the month at $1.00 each. The number that we have on hand just now is between eighty and one hundred.”

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| G 8701 |  | C - 46 | [No Date] | Memoranda | Norquay, J. | City (Winnipeg)  |   | Showing amount of stock held by original promoters ofSask. Coal Mining Co.  | 2 pp. |

 Handwritten Memo 2pp [I think in JN’s hand]:

“shows the amount of stock held by the original promoters….”

 J E Woodworth 1400 shares $140,000

 J R Cameron 1125 112,500

 W M Carruthers 500 50,000

 Jacob E Klotz 750 75,000

 Edwd Benson 500 50,000

 4275 427,500

 “The following amounts of stock have been allotted to the following gentlemen and are not assessable”

 Norquay 250 $25,000

 Hugh J Macdonald 50 5,000

 C S Tupper 50 5,000

 Thos Renwick 200 20,000

 Amos Rowe 175 17,500

 725 $72,500

“Of the 4275 shares held by the original promoters ten per cent by the articles of incorporation deposited with the Secretary of State is disposable for treasury purposes, besides which I have power of attorney signed by all the promoters authorizing me as President to dispose of such amount of stock as may be necessary in the interest of the business generally & especially to meet liabilities incurred in the development of the property. The Company own 960 acres of coal lands on which yearly payments $4400 are payable for the next seven years. The improvements consist of 1 store 60 x 24 containing two offices and ten rooms overhead. 1 Boarding House 80 x 16 with addition off 40 x 20 capable of seating 80 men comfortably and having a room for men to use as reading room & to write letters if necessary, a blacksmith shop with carpenter shop attached fully equipped with necessary tools. A magazine 20 x 14, a stable 30 x 20 an engine house 30 x 30, a bank head over three hundred feet long, a railway track 1 ½ miles, 10 levels averaging 300 ft each & 4 ponies 2 teams of horses, a small blacksmith shop near the mouth of the pit. Goods in store to the value of four or five thousand dollars

 [sgd] J Norquay

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Another men’s house 40 x 20 & I forgot to mention that boarding house has sleeping accommodation for forty-five or fifty men.

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| G 8701 | B - 455 | Dec. 31, 1883 | Letter | Norquay, Thomas | Virden, Man.F1676 | Norquay, John | Stating a car load of coal is there and asking Mr. N.to pay freight charges. |   |

To JN Prest Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co

“A carload of coal here pay freight charges sixty seven dollars fifty” also in ch 71]

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| G 8702 | C - 239 | Jan. 3, 1884 | Telegram | Lawson, John P. | Stair, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | They are shut down for want of powder andpet rails. Reply telegram sent same date. |   |

“Are shut down for want of powder and pet rails all our stuff used up” [coal]

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| G 8702 | C - 240 | Jan. 3, 1884 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Wishes his and his sons stock issued stock and expressingwishes as to success of mine. Money matters.Replied 10 January. See L.B."D" p79. |   |

“My very dear Sir: how is the coal mine progressing Have you any offers for treasury stock yet the 10th (pay day) is near at hand will the money be ready I feel naturally anxious for the coal is wanted so much there must be a grand success in this enterprise for us you have not sent me any stock yet or at least I have not received any The best part of my available property has been hypothecated to Renwick for Security for that $12,000 for the Coal Co and I am unable to use it and I must have something to work with for I cannot collect anything these times there will be sufficient left in your hands after giving 24,000 to each of my sons as per memorandum left with you and then again I want it fixed. So there will be no trouble (unnecessary) trusting you are well & have enjoyed the festive season and wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.”

“Action: Replied 10th Jan see LBD page 79”

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| G 8702 | C - 244 | Jan. 4, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, JacobSaskatchewan Coal Mining& Transportation Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Enclosing a note for signature and asking that it bereturned by bearer and some remarks as to things atMines. Dealt with by Mr. N. |   |

SK Coal stationery: “Mr dear Mr. Norquay: Please sign enclosed note & return by bearer, it is a renewal.

 Enclosed also telegram from Egan – a nice state of affairs at mines. I just telegraphed to Bowes about it in presence of Mr. Rowe.

 Hope to see you here this P.M. Yours truly Jacob E. Klotz”

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| G 8702 | C - 245 | Jan. 5, 1884 | Letter | Miller, D., ManagerMerchants' Bank | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to call at Bank first time he isdowntown. Dealt with by Mr. N. |   |

Please call at bank “when passing, as soon as you can make it convenient.”

Action: dealt with by Hon Mr. Norquay”

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| G 8701 | C - 17 | Jan. 9, 1884 | Letter | Hargrave, J.G. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Order to deliver cheque for $331.38 account 31 tons coal. Refused to do so. |   |

“Please deliver to bearer check for $331.28 for thirty ton coal.”

Cover sheet: “Refused to do so.”

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| G 8703 | C - 568 | Jan. 10, 1884 | Telegram | Pugh, R.H. | Chicago, Illinois | Norquay, John | Re: Sask. Coal mine. |

“Will you extend time to enable practical capitalist inspect mines answer R.H. Pugh”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** JN to JE Woodworth, Brandon, 10 Jan 1884 [D79-80]

Re yours of 4th “I thought I would have been in a position to issue all the stock to proprietors before today, but the fact is we have been so short of funds that it has been necessary to keep the stock in the hands of the Company, and with the consent of those entitled to it to make such arrangements as would relieve the Company from financial embarrassment. Because if we go under as a company the stock will be worth nothing whereas by a slight sacrifice of cash of the holders of stock we may be able to make it equal to par.”

 “As I go to Ottawa shortly I am asked by the company to negotiate for the sale of a certain percentage. I am also authorized if necessary with the consent of the holders of stock to part with a controlling interest if the same is deemed to be in the interest of the company.

 “I will say no more until I meet you when I can explain fully the reasons of the delay.”

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| G 8729 | No #  | Jan. 11, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Sask. Coal Co. |

Please keep memo of “No of sheet, no. of shares, amount, date, and to whom issued…”

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| G 8701 | C - 35 | Jan. 12, 1884 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John (in Ottawa) | Coal Co.'s stock and other matters.  | Original &Copy5 pp. |

“Dear Sir I was very much disappointed this morning when visiting your office & found you had left I remained over today on purpose to see you as you informing me on Thursday night you was going home Friday and would be back Saturday and we would meet. I had many things to see you about, however it can’t be helped now & I can’t get home till Monday. I wrote you from Brandon Re Coal Co Stock but got no answer from you. When I resigned the office of manager of the Coal Co I had every confidence I would be farely delt [sic] by knowing you were President, but I don’t know anything of how the business is going and have very little faith in the men belonging to the Company forming the directorate outside of your self, and I fear the Company will never be what it ought to be with such men as Benson Klotz Rowe Carruthers &c having the business to do I know they have done me an unwarranted injury and that report Dr. Benson made to me about Egan &c, &c, is false and there is not one of the Company stands so well today save yourself than I do, and I know they can’t begin to do the business or influence for bettering matters than I can. I am disgusted at there puttering you can however watch how things go and rectify where and when needed. Now if you can sell any stock for the Company’s benefit down East please if possible sell five or ten thousand for me I will take as low as $50.00 a share, I am sorry you did not let me have some stock as I asked you, I could have placed it to fill some holes that I cant otherwise satisfy for the present, my brother also writes me today you have not sent him his stock $50,000. I have looked up my available property with Renwick to secure that $12,000 hired from him and now I am unable to use either stock or property this is very unfair to me and what I did not expect, I hope you will be able to effect arrangements with the Dominion Government re extending the province of Manitoba north and other matters you intend bringing to there notice that are of great importance to us at the present time and that that will work out the salvation of this country.

 Wishing you a prosperous and effectual visit to the Capital, I am yours very faithfully, J E Woodworth

P.S. I am awfully sorry I did not see you before you left I wanted to see in respect to my brother D.B. please give him my regards. JEW

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| G 8701 | C - 73 | Jan. 15, 1884 | Telegram | Rowe, Amos | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Egan away. One of Renwick's notes due- wire Klotz $8000.00 Merchants' Bank. |   |

“Egan away hence can’t get funds your letter to him injurious one of Renwick notes due part must be paid wire Klotz eight thousand dollars to Merchants Bank quickly Amos Rowe” JN at Russell House

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| G 8701 | C - 56 | Jan. 17, 1884 | Letter | Pritchard, A.W. SK Coal | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Arthur Kirk & Son writing party to keep draft for collection over until 1st February. |   |

Letterhead of MB Treasury dept – “Arthur Kirk & Son write stating they have given instructions to party holding draft for collection to hold the same until the 1st Feby. I have told Klotz and have written thanking them for their kindness….

 Hope you will have a good time down there and meet with all the success you would wish for.” [JN at Russell House]

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** AW Pritchard to Kirk & Son, Pennsylvania, 17 Jan 1884 [D82]:

 We have received yours “stating that you will instruct party holding draft for collection to hold the same until the 1st of February and in reply would thank you for this kindness and sympathy extended to the company at this time.”

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| G 8704 | C - 904 | Jan. 20, 1885 | Receipt | Leland, W.F.Leland Hotel | Chicago | Norquay, John | Delegation expenses $20.85. |

Dated 1884, but that could be clerk’s mistake

 Norquay $21.85 Sutherland $9.00 Paid $30.85

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| G 8701 | C - 64 | Jan. 23, 1884 | Letter | Benson, Dr. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal. |   |

Stationery letterhead of some animal in an engraved circle “inconcussa virtus” [Benson family, Lane family, and Baron Bingley motto] “virtue unshaken”:

My uncle in Chicago called at the Palmer House “before you arrived and again shortly after you had left and was very sorry he had not seen you as he thought that he could have put you on the way of accomplishing what you went for.” If you aren’t successful “down there, … see him on the way back.”

 “We are very anxious to hear from you and know how things are going, and what our chances are. Rowe is at present at the mines paying off the men and everything seems to go on all right out there with a few exceptions of a minor character. The doctor went out a week ago so I suppose they will be satisfied on that point. I am at present trying to sell out our store out there and have some hopes of doing so but cannot say so yet.

 “There is more coal coming in at present than Hargrave can pay the freight on so he turned five cars over the Hon C.P.B. and wanted the C.P.R. to take some but they informed him that they had got several cars in from the mine last night direct to use here but for what I cannot tell you.

 “I suppose you have posted yourself on coal rates on the various roads down there so as to be able to argue our case on the rate question if you have not already settled it with Mr. Van Horne. Yours &c, AW Benson”

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| G 8701 | C - 65 | Jan. 23, 1884 | Letter | Hope, John & Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Coal business. |   |

“I have been thinking over the subject of our conversation about the coal-mine, & I have come to the conclusion that I will not embark in it. My experience in such companies has been uniformly unfortunate, and I prefer to have what little money I have to spare more under my own control I am losing no time in telling you in order that you may not count on me. But let me see you none the less when you come down. Yours very sincerely, John Hope”

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| G 8701 | C - 66 | Jan. 23, 1884 | Telegram | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal business. |   |

“Do not delay We are pushed hard daily Answer prospects” JN at Russell House

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| G 8701 | C - 76 | Jan. 23, 1884 | Telegram | Pugh, R.H. | Chicago, Illinois | Norquay, John | Telegram re: meeting on return. |   |

“Yes he would like to meet you on his return here R.H. Pugh”[ to JN in Ottawa]

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| G 8701 | C - 67 | Jan. 24, 1884 | Telegram | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal business. |   |

“No word from Chicago Man depend you succeeding at Ottawa affairs serious”

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| G 8701 | C - 68 | Jan. 24, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal business. |   |

“Since writing you yesterday I received this morning your dispatch which is very discouraging I assure you. As our affairs are looking more gloomy from day to day I again wired you tonight “No word from Chicago man depend on you succeeding at Ottawa affairs serious” I assure you if assistance is not received soon we are gone beyond hope of recovery. All are pressing hard for money and Renwick among the lot. I have just been told by a Gentleman privately to whom Renwick spoke about our position, intimating that he (R) had friends who had enough money to push the mines etc, and from all I could gather from this Gent R. intends putting the screws on us to get hold of the mines. Now my dear Norquay do urge Sir John to do something for us, he can do it & no doubt will do it for you, so stick to it. If we are sold out I am a ruined man. Your own position you know best you know the prospects before us if all goes right, so I again beg of you induce Sir John to do something for us in the shape of a loan & save us from ruin. Yours very truly Jacob E. Klotz In haste”

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| G 8701 | C - 77 | Jan. 25, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal Mine. |   |

“…matters are growing worse from hour to hour.

 “I had a talk with Mr. Hugh Macdonald this morning and asked him about prospects of getting loan from Gov he says ‘it will be difficult no doubt but if Mr. Norquay focuses the Gov hard enough & sticks to it, he will no doubt get a loan.’ Now I again appeal to you to do your utmost to get that loan thereby getting us out of this dilemma. I am nearly used up worrying. My head is just bursting of pain thinking of the fix we are in, so come to our rescue with all your powers you can bring to bear with Sir John.

 ‘I hope the box I am in is sufficient excuse in troubling you so much. Yours very truly Jacob E. Klotz

If Gov does not assist us we are gone before negotiations can be entered into at another place.”

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| G 8701 | C - 69 | Jan. 26, 1884 | Letter | Benson, Dr. E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal business. |   |

Carruthers of Carruthers & Brock says Hon Jos Howland seems anxious to get into our company and might either lend us money or take stock “so if you can see him in any way perhaps it would be as well to do so.”

 “The Chicago men arrived here night before last ….I have had a long talk with them but they will say nothing till they return [from the mine]. We expect Rowe home tonight. And we are still in hopes that you will be able to get the money for us.

 “I met Hugh Sutherland yesterday and he talks amalgamation of the Souris Co. with ours and force the C.P.R. in the matter of coal rates for his and his friends influence to get what the C.P.R. wants from the government so I hope you will be able to do something in the line of rates on the same ground[.] Egan will do nothing more than he ever would but now uses your letter as an excuse although he has not been putting on demurrage as before but says he will do so. They are taking very little from us at present. Please write and let me know what the chances are. Mr. Wilson one of the Chicago men told me last night if he liked the look of the mine and we would offer any inducement he would like to manage it for us of course I gave him a good answer. Yours &c. E Benson”

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| G 8701 | C - 80 | Jan. 28, 1884 | Telegram | Rowe, Amos | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal Mine. |   |

“Just returned from mines situation here such that something must be done in next few days answer progress immediately”

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| G 8701 | C - 83 | Jan. 30, 1884 | Letter | Pugh, R.H. | Chicago, Illinois | Norquay, John | Arrival of Wilson at Winnipeg. |   |

Stationery of Leland Hotel, Chicago “My dear Sir My man Mr Wilson arrived in Wpg last Thursday and left by first train for M.Hat. I expect he would arrive there last Monday then will probably be in Chicago next week & would like to see you. Let me know when you will be here and I will wire you when he leaves Wpg for Chicago. R.H. Pugh”

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| G 8701 | C - 84 | Feb. 2, 1884 | Telegram | Rowe, Amos | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Starting for Ottawa in morning. |   |

“Start for Ottawa in morning Egan suggests this. Amos Rowe”

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| G 8701 | C - 21 | Feb. 2, 1884 | Letter | Dr. Benson | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal. |   |

Stationery of Sask Coal Co “Dear Sir: Mr Rowe left for Ottawa this morning after having sold Egan what coal there was on the track here which left a balance in our hands $4378. but out of this Mr. Rowe took the $3000 which he advanced at the first leaving us something over $1300, he Rowe has not received his stock yet and we think no stock should be issued to anyone till everything is settled. Rice also brings J.E.W.’s account out as owing us over $2500, and other matters coming to light every day. The last being a blank order to Mrs. Bowes to get what she wanted & have it charged. I expect word from Chicago by Monday which I expect will bring us an offer for stock if so I will telegraph you. There is no use saying anything about what I have written till you see for yourself still I think you should be posted. Before I forget it I want to make a request for myself. If you see anything going in my line of business such as med adviser for your Rocky Mountain RR or anything else put a good word in for me as I am anxious to give up practice as soon as possible.

 If Pugh’s extention [sic] of time is up I think I would not extend it till you see Rowe as from what he has heard from Egan and others it should not cost it nearly half of their contract price of course we will let you know what the Americans say when they come in which we expect will be this evening. Yours &c E. Benson

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| G 8701 | C - 25 | Feb. 3, 1884 | Letter | Dr. Benson | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal. |   |

SK Coal Co: Dear Sir: I wrote you yesterday but as Messrs Bruce and Wilson have returned from the West and are inclined as I think to be a little sharp I think it as well to give you some idea of what we think of the affair. In the first place Mr. Pugh’s advertisement in the American papers for capitalists so Wilson told me read about as follows ‘Wanted some capitalists to go into coal mining in which there is one dollar per ton clear profit’ and on this Wilson met Pugh and came on to examine, so Pugh must have thought he had a soft job. And now in the face of this he told me he wanted more simply because he no doubt has heard that we were hard up. Or else he would like to take the mining and selling all in his own hands and allow us so much a ton royalty. There is one thing sure we must not pay any more than the $2 and I think it should be less as far as coal for the Winnipeg market is concerned we must at present mine it so that we can sell it at $2.00 at the mines if we want to keep the city trade. Apparently we cannot look for much reduction in freight and Egan says we must sell cheaper or produce cheaper and then we can sell cheaper. Another thing that should be seen about is how much coal is carried for a ton, in the States and the lower provinces at the mines you get 2250 lbs for a ton and RRs carry that for a ton so as to allow for shrinkage [sic] here they seem to consider 2000 lbs a ton and therefore a great many of the cars if not all of them are short in weight and I hear Hargrave is going to enter suit for shortage in weight against the CPR as Hon. C.P. Brown claims something afer [sic after? Over?] 18 tons shortage by city weigh scales compared with CPR weight. [added note:] “I think the shortage was only 7 ½ tons I compared weights although Pritchard said it was 18 tons. J.E.K.”

 We are of course very anxious to hear from you and at the same time look forward to its being good news for us as everything seems to depend on you with whatever assistance Rowe can give you, And no doubt if we can keep the thing running for six months if the worst comes we can no doubt sell to advantage as Hugh Sutherland and others tell me there is great demands for such investments in the Old Country. Yours &c E. Benson Ansd dated 3rd Feb 84

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| G 8701 | C - 32 | Feb. 3, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal. |   |

‘My dear Mr Norquay

 The Americans have returned from the mines as telegraphed you last night. We had an interview with them last night but as they are very reticent could get no proposal from them as regards taking out coal. Had another interview this morning when they decided to go to Ottawa to see you. They do not want Pugh in the concern as he has no means, no influence & no experience, and I think they (Mr. Wilson) have telegraphed Pugh today that they would not entertain the Contract. Mr. Wilson wished to see Egan before leaving but I urged him to go to Ottawa at once if he had any intention of going into the proposed business. I told him that Mr. Van Horne knew all about our coal & was thoroughly posted in every particular concerning it by Mr. Egan, so he decided going to Ottawa at once. Mr. Wilson appears anxious to get the mining of our coal as also became otherwise interested [missing word: in?] it if he can get his terms. No doubt he thinks he caught a soft snap from us as he has heard of our embarrassment no doubt, so keep a watchful eye on our interests. As before stated he gave us here no idea of what his intentions are on the proposals he desires making.

 Mr Wilson as far as I can learn is a man of means and thoroughly posted in all mining affairs and would make a splendid manager and be a valuable acquisition to our Company, provided we can get his services without cutting our own throats. It appears he wants the whole concern without paying much for it.

 Mr. Pugh’s time according to agreement is up and of the extension you gave him is also expired. We will have no more to do with him as Mr. Rowe will tell you also.

 I hope the negotiations for funds you are about making is not pending on any negotiations with these Americans, for funds we must have & very soon.

 From Mr. Wilson’s conversation I gather that he wants more for taking out coal than amount mentioned in Pugh’s contract whereas figures show that it can be taken out for half that amount, Mr. Rowe has figures from Pennsylvania mines.

 If you & Mr Rowe succeed in getting the contract and also funds which latter must be got, we can run on long enough to effect a sale of the whole concern. I am sure a sale can be effected provided we can keep on running well & smoothly for six or eight months, so please keep this particularly in view.

 I hope it may not be many days before you will telegraph me funds. Yours very truly Jacob E Klotz

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| G 8701 | C - 87 | Feb. 3, 1884 | Telegram | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal mine - arrival of Americans. |   |

“Americans arrived very reticent don’t extend pugh’s time more tomorrow”

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| G 8701 | C - 85 | Feb. 3, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Introducing Messrs. Wilson & Bruce. |   |

“This will introduce to you Messrs Wilson and Bruce from Pittsburg, who have just returned to here from a visit to our mines….” They will explain their object.

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| G 8701 | C - 86 | Feb. 4, 1884 | Telegram | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal mine. |   |

“Americans leave for Ottawa tonight mailed you letter tonight”

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| G 8701 | C - 40 |  | Feb. 7, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, J. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal property. |   |

SK Coal stationery “My dear Mr. Norquay I have this day received a very good and exact map of our coal Property from Mr. Lawson. I send you herewith a copy of section 7 traced from said map, which although rough gives the exact position of spur, Drifts, etc, from which you will notice that all our works, operations, etc are on the centre of the east half of 7. The west half being cut up much by the River & many coolies is not worth near as much as the East half, which I presume has been given to Mr. Smith. This for your information should you entertain the idea of amalgamating with Smith. If you and Mr Rowe succeed in getting a Contract from Mr Van Horne we need then no amalgamation with anyone. Such a Contract would also deter anyone from opening up a new mine.

 Letters from mines this morning show that miners are still threatening to strike for higher wages. We cannot deal effectually with them until we have sufficient funds in hand to pay them off not only to end of month but to payday. Pay sheet to end of January (for January) about $5400. I will not have near this amount although Mr. Rose thought he left me in a good position to get funds sufficient for January Pay Roll.

 Our financial situation is growing more serious from day to day. Creditors are coming daily demanding pay and it takes a good deal of persuation [sic] to get them to wait. I have up to now succeeded in preventing them entering suit against the Co, latterly on the strength of your wire to me as regards hopes to sell stock sufficiently to relieve all embarrassments. Most of them will sue as they told me if funds are not ready by the 15th inst.

 Farrer told me this morning that the test made here at Wpg station gives better satisfaction than anticipated, and said Mr. Egan & Reid were rather more favourable now – I mention this privately for your information.

 Get as much land as possible, & for nil [? Illegible] as a bonus. I am sorry the Gov. will not advance us $20-$40,000, it might well do it, same as they gave to an eastern R. Road in which a minister is interested, that road will never refund and we would & that very soon.

 Send me something tangible soon. Yours very truly Jacob E. Klotz

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| G 8701 | C - 89 | Feb. 7, 1884 | Telegram | Klotz, J.E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Coal mine. |   |

“Americans before leaving told Egan coal could be put on cars at forty cents”

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| G 8702 | C - 101 | Feb. 12, 1884 | Telegram | Norquay, J.  | Ottawa, Ont. | Benson, E. | Re: Coal. |   |

JN to Benson: “What is meant by producing so much coal wired Klotz to dismiss men & only retain enough to supply demand”

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| G 8703 | C - 459 | Feb. 19, 1884 | Telegram | Wilson, Wesley | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | Rowe, Amos | Asking how long Mr. N. will be in Ottawa. |

Wilson to Rowe: “How long will Mr Norquay remain in Ottawa yet answer”

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| G 8704 | C - 800 | Feb. 24, 1884 | Letter | Adamson, Robt. | Chicago, Illinois | Norquay, John | Re: S.C.M. & T. Co. |

Addressed to JN at Palmer House, Chicago, on stationery of Grand Pacific Hotel Chicago: “Dear Sir, I forgot to mention to you this afternoon that since you left Winnipeg I have been in correspondence with a firm of Brokers re Saskatchewan mine and that they have held out very good prospects of floating it at a price which would give the present Coy $400,000 &c. (The terms which were spoken of between Mr Klotz, you and myself).” Should I not see you in the morning Klotz can give you all information as I gave him a Memo &c of what is required by the Brokers. Yours very truly…”

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| G 8703 | C - 569 | Feb. 28, 1884 | Telegram | Amos Rowe | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Did you do anything in Toronto or Chicago with me &c |

“Did you do anything in Toronto or Chicago With me answer Amos Rowe [?]

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| G 8704 | C - 955 | 1884 | Letter | Benson, E. | City (Winnipeg)  |   | Re: SK.Coal M. & T. Co. |

No heading, handwritten perhaps as memo: “Mr. Rennie told Klotz and myself that Ruttan was willing to put up money and take hold of company if things were satisfactory and would call to see you so we think you had better tell him all Van horn told you and then we can hold it over the other offer. If you think best you can tell Ruttan that we have another offer. E. Benson Impress upon him the chances of C.P.R. contract”

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| G 8703 | C - 434 | March 1, 1884 | Letter | Saunders, Bernard | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Parcel containing pants. |

We send the pair of trousers you ordered. ‘I went down to the train last Sunday mng expecting to meet you on your way up from Ottawa but found you had flown. I hope you found Mrs. Norquay better and the rest of the family well. We had a Winnipeg blizzard here yesterday. If you have any prospectus of your coal mine send me same down. I will try and put them in the right quarter for you. Kind regards, yours truly Bernard Saunders

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| G 8701 | C - 6 | March 1, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob E. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Enclosing a photo of coal location for Wilson andasking Mr. N. to send Lawson an order for coal forGovernment. |   |

“I send you with Ritchie a photo of map of our coal location wich [sic] you desired for Mr. Wilson. Do not forget to drop Lawson a few lines today & give an order for coal for Government.”

“I have called meeting for 4th inst 10 a.m.”

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| G 8702 | C - 362 | March 1, 1884 | Telegram | Kenney, W.N. | Ottawa, Ont. | Brown, C.J. | "Other matters progressing favorably in addition to Ross Norquay telegram." |

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| G 8702 | C - 292(a) | March 2, 1884 | Letter | Carruthers, W.M.Saskatchewan Coal Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Copy of letter of the above company.  |   |

SK Coal letterhead, Wpg: “Dr Sir: I will place some money to your credit in Ontario Bank tomorrow don’t know just how much but will do the best we can. The contract with Wilson ’50 cts. Royalty is signed it will take effect 1st April.

 They seem in somewhat better shape here than I expected. I have not seen Mr. Norquay yet but hope to find him tomorrow. Will tel[egraph] you if anything good transpires.

 Please tell the Dr. that it is impossible to send him any drugs by this train as all express matter has to be sent in by 4 pm on Saturday. W.M. Carruthers

P.S. I collected $300 from Smith & Ferguson. Klotz has wired Hesson & Woodworth to send cash to you by express W.M.C.

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| G 8702 | C - 361 | March 3, 1884 | Telegram | Rowe, Amos | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Shall he sell Saskatchewan Coal Mine? |

“Private Shall I sell mine on similar terms as you offered it to Wilson here give me instruction I will look after your interest Amos Rowe”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** JN to Wesley Wilson, Pittsburg PA, 3 March 1884 [D93-94]

 “My dear Mr. Wilson I wrote you on Saturday and would like very much if you could see your way clear to take hold of the Coal business upon the 1st April. We are in such straights [sic] that there is a possibility of all the property being seized unless some substantial assistance be obtained in the meantime which would not only be a loss to us but a loss also to you. For my part I am so tired and worried with the subject that I should be only too glad to retire from the position that I occupy [on?] getting back the money that I put into the enterprise. I have had a lot of hard work and there seems to be no effort put forth by any member of the Company to save it except an attempt to grab all the stock possible without regard to meeting liabilities. With your contract in prospect I think it would be unwise in you to let the matter drop into the hands of others who might not feel disposed to carry out the obligations of their predecessors.” JN “(F.S.B.D.)” [faded signature but decipherable – Ellen Cooke code]

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| G 8703 | C - 571 | March 5, 1884 | Telegram | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | "Endeavor to arrange for amalgamation of companies. |

“Endeavour to arrange for amalgamation of companies on terms satisfactory to you as to representation on Board & otherwise John A Macdonald” [HBR? SK Coal? NW Central Rly?]

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| G 8702 | C - 363 | March 5, 1884 | Letter | Miller, D., ManagerMerchants' Bank | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to see him re: unpaid balance of Coal Co.'s note due 8th inst. |
| G 8702 | C - 357 | March 6, 1884 | Protest | Vivian, Henry notary public | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Notice of $400.00 note re: Saskatchewan Coal Co.having gone to protest. |

To JN, Pres of SK Coal, note for $400, made 3 Dec 1883, due 3 months, payable to JE Woodworth, at Federal Bank of Canada, endorsed by Woodworth and by “SK Coal and Mining Coy per you…”

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| G 8702 | C - 358 | March 6, 1884 | Protest | Brophy, Gerald T. notary public | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Co.'s note for $1213.74 havinggone to protest. |

To JN re note for $1213.74, made by you, SK Coal, payable to Dick & Banning, due in 3 months, payable at Federal Bank

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| G 8702 | C - 366(a) | 7 March 1884 | Telegram | Norquay, John |   | Wilson, Wesley | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Company. |

Sent to Pittsburgh by JN: “Wrote you last week can you take hold before first April. Coal now mined reported one hundred per cent better by Little. J Norquay”

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| G 8702 | C - 292(b) | March 10, 1884 | Request forPayment | MacDonald, H.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Promissory Note. |   |

To JN as Pres of SK Coal: a promissory note dated 6 Dec 1883 for $89.81 made by you in favour of George McCuaig, payable 3 months after date thereof, at the Federal Bank of Canada, and endorsed by George McCuaig et al was presented to me for payment, and payment was refused. Bank look to you for payment thereof. HJ Macdonald, notary public

C - 366(c)**Wilson to JN 11 March 1884:**  “Your letters and telegram came during my absence Will try & get there before time named”

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| G 8702 | C - 292(c) | March 11, 1884 | Letter | MacDonald, H.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mine. | 3 pp. |

“My dear Mr Norquay I hope you will pardon me for troubling you when you have so much public business to attend to, and when your bed is certainly not one of roses, but the matter on which I am now writing to you is I consider of such importance to all interested in the Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Transportation Co., yourself among the number that I feel myself justified in trespassing upon your time.

 “I have just learned from Mr. Renwick that he has obtained judgment against the Company and that he intends to proceed at once against us in the North West Territories.

 “He will undoubtedly be in time to catch the next court in Medicine Hat and as the procedure there is very summary he will soon be in a position I presume to place the Sheriff in possession of the Company’s property at the mine. As the title to the land is still in the Dominion Govt he cannot of course touch that but he can satisfy his claim and play the mischief with the Company by putting their plant &c up for sale, and if he does this all the other creditors of the Company will come swooping down upon it.

 “Cannot something be done to ward off this blow for a short time?”

Renwick has to be satisfied that shareholders are taking steps to sell enough stock to pay good proportion of amount owing

 “…You might drop him a line re-assuring him on this question and by so doing greatly benefit this Company of which you are President. Yours very faithfully….”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal, money:** JN to Thomas Renwick, Mgr Federal Bank, Wpg, 12 March 1884 [D98-99] re “judgment that you hold against …” the coal company “I beg as a favor that you defer proceedings with the same till I can arrange for the disposition of some of the stock. I am in hopes as I told you yesterday that such an arrangement can be made with Mr. Wilson who will be here I expect within the next ten days.” We will meet every claim if we are given time: “I trust that under the circumstances you will stay further proceedings as the prosecution of these would not only be ruin to the company but ruin to myself individually.”

**8731 LB C: HJ Macdonald, coal mine, Renwick:** JN to Hugh J Macdonald, City, 12 March 1884 [C507] “I spoke to Renwick yesterday. I have in accordance with your suggestion written him this morning asking him to stay any further proceedings against the Company till we would be able to go on with the working of the mine under the arrangement made with Mr Wilson.”

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| G 8703 | C - 421 | March 12, 1884 | Letter | Howard & Brophy, lawyer | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Claim of Vulcan Iron Works for $32.50. |

To SK Coal Co – “Dr Sirs The Vulcan Iron Co have placed in our hands for collection a claim against you for $32.50. Unless the sum is settled by Friday we will proceed to collect at once.”

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| G 8703 | C - 422 | March 12, 1884 | Protest | Wilkes, Walter A. notary public | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Sask. Coal Co's. note for $4101.00 due9 December 1884 gone to protest. Dealt with by Mr. N. |

Ross Killam & Haggart to JN, promissory note dated 9 Dec 1883 for $4104.11 made by JN as Pres of SCMT co payable to Thos Renwick in 3 months, at Federal Bank, endorsed by T Renwick and another – payment was refused, protest entered….

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| G 8703 | C - 423 | March 12, 1884 | Protest | Wilkes, Walter A. | City (Winnipeg)  | SK CMT Co. Ltd. | Sask. Coal Co. note gone to protest. |

SCMT Co promissory note dated 9 Dec 1883 for $4104.11 made by J Norquay Pres, payable to T Renwick in 3 months at Federal Bank

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| G 8702 | C - 366(b) | March 131884 | Telegram | Norquay, John | Pittsburg | Wilson, Wesley | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. |

JN to Wilson Pittsburgh: ‘As anticipated creditors crowding & will proceed to execution on twenty seventh unless relief in meantime their object to get hold of mine J Norquay”

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| G 8703 | C - 522 | March 14, 1884 | Telegram | Wilson, Wesley | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | Norquay, John | "What is least sum that will prevent their closing in." |
| G 8702 | C - 366(c) | March 14 1884 | Telegram | Norquay, John |   | Lawson, J.P. | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. |

JN to Wilson Pittsburgh: “Require twenty thousand. Proposals from creditors to take property pay off debt & give percentage to owners prefer dealing with you. J Norquay”

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| G 8702 | C - 291 | March 17, 1884 | Letter | Ruttan, H.N civil engineer. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mine. |   |

Re my conversation with Renwick at SK coal mine: “If matters are as he supposes with regard to the position of the mine, & the possibility of making a long term contract with the Canadian Pacific at $4.00 per ton I will have no difficulty in getting the money required to work the mine. The new people coming in on the ground floor. Renwick said you would give be particulars….” Let me know a time

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| G 8702 | C - 238 | March 17, 1884 | Memorandum | Moffat & Caldwell bankers | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Stating that note due on 24th March is to the order ofA.A. Andrews, Insurance Agent, City. No action. |   |

Yours of 15th to hand, the $60.00 note is signed by you as Pres of SK Coal Co. and payable to A.A. Andrews Insurance Agent, City

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| G 8702 | C - 302 | March 17, 1884 | Letter | Macdonald, Hugh J. | City (Winnipeg) Man. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of copy of writ of summons in Federal Bank v. Rowe et al and asking if Mr. N.desired an appearance entered - if so to kindly let him know nature of defense.  |

“If so kindly let me know the nature of the defence to be set out and I will have the affidavit prepared and sent to you to be sworn to. As in the case of the promissory note, before we can get in to defend we must satisfy the Court that we have a good defence on the merits.

 “I understood from what you said at the meeting on Saturday that you had never signed this note, but I may possibly have misunderstood what was said, and I should be obliged if you will advise me as soon as possible.”

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| G 8702 | C - 350 | [No Date] March/84? | Lease | Saskatchewan Coal Co. | City (Winnipeg)  |   | Copy. [Incomplete] |

One draft page, probably in JN’s hand, of a potential agreement with Waterous:

“Company lease for the term of five years all material plant animals & buildings in connection with the Saskatchewan Coal mine …Mr. Waterous in consideration of the above agrees to pay off all liabilities of the Company incurred to date all payments accruing on land and to keep the mine in good working order…and to hand all plant & machinery & buildings back to the company on the expiration of the lease… .

To ensure a dividend at the end of the third year of ---percent to the stockholders and of --- percent at the end of the fourth year and --- percent at the end of the fifth year.

The Company [to buy new capital goods invested during this period] …at a valuation not to exceed in any sense the sum of $20,000. The Company will also hand over to Waterous their stock to the amount of

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But C-438, on stationery of MB Treasury Dept, is another draft of the first part of the lease:

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| G 8703 | C - 438 | 1884 | Memorandum | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg)  |   | Notes re: leasing of Sask. Coal Co's. mine. |

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| G 8702 | C - 366(d) | 19 March/84 | Telegram | Lawson, J.P. | Stair, Station | Norquay, John | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. |

C - 366(d)JN To Lawson: “Am arranging for transfer to capitalist who will pay off all liabilities & work mine miners will be paid sooner by abstaining from striking J Norquay”

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| G 8702 | C - 292(d) | March 21, 1884 | Letter | Waterous, L. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mine. | 2 pp. |

To JN as Pres of SK Coal: “Your offer dated March 17 on behalf of the directors of the [SCMC] duly received, would say I cannot entertain the same for the following reasons. When the matter was first discussed it was on the basis that the liabilities were $50,000. Since then I have been advised of a further claim of $28,000 with interest held by the H.B.Co….” And I would be “at the mercy of the directors” for a further cost.

 “These matters deserve your careful consideration. While I am ready and prepared to assume the $50,000 liability and strain every point to put the business of the Company on a paying basis, I must ask you to reconsider my former offer and give the same a further consideration on account of having to assume the responsibility of the H.B. Co claim. Trusting a suitable arrangement may be arrived at as early as possible…”

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| G 8703 | C - 540 | March 22, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob, SecretarySask. Coal Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to come to settlement with Waterous. |

“My dear Norquay Come to settlement & definite conclusion with Waterous, if it is impossible to get more interest on stock out of him, or a reduction on his demands for stock accede to his demands & have this matter ended.

“Try and secure something extra for me, similar to the offer made to yourself by Waterous. Yours truly”

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| G 8702 | C - 259 | March 24, 1884 | Letter | Carruthers, G.F. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Asking for $140.00 rent for office on lot, Main St. Rented by Saskatchewan Coal Co. Replied25th March 1884. See L.B."C" p.518. |   |

Coal company rent has not been paid – you are president -- 4 months = $140 – when can it be paid?

C - 366(d)JN To Lawson: **Ibid: 25 March:** “Received word money will be here first April Cannot do anything sooner try to protect property from being sacrificed will wire if any arrangement made before J Norquay”

C - 366(d)From Lawson to Norquay, 25 March: “Have you made arrangements to pay the men twenty attachments will be taken out tomorrow telegraph instructions”

**8731 LB C: Saskatchewan Coal** AW Pritchard to W.F. Carruthers of Carruthers & Brock, City, 25 March 1884 [C518] “…in ten days Mr. Norquay expects to complete arrangements to place the Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Co. in a good financial position. Negotiations are now pending and if you would hold over your account for rent until that date he would be much obliged.”

**Fistful of telegrams:**

**JN to Wesley Wilson, Pittsburgh: 25 March:**

C - 366(c) “When do you leave Am holding creditors at bay Can save mine if you arrive soon J Norquay”

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| G 8703 | C - 448(a) | March 29, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, J.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Miller, D. | Re: Meeting of Saskatchewan Coal Co. Creditors. |

Mtg of creditors of SK Coal will be held on 3 April 1884 at 10:00 “to consider the affairs of the Company.”

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| G 8702 | C - 292(e) | March 29, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, J.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mine. |   |

Sir: A meeting of the creditors of the above Company will be held at the Company’s office …[Winnipeg] 3 April 1884 at 10:00 am] to consider the affairs of the Company.”

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| G 8705 | C - 1058 | April 1, 1884 | Telegram | Lawson, J.P. | Stair, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to send telegram statingS.C.M. & T. Co. are not disposing of property. |

“miners say company disposing of property send telegram to contrary it will quiet them pit idle”

C - 366(c)**JN to Wesley Wilson, Pittsburgh : 1 April:** “Wire me what you intend doing meet creditors third April”

C - 366(d)JN To Lawson: **Ibid: 2 April:** “Company doing best to get money to pay workmen No coal sales consequently no money. No intention to defraud men of one cent but cannot make money J Norquay”

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| G 8703 | C - 448(b) | April 2, 1884 | Letter | Miller, D., MgrMerchants' Bank | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Expecting payment of a $3000 Sask. Coal Co. note. |

Received above letter from Klotz, and informed him that “the Bank will expect payment in full of the Coy’s note for $3000.00 – endorsed by yourself & others -- upon the day of maturity, 15th inst.”

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| G 8702 | C - 203 | April 3, 1884 | Letter | Harder, M.Asst. Traffic ManagerC.P.R. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of private note which he hashanded to Mr. Egan requesting that Gentleman tocomply with Mr. N.'s requests. No action. |   |

I only received your private note of yesterday and have handed it to Mr. Egan, requesting that he comply with your request. “It is he who arranges all such matters.”

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| G 8702 | C - 205 | April 4, 1884 | Telegram |  | Wilson, Wesley | New Bethell, Pennsylvania | Norquay, John | Copy. Stating his wife is dead and asking Mr. N.to write him present status of affairs at PittsburghReplied by telegram same date. |   |

“My wife died this am Write me present status of affairs to Pittsburgh Wesley Wilson”

“Action: replied by telegram same date”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** JNorquay to Wesley Wilson Pittsburg, 4 April 1884 [D119-121], and 5 April 1884 [D122-125]

 I’m sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Wilson, which explains your apparent silence. Two letters outlining alternative to collapse of Sask Coal, blaming one creditor, Waterous of Waterous Engine Works, who has a claim for $3500, for trying to drive company (which is “in a very precarious condition just now…”) into the ground.

 For the last two months, we haven’t been able to sell coal to the CPR, and they have “practically done nothing, only running one train a week up to the Mountains.”

 We will go under unless you could “get some friend interested to put up the money….”

 I would be willing to resign as premier and “go into the coal business with you. I have such faith in the enterprise that I know it would be much more to my advantage than retaining the very high position which I do in this country.” [D121]

D122-125: Yesterday’s was a hasty letter. “We had called a meeting of our creditors…” and explained: “we find when taking into account the amount of money expended in driving levels, laying track both on railway branch on the bank head slope and into the levels, and the material in the way of plant, buildings, stock, and goods belonging to the company the whole added together made about $60,000. The liabilities of the company all told amount to $50,000.” Plus payments on mining lands – on Section #8, 7 annual installments of $4000 each with interest; on e ½ of Section 7, on which all of our work has been done there will be [?] $10/acre “that will have to be paid immediately the Government secure the title from the Indians.”

 Creditors would like to see us proceed. Waterous wants the property for himself. “Now I will make you an offer confidentially. I can secure all the stock at 25 cents on the dollar which would cost in the neighbourhood of $120,000 and get the whole lock stock and barrel out of their hands…. I should like very much to indeed to be in a position to hold on to the stock that was allotted to me but rather than see the company thoroughly insolvent and be driven to the last extremity through the rapacity of some of its creditors I make this offer.”

 Waterous has an execution against the company to sell the goods of the company on 7 April. The sheriff has postponed the sale “at my request for some ten days.” Let me know immediately – you have seen the property, “…can form an idea of the extent of the coal seam and you know the quality of the coal….” Please telegraph.

 We don’t have the patent yet but would convey our claim to you.

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| G 8702 | C - 286 | April 4, 1884 | Letter | Chapleau, James E.G.Sheriff | Regina, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Medicine Hat Mine. Answered by Mr. N. on 7 April.No copy kept. |   |

Coal: “Dear Mr. Norquay …let me know what you want to have done about that Medicine Hat matter… I have given instructions to suspend proceedings until further orders….”

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| G 8702 | C - 292(f) | April 5, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, J.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mine. |   |

Meeting of shareholders on Wed 9 April at office of Provincial Treasurer in the Departmental Buildings “to consider the financial position of the Company and the advisability of assigning for the benefit of the Creditors…”

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| G 8703 | C - 532 | April 5, 1884 | Telegram | Lawson, John P. | Stair, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | "Court yesterday. Judgment to men, etc." |

“Major Shirtliff’s court yesterday Judgment to men with board[.] bill paid sale after sixteenth particulars by mail”

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| G 8702 | C - 292(g) | April 8, 1884 | Letter | Lawson, John P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mine. |   |

“Mines: Dear Sir As you have been absent from Winnipeg, it is possible you cannot understand my telegrams. …[I enclose letter from Carruthers]: “…he collected $300 and promised to put money in the bank to my credit, but owing to his accident he must have forgotten about it.

 Since which time all the coal raised with two exceptions has been ship’d to Wpg by the Secy’s orders who promised to put finds in the bank from the proceeds of the coal sold there, but Mr. Egan’s absence has prevented him doing so.

 “Last winter the Coy gave Tweed & Ewart Med. Hat their note for the amt due them. That note on maturing was protested for nonpayment. To keep Tweed & Ewart quiet I had to give them coal. You telegraphed me to send 4 cars to JE Ross Moose Jaw on Sutherland & Jacksons a/c I sent them two only as more at a time would only embarrass him. So you will see that these orders embraced all the coal raised since that date, and that I was unable to realize any money from the coal sales to keep the boarding house running. So I telegraphed you to send money to feed the men.

 Tweed & Ewart refused to give any more supplies for the boarding house before Mr. Bowes left stating the Coy. owed them already and that they did not want to have any trouble. So you see I have been hard pushed, trying to keep the men quiet when they were neither paid nor properly fed. Still in spite of difficulties all the men with two exceptions kept quiet until the 3rd inst when two executors amt. to $3500 with costs (Waterous’) were served. The men then got wild and as Major Shirtliff was at the Hat at the time they sued before him and he not being able to put them off any longer gave them judgment for the men with costs & board up to the 16th inst. And if not paid then, then the property to be advertised for sale, and the men to be paid $1 per day and board. As I understand it from the 16th in until paid, I think it is an absurd judgement I don’t think they can make any such terms. But at all events nothing will be done until the 16th. Then the property will be advertised for sale probably 10 days notice. So that will bring it to about the 26th inst before the property will be sold & you may be able to arrange matters before then.

 I may mention that when Major Shirtliff asked me at the court what defence I had to put in I said I did not think I would be carrying out your wishes to put in a defence, that you wished to see the men paid, but there was no funds to do it with that you had arranged with Wilson but he was delaid [sic] by sickness & his wife’s death hence the delay in paying the men. I said it was of no use putting in a defence anyway.

 I saw Mr. Egan on Saturday he called here with a Major Walsh to see the mine. I was at the Hat when they called but A Cameron showed them thro’ the mine Walsh expressed himself well pleased with what he saw and told me the coal stood 6 to 9 to the best Pennsylvania steam coal – that is 1 ½ tons of ours to equal 1 ton of Penn. Selling ours at 3.75 would be $5.63 for ours to equal 1 ton of Penn. And they cannot lay their coal down here under $12.

 I waited on Mr. Egan to see if he would take a few cars of coal so that I could raise money to keep the boarding house running. But he would not do anything. He introduced me to Major Walsh talked about the mine then left me with Walsh….

P.S. I believe if the locomotive furnaces were properly fixed to burn this coal there would be no such proportion of difference. The exhausts are all too strong, and such & throw out the hot coals before it is consumed consequently causes just so much waste. JPL

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| G 8702 | C - 183 | April 9, 1884 | Letter | Pyke, E.A. | Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina | Norquay, John | Asking for balance of $147.00 which he loaned loaned Rice to pay some men that were leaving when he was in employ of Co. Dealt with by Mr. Norquay. | 2 pp. |

Dear Sir The Coal Company has been owing me a balance for work done by me last fall & also money loaned to Company. I have written Mr. Klotz & Rice & also telegraphed & I have not received any answer when I left Winnipeg they promised to send me the balance of my account in ten days after I left – it is now over two months… balance is $147.00…. I am in great need of it… I let Mr. Rice have this money last November to pay some men that was leaving the mines. I think the least the Company might do is to pay me as I done all I could for them when I was in there employ….”

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| G 8704 | C - 850 | April 10, 1884 | Telegram | Lawson, J.P. | Stair, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Re: Supplies to men refused by Tweed & Ewart. Dealt with by Mr. N. when at Ottawa. |

“Tweed & Ewart refused us supplies on your telegram”

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| G 8703 | C - 529 | April 12, 1884 | Telegram | Lawson, John P. | Stair, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | "Sale on seventeenth under districts warrantsissued by miners." |

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| G 8702 | C - 126 | April 12, 1884 | Letter | Bain, Blanchard and Mulock | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Co. creditors. Dealt with personally by Mr. N.  | 2 pp. |

Re your request to our clients, messrs Bell Lewis Yates and Walsh to secure your company’s creditors – they must receive an answer “from their Buffalo friends. This cannot be received under ten to 12 days….”

 “In the meantime it is all important to stay the sale of any property at the mines as the plant would not be worth hardly anything to remove.

 “Within say 12 days our clients will be able to advise you whether they can meet your request and secure your creditors in such a Settlement as may be agreed on.

 “In the present mixed state of your affairs we agree with you that it is undesirable for all parties concerned to force matters – you need not fear an assignment. When your creditors come to know your title as we do they will be just as jealous to protect as you now are: for if the Company should assign there is no doubt the government would be relieved from any promises….”

“Action: dealt with by Mr. Norquay personally”

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| G 8703 | C - 477 | April 14, 1884 | Letter | Carruthers, W.M. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to look after his interest in Sask.Coal Co. during his absence. |

Enclose power of attorney and ask you to look after my interest during my absence. If certificates are signed and given out, make mine: 1 for 2 shares, 2 for 5 shares each, the balance in five or six equal parts. “One of the 5-share certificates I intend giving to Richardson a reporter on the ‘Sun’ I do not intend to acknowledge any of the certificates of the other Company notwithstanding Dr. Benson’s desire that I should do so…. I leave this morning for the mines to look after the Coy’s interest. As we have no representative there I think it advisable to go. I am also anxious to get out of the Town. I will send you a statement of all coal shipped & cash received &cc. It may be the means of ascertaining what has been done with our funds.”

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| G 8703 | C - 548 | April 14, 1884 | Telegram 10:30 | Ashdown, J.H. | Poplar Point, Man. | Norquay, John | "Lewis Carruthers & Waterous on train rearrange events." |

“Lewis Carruthers and Waterous man board train. Your arrangements seem to have fallen through What is present position Answer immediately J.H. Ashdown”

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| G 8703 | C - 549 | April 14, 1884 | Telegram11:30 | Ashdown, J.H. | Baget, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Judgment against Sask. Coal Co. |

“Letter Macdonald got unsatisfactory Lewis upset by Renwick saying must be paid five thousand Judgment and merely goes because promised and awaits advise from Walsh before acting Answer J.H.Ashdown”

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| G 8703 | C - 547 | April 15, 1884 | Protest | Carey, Eugene D. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Notice of a Sask. Coal Co. note of $3000.00 goneto protest. |

Promissory note dated 1 March 1884 for $3000 made by SK Coal to order of Amos Rowe – due one month at Merchants Bank, endorsed by Rose, Klotz, Benson, Carruthers, and you – payment refused, said bill now protested.

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| G 8703 | C - 545 | April 16, 1884 | Letter | Miller, D., ManagerMerchants' Bank | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Overdue note of Sask. Coal Co. |

“I beg to call your attention to the dishonored note of the [SCMTCo] endorsed by yourself and others and protested for nonpayment yesterday. I am extremely desirous of getting this paid at once. I would have taken a renewal for a few days pending settlement with Bell Lewis Yates & Co but the note offered to me yesterday lacked one of the names and this of course rendered it impossible for me to take it. It is extremely inconvenient to hold this note in an overdue shape. Yours truly…”

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| G 8702 | C - 366(e) | [**No Date]** | Telegram | Norquay, John & Rowe, A. | City (Winnipeg) | VanHorne, W.C. | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. |
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Norquay and Rowe to CPR: “When in Ottawa we get promise CPR would take sixty tons coal daily Egan refuses to take any What is the reason. Company depended on promise or would have stopped work long ago. Answer J Norquay A Rowe”

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| G 8702 | C - 179 | April 17, 1884 | Letter | Carruthers, W.M. | Medicine Hat, Alta. | Norquay, John | Private letter on situation of matters of the mine.Dealt with Mr. N. |   |

“Dear Sir I find there [are] 52 men here. None of them have been paid in full & according to the decree of Major Shirtcliff’s court they are to get their board and $1.00 per day until paid This is a daily cost of about $90.00 besides Shirriffs fees &cc. making at least $100.00 per day. Surely if Mess Bell Lewis Yates & Walsh intend doing a business they will put a stop to this expense. If Waterous judgment is good (there seems to be some doubt about it), it will come in ahead of the men and I don’t think there is property enough here ‘sold at auction’ to pay both claims. I would not like to see the men loose anything. In concluding the agreement with the leases we must protect the men if it is not already done. I find all the books have gone to Wpg & I cannot send you a statement as intended. I think some competent man should be set to work to make a statement if it is possible to do so the books being in such a state.

(Private) Major Shirtcliff was here this pm & becomes responsible at Med Hat for provisions for the men & we are to hand over the check when it comes from the Dept so your better [sic] mark it paid on the books I mean the chk supplied M Police. He seems willing to assist us in any way possible. Yours truly Wm M Carruthers

The pig [?] business is good have 40 now & prospect good.

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| G 8702 | C - 189 | April 24, 1884 | Letter | Miller, D., ManagerMerchants' Bank | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Loan to the S.M. & T. Co. No action. |   |

Sorry to have missed meeting you. Must make “speedy arrangement as to the loan to the Saskatchewan Coal Co. I understand however that… there is still a probability of Messrs Bell Lewis Yates & Co leasing the mine….” We await the result of that meeting.

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| G 8705 | C - 1138 | April 28, 1885 [or 1884?] | Letter | Inkster, ColinSheriffs' Office, E.J.D. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Henry et al vs Woodworth, yourself & others. No action. |

Please sent cheque for $216.09 to meet the execution in a suit…

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| G 8702 | C - 201 | May 1, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob, SecretaryS.C.M.&T. Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Notice of the Saskatchewan Coal Mining Company on following day. Dealt with by Mr. N. |   |

Special meeting of board of directors tomorrow, Friday 3:00 “for the transaction of important business.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coa**l JN to Jacob Klotz, Preston MB, 8 May 1885 [D248] received your of 8th inst. “Dr. Benson is quite well and is in town. I don’t know whether the C.P.R. has made any progress with the test of our coal. I don’t know either whether any progress has been made with regard to the sale of the mine. Hoping you are well….”

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| G 8730 | Misc Govt   | May 5, 1884 | Copy of Bill | Scott, Wm. | City (Winnipeg)  | Dept. of Public Works | Re: Cartage on coal sold to Gov't. |

“2 cars of Saskatchewan coal” 34.755tons @$1.75 = $60.16

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| G 8730 | Misc Govt    | c. 1885 | Statement | [No Name] | [No Location] | Gov't. of Manitoba | Sask. Coal Co.'s accountwith MB Govt. 1883-85 |

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| G 8704 | C - 945 | May 30, 1884 | Telegram | Pope, J.H. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging message & stating councilmeets Monday. Dealt with by Mr. N. |

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| G 8702 | C - 292(h) | June 6, 1884 | Letter | Carruthers, W.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mine. |   |

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst I have to state that I cannot see myself justified in signing the agreement between the Sask Coal Coy & Messrs Ashdown Shorey & MacKeand as you request. I have placed the matter in the hands of JW Fisher Barrister of this city who will act for me in the future. I have the honor to be sir your obt servant,

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| G 8702 | C - 210 | June 13, 1884 | Letter | A. MacKeand & Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Requesting a statement furnished of Mr. N.`s claimagainst Saskatchewan Coal Co. Dealt with by Mr. N. |   |

SK Coal co – new letterhead w/o JN name

“Sir You are hereby requested to furnish the undersigned with a statement of your claim against the Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Transportation Co.

 “Said statement to be made in detail and to be accompanied by a statutory declaration of the correctness thereof.

 “Your immediate attention will oblige I am, yours truly

A. MacKeand Secy”

“Action: Dealt with by Hon Mr. Norquay” Private

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| G 8702 |  | C - 167 | June 16, 1884 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | New York | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter addressed to NovaScotia and asking Mr. N. to write him in Toronto. Replied 23rd June. See L.B."C" p99. |   |

Stationery of C.W. Bertaux, Shipping and Commission Merchant, New York

 Received your letter in NS, haven’t heard from you here – “with some of my most intimate friends am seeing the sights of Gotham and will be in Toronto about 20th & hope to hear from you…”

**8731 LB C: Saskatchewan Coal** AW Pritchard to HJ Macdonald 20 June 1884 [p 594] He encloses at JN’s request a letter from Fisher & Curran re Saskatchewan Coal Co “to ask you to reply to the same.”

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| G 8702 | C - 166 | June 21, 1884 | Letter | Macdonald, Hugh J. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co. Think Mr. N. repliedto this himself. |   |

Stationery of Macdonald & Tupper, JB McArthur and H J Dexter, Solicitors to CPR, Merchants Bank, Cda NW Land Co, MB and NW Rly, Wpg and HB Rly, etc.

 I’ve just received a letter from your secretary re transfer of Carruther’s stock in SK Coal. “Kindly let me know what authority you had for making this transfer, and if under Power of Attorney. Either let me see said Power or tell me where it is, so that I may call and inspect it. Of course if it does not give you power to assign, except for a special purpose, the transfer is bad, but if it is a general power to sell you are quite safe. If Carruthers succeeds in upsetting this what steps do you intend to take to carry out our agreement with our creditors.”

Action: Think Mr. Norquay replied to this himself”

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| G 8702 | C - 257 | June 25, 1884 | Telegram | Lawson, John P. | Stair, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Re: Payment of miners' wages. Answersame date by telegraph. |   |

‘Have you made arrangements to pay the men Twenty attachments will be taken out tomorrow Telegraph instructions John P. Lawson” [is attachment code for ton?]

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| G 8702 | C - 127 | June 25, 1884 | Letter | Ryan, D. | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Not able to go into copper mines in this country - timefully occupied in the States. Dealt with by Mr. N.personally. |   |

“My dear friend: yours of the 17th at hand some days ago, but owing to sickness in the family I have not been at the office for some days. We have an addition to the family Mrs R & Boy is doing fine. I hope your expert will find the copper mines what they are represented to be for in my opinion there is a good future for that class of mines as the Calumet & St. [SJ?]have decreased it’s output very much this year. I am very sorry I can’t go into the business with you as I have so much on my hands that it would be impossible for me to go up or take any part in it. I am going out to Colorado & Utah next week…” [dealt with personally]

Attached to this letter is one that doesn’t belong: Wpg, 31 August 1884:

Original in JN’s writing, signed by him, to MacArthur, Boyle & Campbell, Wpg

 Gentlemen: Received your letter of 28th inst – “although Mr. Leacock was appointed Commissioner by the Government, the Corporation of the City of Emerson are liable for his remuneration, and must be looked to in reference to the same.”

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| G 8702 | C - 128 | June 28, 1884 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Friendly note. No action.  | 2 pp. |

Stationery of Walker House, Toronto, “My Dear Norquay Yours received glad to hear from you also of the encouraging aspect of a bountiful harvest for Manitoba time will yet bring her back to that state where capitalist [sic] will be glad to invest money within her borders in the different enterprises in which she will abound but it will be through her real worth and actual resources in being developed … we should stand by her in everything and be strong in our love for her prosperity and faithful to her interest…” etc.

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| G 8702 | C - 139 | June 28, 1884 | Letter | Klotz, Jacob | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | About a talk with Carruthers. No action. |   |

I talked to Carruthers “he again assured me that he wanted nothing unreasonable, only certain services acknowledged. He has not stated the amount he wants as compensation for his services. I told him to make out his a/c and see you at once about it. He intends going east as soon as he gets his money from Waterous and I urged him strongly to see you and get affairs settled before he starts for home. Make it a point to see him & have this matter settled somehow. Yours very truly Jacob E. Klotz

 Should you have occasion to write me, my address is Preston Ontario.

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| G 8702 | C - 131  | July 1, 1884 | Letter | Woodworth, D.B. MP | Kentville, Nova Scotia | Norquay, John | Saskatchewan Coal Co. Its exact standing asked for.Replied 10 July 1884. See L.B."D", p137. |   |

“Dear Norquay” What is present worth of Sask Coal stock and its prospects – what are you going to do in regard to it ?

**8731 LB C: Saskatchewan Coal:** JN to Van Horne – 4 July 1884 [p 627-629] “My dear Mr. Van Horne: I regret very much that I did not see you when you were here a week ago….

 “When I saw you last winter I had the assurance that we would have an order [from the C.P.R.] of sixty tons a day” – this order was “discontinued one month after it was given. The consequence was that the Company had to go to the wall and the greater part of the interest is held by three trustees who undertook to pay off the liabilities of the Company. These gentlemen did me the honor of electing me President so that I still am interested in the success of the enterprise. Now I should like very much that we should get an order from the C.P.R. for ten or twenty thousand tons. We are able to give the coal at $2.25 a ton and would even give it for less if we got a large order. Mr. Ashdown informed me yesterday that Mr. Egan told him that he would take five thousand tons from us at $2.25. This will be a small assistance but to justify us putting on a good gang we should have an order for about 50 tons daily at the very least.”

 “Mr. Egan also informed Mr. Ashdown that the rates that the rates of freight was to be reduced…” -- a rate reduction from the mine to Wpg – reduced to 6/10 of a cent per mile – or about $4.00 a ton. “This reduction is duly appreciated and will enable us to put coal on the Winnipeg market for $7.50 or $8.00 a ton.”

 “The present Board has to meet considerable of a liability and the reason that I urge so strongly for a larger contract is to enable us to clear off our liabilities especially as we are able also to give coal at so much lower a figure than any other Company could possibly do for your Western service.”

 “I hope I am not troubling you or asking you too much to give this matter your attention. Would you please send me a reply. I would have much rather talked the matter over with you when I could have said a great deal more than I choose to put on paper. In the meantime, Believe me, Yours truly” [the letter ends here – there is no signature on this copy. Perhaps it was not sent?]

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| G 8702 | C - 148 | July 8, 1884 | Letter | Smith, D. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Order for Saskatchewan Coal. No action. |   |

Office of Dominion Public Works, Wpg: “I have just been handed your letter by Mr. Carruthers. Re coal, I regret that at the present time I am not in a position to give any orders, but I beg to assure you, that your request will receive my most favourable attention when purchasing coal for the public buildings.”

**G8731-letterbook D:CPR, Saskatchewan Coal** JN to DB Woodworth, MP, Ottawa, 10 July 1884 [D137-138]

 Your question re Sk coal stock – none on offer at present. “The mine has not been worked since last winter but the new Board have decided to open again about the 10th or 15th of August. We are embarrassed in not having any contract with the C.P.R. notwithstanding all their protestations of friendship and good will towards the enterprise. My own impression is that Egan is doing all he can against the mine. We can only get a contract of 5000 tons when we should have at least about twenty five or thirty thousand. We shall work it this winter and are actively engaged canvassing now for orders so as to estimate pretty accurately what output we shall require. I do not believe the demand will warrant the output of more than eighty tons a day which can be worked with a small gang. We intend to let out the working by contract and probably if there is any good working order there will be a prospect of selling the mine which under present circumstances no one would touch.”

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| G 8702 | C - 349 | July 15, 1884 | Letter | Van Horne, W.C.,V.P, C.P.R. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Medicine Hat coal.  |

“My dear Mr Norquay I was very sorry to have missed seeing you when last in Winnipeg, but my stay was unexpectedly cut short by important business east.

 I had a talk with Mr. Egan about the Medicine Hat Coal matter and urged upon him the importance of using all of that coal he possible could. We are unable to consume a very large amount of that coal owing to the small number of trains necessary on that section of the line, but you can safely count on Mr. Egan taking every pound he can.

 We dare not make any contract for any considerable amount of coal because the business is extremely variable.

 I would be glad to aid you to a greater extent, but we have not a dollar to spare and like most of our friends in the NorthWest have to ‘skin along’ the best we can.

Yours very truly W.C. VanHorne Vice President Dictated

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| G 8702 | C - 120 | July 22, 1884 | Letter | Chapleau, P E, Sheriff NWT | Regina, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Repaying over certain monies to the Watrous EngineCo. |   |

Rec’d your despatch of yesterday re SK Coal matter – “I wrote to Mr. Ashdown a few days ago explaining the cause of the delay in paying money over. When the sale took place, Mr. Lougheed attorney of Calgary and Mr Mitchell, attorney of Med Hat, on behalf of Messrs Ashdown and Galt, served me with a document protesting against the payment of the money realized at the auction, to the Waterous Engine Co, and claiming the same for their clients. On the strength of that protest I send out Interpleader Summons which have emanated, they have been waiting for the matter to be settled by the Court. I since received a notice from Messrs Nugent & Jameson, stating that an agreement had been arrived at between the Waterous Engine Co, the Messrs Galt and Ashdown, and to pay the money as per agreement copy of which was enclosed. I took for granted that such an agreement was arrived at but as I can only recognize Messrs Lougheed and Mitchell in the case, I am obliged for my own protection to wait for their withdrawal of the protest they served me with before I pay the money to anyone.” I’ve written Lougheed, when I hear from him, “I shall pay the money over the Clerk of the Court and give him copy of agreement as to division of the same.”

“NB: In the N.W. Territories, the law provides that the Sheriff shall pay money realized in executions to the Clerk of the Court & not to plaintiffs or plaintiff’s attorneys.”

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| G 8703 | C - 404 | Aug. 4, 1884 | Letter | White, Richard | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Notes from Rowe etc. |

My son returned from Wpg today “He arranged that matter with Rowe accepting two notes for $250.00 ea due 1st Nov & 1st Feby next. I am advised that as a commercial matter the notes are not considered good – but have been accepted as fixing the liability – and looking confidently to your promise to see that we are paid. Thanking you for your attention to this matter & courtesy to my son, Yours faithfully.

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| G 8702 | C - 297 | Aug. 9, 1884 | Letter | Archibald, Howell &Vivian | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Asking most convenient time for Mr. N. to attend ameeting of S.C.M. & T. Co. Dealt with by Mr. N. |   |

Urgent that mtg be held of SK Coal co – phone our office re time that would suit you and we will notify other directors

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| G 8703 | C - 432 | Aug. 15, 1884 | Letter | Woodworth, D.B. [M.P.] | Kentville, NS [?] | Norquay, John | Sask. Coal Mine. |

“My Dear Norquay Your letter kindly answering mine recd. Since then I have seen Geo Stephen Pres of CPR about the Company’s mine & he says he will see Van Horne & assures me the mine shall have fair play. So let me know from time to time how Egan is acting & we will see to him, & straighten him out. Sir John told me he heard a good many complaints of Egan’s arbitrary conduct & he shall not ------ ----- the interests of the pioneer coal mine that deserves so well at their hands.

 Write me again prospects of mine & what the stock is now etc. I wrote Ashdown & he did not condescend to answer. Yours sincerely D. B Woodworth”

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| G 8702 | C - 283 | Aug. 28, 1884 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | Medicine Hat | Norquay, John | Medicine Hat Coal Mine. Dealt with by Mr. N. |   |

“Dear Sir….After examining the mines & the market &c I have an idea to offer the Company to pay them a Royalty for the mine & work it myself if this is ever done & can work it for all it is worth & make a good thing for the Company & a fair thing for myself.”

Don’t say anything … “I will make it all right with you if I get it. Mrs. Woodworth is with me on this western trip. With kind regards, I am yours &c &c

[ps] I can raise sufficient capital & satisfy Company & the business. Yours J.E.W”

“Dealt with by Mr. Norquay personally”

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| G 8702 | C - 275 | Sept. 8, 1884 | Letter | Wilson, Wesley | Mahoning Furnace PA | Norquay, John | Coal matters. Replied 12 September. See L.B."D" p149 |   |

What price could be got for best Penn coal per ton in Wpg? SK too far west – so water transport from Port Arthur might work. “Would you care to become interested if any money can be made.”

 “What became of the Saskatchewan operation?

 Mr. Little wrote me from DuBois Pa under date of 24th June that Mr. Ashdown had charge of the matter and that mines had been idle since about the time I was there. Little asked me to write Ashdown which I did under date of July 3rd asking him to give me particular & what they proposed doing with the mines & property. He replied by telegraph under date of July 12th as follows: ‘Mines been closed since spring were arranging to reopen prospects good. Come up and arrange, Answer’

 I thought the matter over, and on July 18th replied by telegraph as follows: ‘Cannot go immediately, write me fully what shape matters are in, and your very best proposition.’ Since which I have had no reply

 I should be pleased to have an early reply from you as to first part of this letter, and to hear what have become of Saskatchewan. Hoping you are well, and having your usual good luck, politically & otherwise. … Wesley Wilson”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** JN to Wesley Wilson [?Mahaning Furnace?], 11 Sept 1884 [D149] I don’t know price of best Penn. Coal. Lewis and Walsh sell their soft coal at $9-10. “We have got our mine in operation and we intend to deliver coal in Winnipeg this year for [?$7.00] and may reduce it still further. We are getting a more favourable rate from the C.P.R. and consequently are in a position to give much better rates to the settlers.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Betsy, Rockies** JN to John Shields Toronto 18 Sept 1884 [D151] “My dear Mr. Shields I am very anxious to take Mrs. Norquay on a trip to the Rockies. Will you kindly let me have the use of your car if you do not intend in the meantime to make use of it yourself.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal,** JN to JH Ashdown 28 Sept 1884 [D156] – encloses note from Bedson “asking for immediate delivery of coal. He is pressed with questions from Ottawa regarding this coal so that if we do not succeed by early delivery we may lose the contract. I hope you will see that a car load or two is sent as soon as possible.”

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| G 8702 | C - 390 | Oct. 24, 1884 | Receipt | Harder, William | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Receipt for $3.50 for 1/2 ton of coal. |

Manitoba Cartage – received from Mr Norquay $3.50

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| G 8704 | C - 929 | Nov. 3, 1884 | Telegram | Macdonald, John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Charter for Coal Co. passed Council. Dealt with by Mr. N. in Ottawa. |

“Your coal companys charter has passed council”

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| G 8702 | C - 382 | Nov. 5, 1884 | Letter | Hunt, A.C., Acct., Manitoba Penitentiary | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking that they be supplied with coal as they areentirely out. “November 20. Saw Macdonald, agent for Sask Coal Co. and he tells me 30 tons went to Stony Mountain on 18th and they will shortly fill the whole order, no less than 14 or 15 cars being enroute now A.W.P.” |
| G 8702 | C - 388 | Nov. 13, 1884 | Letter | White, Richard | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Rowe allowing note to come back unpaid, etc. |

Gazette Printing Co “Mr dear sir: As I feared Rowe has allowed his note to come back unpaid. I have asked by friend Mr. Macfarland to try and get it fixed. Would not the simplest way be just to send us the orders we ought to have had under our contract. Please do what you can in the case. Yours truly …”

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| G 8702 | C - 377 | Nov. 20, 1884 | Letter | MacKeand, A., Sec-TreasSaskatchewan Coal Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Special meeting of Co. on 22nd November. Dealtwith by Mr. N. |

Special mtg of directors of SCMT Co “to amend bylaws and for general business” 11:00 am Saturday

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| G 8703 | C - 403 | Nov. 22, 1884 | Letter | White, Richard | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Contract, etc. |

Thanks for yours of 18th inst – I’ll try to see Rowe while he’s down here and to get “any sort of a satisfactory settlement with him.

 “You are under a misapprehension however in supposing I was a party to ‘the sacrifice.’ It was made independent of me and I was helpless to prevent it without kicking up a row with your Government and creating scandal. I see no reason why you should not in common justice give us some work now. A few blue book orders would soon make it all right….”

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| G 8703 | C - 690(a) | Dec. 22, 1884 | Letter | Prittie, R.W. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Sask. Coal Co. Replied 9 February. See L.B. "D". p198.  |

Prittie is a real estate agent – he asks a series of sensible questions about the financial situation and prospects of SK Coal Co. – “I understand you are a Director”

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| G 8702 | C - 372 | Dec. 30, 1884 | Letter | McMeans L. | City (Winnipeg)  | Pritchard, A.W. | Returning letter from R.W. Prittie re: SaskatchewanCoal Mining Co. No action. |

McMeans is returning letter from Prittie – ‘I am not in any way connected with that Co.”

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| G 8703 | C - 690(b) | Jan. 13, 1885 | Letter | Prittie, R.W. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Sask. Coal Co. |

Identical to above – answered 9 Feb.

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| G 8703 | C - 581 | Feb. 9, 1885 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Sask. Coal Co. mine. Replied 11 February. See L.B. "E" p193. |

“Private: Dear Norquay I write you in confidence and as your friend & you mine.

 I have tried to assist the Sask Coal Co in every way possible imparcially [sic] but my advice has been wholly ignored…” They could have been profitable “but to the contra the Company advised wholly by Ashdown with the cooperation of Shory & McKeand will run the business to a worse confusion than ever before ….it is a pity a business of that magnitude should be murdered thus. Now take my advice and when everything is seemingly prosperous sell your interest in the Company every dollars worth [sic]& get clear of every liability possible and let in fall on the proper heads your [sic] not to blame fo those present errors…. Ashdown is a bad egg I will explain….Success to Hamilton’s election he is my choice Yours …J E Woodworth”

**G8731-letterbook D:Saskatchewan Coal** JN to R.W. Prittie, Real estate agent Toronto: 9 Feb 1885 [D198-9]

 Capital stock is “$500,000.00 original stock all held by directors and no call has ever been made upon it. …The mine is situated 670 miles west of Winnipeg. Capacity of the mine is estimated at forty or fifty million of tons and is operated at the present time and producing from two to three hundred tons a day. Railroad is within a mile and a half of it and a branch runs into the mine. Situated on the banks of the Saskatchewan and navigation quite easy. There are other mines in the neighbourhood but none so easy of access. Along side of mine is fire clay. Present cost of producing coal is about $1.00 per ton and costs about $4.00 to get it to market where it sells at $7.00 delivered very readily.”

**Coal, election** JN to JE Woodworth 11 Feb 1885 [E193] re yours of 9th: “I …regret very much that you take so gloomy a view of the Sask. Coal Mining Co. The more I consider the disadvantages attending the other mines the more am I impressed with a conviction that our mine is really the only mine that will pay working expenses in the North West. Of course there has been a great deal of blundering both last year and this year but I have not the slightest doubt that if the business were properly managed that it would yield a very good profit indeed….”

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| G 8703 | C - 710 | Feb. 13, 1885 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Sask. Coal Co. No action. |

Re yours of 11th in answer to mine of 9th:

 “Your views as to prospect of our mine I believe every word and a better property does not exist in the N.W.T. but my warning was under the present management the way the business is done it will never succeed. I have never been given a fair show in the old or new Co and would have had the business in a far better condition if left to work out its salvation but still my judgment is left me and I can advise my friends if that advice is not heeded my duty is performed. I hope to see you some day soon and a quiet conversation will do no harm at least to your success to Hamilton Yours ever J E Woodworth

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If the coal mine was properly managed it would pay right along and it is easely [sic] managed with proper men (any business that is not conducted on business princibles [sic] the judgments of God will follow it) I have writen [sic] the Company a letter of resignation from the Board of Directors whose ever hands the coal mine falls into when it leaves this present (save your good self) foolish Coy will make it one of the finest paying properties in the Country. I wish I owned it but under the present management I would not have it as a gift thanks for your answer to Daly re chairmanship W.J.D. I am satisfied as it could not be chair under the circumstances. Truly yours J.E.W.”

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| G 8703 | C - 714 | Feb. 16, 1885 | Letter | Walsh, A.Comm. Dom. Crown Lands | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Cowan who wishes to invest in mining stock. No action. |

David Cowan will hand you this note – the son of an old supporter of mine – he came “to consult me as to the advisability of his taking an interest in a mine in the Rockies, controlled by a company in which he is told you are interested. I do not feel competent to advise in the matter …” and ask that you give him the information

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| G 8704 | C - 938 | Feb. 28, 1885 | Letter | Bedson, S.L. | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Prices paid for goods bought for Asylum. Dealtwith by Mr. N. in Ottawa. |

Had temporary deal with P R. Young re prices. Should I advertise for tenders until end of this year?

Ps: “the people here are going to protest agt you going to Ottawa what are we to do without you”

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| G 8703 | C - 642 | March 31, 1885 | Letter | MacKeand, A.Secretary TreasurerSK Coal Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Notice of meeting of directors on 1st April 1885. |

Meeting of directors of SK Coal at J H Ashdown’s Wed, 1 April

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| G 8703 | C - 606 | April 8, 1885 | Letter | Shorey, S.O. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Enclosing Petition of S.C. & T. Co. |

Dear Mr Norquay Herewith I send you the petition of the Saskatchewan Coal Co. Mr Ashdown and I were talking about the probable attitude of Mr Woodworth in the matter and we decided to say to him that if he would support the application & say that he was not now connected with the Co in any way, but had been, and knew all the difficulties we had labored under, money spent etc and the herculean efforts made to give the people of Manitoba cheap fuel that we would consider his application for remuneration for services which he claims. We do not wish to say so in so many words, but hint to him that it would be best that he should as I may not see him. Will you kindly speak to him on the subject. Yours faithfully S.O. Shorey

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| G 8704 | C - 789 | April 18, 1885 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. |  | Winnipeg Man. | Norquay, John | Re: SCM&T Co. |

SK Coal – Private “Dear Sir I only gave you warning last winter Re your connection with Coal Co you know what your answer was I wrote you as a friend, having lost all faith & trust in the Vice President…”

Believing he wld “bring the Company to grief also he would leave you in a bad fix if he got the chance. I was employed by him to go to the mines last October & went & remained there until 13th Dec at which time he wired me to come to Winnipeg to annual meeting I came & returned to the mine again when I found the manager was put in charge My services being no longer required I returned to Brandon…”

 I reported accurately. If my advice had been taken Co wld be in better condition… “but finding what kind of a man the manager was and also finding out the leader Mr. J.H. Ashdown I resigned all connection and gave away my stock giving up the thing as a dead loss under such a mismanagement foolish & unprincipled conduct of J.H. Ashdown he ignored me & my advice altogether…”

So I left quietly and wrote you “my caution & to warn you in time.”

 I didn’t ask for wages but just expenses -- $150.00. Ashdown says he has no power to act. “I have been treated like a dog by this Ashdown…. [I] shall try to protect you ….”

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| G 8704 | C - 758 | April 23, 1885 | Letter | Shorey, S.O. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Woodworth's claim on S.C.M. & T. Co. & passage of bill. |

“Dear Mr Norquay: Woodworth is writing Mr Ashdown and demanding $150 for services at the mine, which he calls expenses. Mr. Ashdown has written him and promised to bring the matter up at the next board meeting and try to get a settlement for him. He (Woodworth) threatens a suit if we do not pay him, of course he could not collect – but we want his assistance to push the bonus through, and we do not wish to quarrel with him at any rate, will you please smooth him down, & tell him it will be all right, I hope that you will push the bonus matter through speedily – as a little money now would be as good as more later on. Yours faithfully”

 **JN to S.O. Shorey**, Wpg 24 April 1885 [E389] “I couldn’t carry the bonus through with my colleagues…” As President of the company, I couldn’t press “what would look so much like a personal benefit …”

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| G 8705 | C - 1088 | May 1, 1885 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | S.CoalM. & T. Co. No action. |

“Dear Norquay I give you again warning re SCM &T Co (Limited) & would now say get your name off of all obligation possible at once or if not able to do that get notes collections & anything that will secure you Do this carefully saying you cannot continue your name upon paper given connection with the Government & in asking for the $2000 to be granted to the Co by the Government. The year is up re contract with the Creditor and the Co owe the CPR $20,000 & they will be looking for their pay soon. I am taking no action in the matter but know those interested will take action very soon of course my advice has not been taken in the past but nevertheless I have been in the main right all the way through & feel [?]to continue to give you timely warning. I have no faith in Mr Ashdown’s conduction [sic] of business or in his intentions You went with the enterprise through my influence & I feel [?] to see you out of it as best I can my ability being limited I work the more faithful [sic?] Yours ever J.E. Woodworth

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| G 8704 | C - 946 | May 29, 1885 | Letter | Brydges, C.J., H.B. Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Saskatchewan CoalMining & T. Co. | Re: S.C.M. & T. Co. Dealt with by Mr. N. |

Arrears due: HBCo willing to extend time for payment of installments. IF: “if the interest and taxes are kept regularly paid up.”

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| G 8704 | C - 896 | May 30, 1885 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | He has drawn on S.C.M. & T. Co. to amount of hisa/c $150.00. |

To JN as Pres of SK coal: “Dear Sir I have drawn J.H. Ashdown Vice Pres of the Coal Co for $150.00 being amount balance my expenses while at the mines last fall nearly 3 months I have not charged one cent for my time it is for expenses only and paid out in cash and it is to the Companies’ interest to pay this honourable debt which I have asked for so many times of Mr. McKeand & Mr. Ashdown. Please if convenient see Mr Ashdown accepts the dft and you will oblige Yours truly

**G8731-letterbook D:Coal** JN to C.S. Drummond, London 13 June 1885 [D258-259] “Referring to the conversation had with you in Mr. Ashdown’s office …just previous to your departure for England on the subject of the sale of the property belonging to ‘The Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Company Limited’ I would say that the Company are prepared to dispose of that property, extending over an area of three hundred and twenty acres, all of which is said to be underlaid with a seam of coal between five and six feet in thickness and which has a spur track laid directly to the mine.

 “The Company have engine & boiler engine house, bankhead, stable and storehouse in connection with the mine as well as a store about 60 x 24 feet with offices and rooms attached and a capacious mens house capable of accommodating one hundred men with some minor buildings such as carpenter shop, forge and tools for the same all of which they will dispose of for the sum of …$150,000. “The trouble with the present owners being they are so much engrossed with their other business that they cannot give the working of this mine the necessary attention. Hoping you will be able to effect a sale.”**Ibid. 13 June 1885 [D260]** “My dear Mr. Drummond I enclose herewith an offer of our property…We will agree to give you 10% on a sale at $150,000 and an additional 20% on any sum you can realize above the ….” 150,000.

**G8731-letterbook D:A.W. Pritchard to J.H. Ashdown, 13 June 1885 [D261**] “I am instructed by the Hon. Mr. Norquay to inclose [sic] herewith two letters for Mr. Drummond for your perusal and to ask you to please re-direct the same ... if the contents meets with your approval.”

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| G 8704 | C - 893 | June 15, 1885 | Letter | Ashdown, J.H. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Offer to Drummond to sell Sask. Coal mine. |

Rec’d yours of 13th re penitentiary coal and find I have Cr S.L. Bedson

 By teaming coal $400

 By cash $370 total $770

“I presume this covers the matter satisfactorily …”

 “I am also in receipt of yours covering offer to Drummond which seems to fill the bill and I have re-forwarded to destination. Yours truly, J.H. Ashdown”

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| G 8705 | C - 1068 | June 16, 1885 | Letter | Cruikshank, A.A.Acct. Penitentiary | Stony Mountain | Norquay, John | Enclosing forms of tender for Coal. Sent forms to Mr. Ashdown. See L.B. "D" p263 June 17, 1885. |

“Thinking that possibly your Company might desire to tender for the supply of coal for this Penitentiary for the coming year I beg to enclose you herewith Tender Form and specification for said commodity.”

**Coal** JN to JH Ashdown 17 June 1885 [D263] “I enclose form of tender should you in the interest of the Saskatchewan Coal Co. feel disposed to tender for the supply of coal for the penitentiary this year….I am of opinion myself that we could tender at $8.50 or $9.00 per ton. I know that our coal is preferable to that of any other and think that we could easily secure the contract at the figures I have mentioned.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Coal** AW Pritchard to JH Ashdown 26 June 1885 [D266] “I am instructed by the Hon. Mr. Norquay to enclose you a summons which has been served upon him as President of the S.C.M.&T. Co. Ltd.

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| G 8704 | C - 1042 | July 7, 1885 | Letter | White, Fred | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Evidence against Conkling[?]. No action. |

 “My dear Norquay You wrote me some time ago for a copy of the evidence taken by the Comm/rs Bown & McArthur re Nixon Conkling &s [?] in 1879.

 I have found the papers but they are in manuscript and very voluminous and I may not be able to get a copy for you until after the Session, we are all so very busy at present.”

**G8731-letterbook D:Land, finance** JN to JE Woodworth, Brandon 9 July 1885 [D269] “My dear Joe My ability to purchase a farm is dependent upon effecting a sale of my interest in the coal company and as yet have heard no word from Mr. Drummond who has undertaken to dispose of the property and consequently cannot entertain the idea of purchasing your farm although it is offered on such generous terms.”

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| G 8704 | C - 1039 | July 20, 1885 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing $10.00 borrowed & re Sask. Coal Mine. |

“Enclosed please find ten dollars cash borrowed from your dear old self while in Wpg last week please accept my thanks &c. I have just returned from west where I have been a few days on business Was in Regina few hours yesterday Saw Genl Middleton & lady had a pleasant talk met Gov Dewdney[?] …[illegible]

 Will you please let me know what progress selling coal mine. I want to leave my interest in your hands to act for me receive the pay for my share & do all for me as for yourself you will act for me won’t you. If you sell of course the stock will fall back to the original place after paying off the debts the balance will go to the share holders I had $140,000 under the arrangement made last year with the new Company to only receive 25% of the 140,000 which was 35000 leaving now $105000 to be accounted for you will understand the matter so as to deal out justice please let me know what is doing I want to get something out of it in some way by letting me know particulars by letter at your convenience & trusting you are enjoying your usual good health I am, yours faithfully J.E. Woodworth”

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| G 8705 | C - 1137 | July 22, 1885 | Accounts | Sask. Coal Mining & T. Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | ‘In a/c with W. Woodcock,in a/c with Prov. Gov't. | Dealt with by Mr. N. |

Photocopy: looks like 4 versions of the coal accounts, the fourth dating from 23 July 1885

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| G 8704 | C - 1041 | Aug. 24, 1885 | Letter | Smith & Ferguson | Regina, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Sask. Coal. |

Stoves, importers etc: “Dear Sir: When will Co/y be ready to ship us coal for coming winter?

 If you are going to push the sale we suggest an immediate start we are prepared to handle it as formerly and our Mr. Fergusson is owner of $5,000 nominal stock we can sell 4 or 5 hundred tons here we think without trouble….”

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| G 8705 | C - 1131 | Aug. 27, 1885 | Letter | Checkley, E.J., Mgr Preston Banking Co. | Preston, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Value of shares S.C.M. & T. Co. See L.B. "F" p2. 1 September 1885. |

“Dear Sir I am at present interested in stock of the Saskatchewan Coal mining & Trans Co/y of which I see you are President. Will you kindly say in your opinion what these shares are worth? & have they any market value” Mr. Otto Klotz informed me they would bring 75c per $ could such a figure be obtained do you think?...”

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| G 8704 | C - 1006 | Sept. 10, 1885 | Telegram | Walsh, Major | Brockville, Ont. | Norquay, John | Coal Mine. Dealt with by Mr. N. [Code]. |

“VanHorne deferring not amazing orchestra rasher but misemploy a rasher that I think my converge can amazing am to because Mississippi Egan on Scare Bob”

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| G 8705 | C - 1161 | Sept. 21, 1885 | Letter | Balfour, G.H.Mgr, Union Bank of Lower Cda | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Sask. Coal Co. |

“Dear Sir Under the assignment from the Saskatchewan Coal Coy to the Union Bank of LC dated April 1st 1885 signed by you as President & J H Ashdown Acting Secty under the Coy’s seal, of all accounts due to the Coy to the Union Bank of LC this will authorize you to pay to Mr Ashdown all or any money received from the Manitoba Penitentiary on a/c of said Coy.”

**Date: 30 November 1883**

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| G 8729 |  |  |  |  No # | Oct. 6, 1885 | Letter | Ptolemy, W.J. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Note for $5000 - Sask. Coal Co.  |

“My Dear Mr. Norquay Upon getting your letter this morning I at once started to try and find the 5000.00 note wanted, and after spending the whole afternoon at the search have to state that I have been unsuccessful. I have gone over all the other old papers of the S.C.M.&T Co which had not before been handled by Emslie and me. We never saw it during our audit. Both McKeand and Shorey are away, and it is very doubtful if they know anything about it anyway. After having the Merchants Bank to make a thorough search which was fruitless, I asked Mr. Miller to give me a copy from their books with a certificate as to its correctness, which he did, and I herewith enclose same trusting it may serve your purpose. Respectfully yours

Encl: D. Miller to Norquay, 6 Oct 1885 Re SCMTCo:

 Re yours of the 1st ult and my reply of 2nd idem:

 “I am of the opinion that the note for $5000 was handed to Mr. Klotz when the renewal for $3000 was discounted, but we have looked carefully over all our vouchers of the time without finding it.

 “I enclose herewith what is to all intents & purposes a copy of the $5000 note hoping it may be of use to you. I cannot vouch for the exact wording of the note, but at all events the chief points – the names &c are the same.”

 Attached form: 30 November 1883: $5000 The Saskatchewan Coal Mining &T Co three months after date, for value received promises to pay to the order of A. Rowe at the Merchants Bank of Canada, Winnipeg, the sum of Five thousand dollars sgd J Norquay Prest. SCM &T Co.” “Due March 31 1884”[inserted in pencil at top]

Note on obverse contains 5 “sgd” names: “A Rowe, JE Klotz, W M Carruthers, E. Benson, Jno Norquay” [note dates of docs – oct/85][also in SK Coal-74] [in 30 Nov 1883 and 6 Oct 1885]

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| G 8705 | C - 1095 | [No Date] |   | Memo | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Case of S.CoalM. & T. Co. |

Ashdown hardware letterhead, handwritten in pencil: “Mr Norquay will see Mr Aikins and see if his company will agree to an output of twenty thousand tons per year or more. How long a lease and if they will agree to a lease of one year to be renewed, and also privilege of sale, and length of notice in such case and see if they will allow 30 cents on their debt and 15 cents to company.

 “Take plant at valuation now and at end of lease.”

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| G 8705 | C - 1112 | Sept. 17, 1885 | Memo | Anderson, T.H.Bank of Ottawa | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Asking for book with final returns. |

“Dear Sir: Kindly send me your book with final returns…” [meaning?] [coal?]

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| G 8724 | C - 1440 | Nov. 21, 1885 | Telegram | Sanford, W.E. | Hamilton | Norquay, John[in Ottawa] | Asking Mr. N. whether he will wait untilTuesday morning for him. |

“It is important I should be in Ottawa Tuesday morning Cant you remain until then”

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| G 8729 | No #  | Nov. 24, 1885 | Letter | Norquay, John | Ottawa | White, Hon. Thos.Min. of Interior | Re: S.C.M. & T. Co. |

Letterhead of Dept of Interior – looks like JN’s own draft, written in the office of the Interior Dept, Ottawa:

“Sir In view of the fact that the [SCM&TCo Ltd]…will be forced into liquidation & that the Government of Canada had agreed to sell to them the East half of section seven township thirteen Range six West of the fourth meridian at the rate of ten dollars an acre (east ½ sec 7 Tp 13 R.6 W of 4th m) I have the honour to apply for the purchase of the same at the same terms so soon as the said Company has gone into liquidation….”

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| G 8724 | C - 1383 | Feb. 10, 1886 | Letter | Sanford, W.E. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Coal mines & cattle raising. |

“My Dear Mr. Norquay A party from Winnipeg was telling me today that the coal at Lethbridge has proved to be very inferior and is being condemned by the Railway Coy. It is not at all up to the coal at Medicine Hat Mine. I think you better put a watch on that. Would you kindly let me know by return what shape that is in and how soon you will make the necessary steps towards securing the property?

 Re Townsight [sic] Southern Man: What is the outlook in this direction?”

I wrote some days ago, asking for a letter of recommend – put in your views on ranching – “Put it as strong as you like. I have letters of recommendation from Sir John, the lieut Gov, and others and should very much appreciate one from you…”

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| G 8725 | C - 1681 | Feb. 20, 1886 | Letter | Sanford, W.E. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Mining property. |

Recd yours of 15th. I understand CPR have claim for arrears on freight. How much?

 “As I understand the matter, you are expecting to get the land from the Gov. at $10 per acre and will draw upon me for this amt….. We take hold of the property, organizing a Co’y to work it and one of the first charges against that Co’y, which we would include when selling, would be the amt of this [CPR] claim…”

 Thanks for letter on stock ranching.

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| G 8725 | C - 1736 | Feb. 20, 1886 | Letter | Allen, T.H. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking for amount of a/c $225.00. |

“Private My dear ‘Senator’ You will oblige me by sending a cheque for $225.00 as soon as you can – make it convenient. I don’t desire to financially embarrass your Government but it would be extremely useful just now to have the amount of that account. Kindly send a cheque.

 I have received the Coal Company papers, and shall hold them awaiting your instructions, as you desired.

 I hear that you were one of the greatest attractions at the St. Paul Carnival. I have no doubt of it – with the girls!

 Yrs very faithfully, T.H Allen

The Hon. John Norquay Premier-Senator Winnipeg

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| G 8724 | C - 1377 | March 1, 1886 | Letter | Checkley, E.J. | Preston, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. stock. |

Letterhead of Preston Banking Co: “Dear Sir We are desirous of realizing if possible upon stock we hold in Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Trans Coy. Will you kindly say what in your opinion is the best way to effect this end? I suppose as you are President of the Coy you can tell me this …is the Coy operating now & is there any prospect of their doing a profitable business? What in your opinion is the present market value of the stock?

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| G 8705 | C - 1303 | March 2, 1886 | Letter | Bain, Blanchard & Mulock | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. |

Encloses copies of “agreement with creditors of 29 April 84 & of agreement between stockholders of 26 Nov 83 as desired.” [W. Redford Mulock]

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| G 8730 | Misc Govt  | March 4, 1884[no – 1886] | Judgement | [No Name] | City (Winnipeg)  |   | Re: coal deliveries to Gov't. |

Handwritten, formal document, not complete, 9 pp – seems an excerpt of the Royal Commission’s “coal steal” judgment, finding Ashdown’s evidence “vague and unsatisfactory…” “Ashdown invariably prefaces his statements with the words “I think” or “I cannot say” “I do not remember” or “I fancy so” which phrases occur no less than 79 times in his evidence instead of a plain statement of facts….the balance of Mr. Ashdown’s evidence being capable of various interpretations.”

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| G 8730 | Misc Govt   | Mar. 1886 | Statement | [No Name] | [No Location] | Gov't. of Manitoba | Statement of advances to asylum 1886 re: coal. |

Deliveries of Saskatchewan Coal to the asylum 1883-1885 and payments thereon, including a refund of $153 on 19 June 1885 to balance the account.

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| G 8724 | C - 1644 | April 3, 1886 | Letter | Daly, T. Mayne Queens hotel Wpg | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Calling Mr. N.'s attention to Brownlee's application forposition in Immigrant Office. |

“My dear Sir I am very sorry you were not with us last eve. As usual the Hon. the member for Kildonan was the belle of the eve & his brilliancy was only excelled by the bejewelled shirt bosom of the gentleman Deputy of Ag. Stat. & Health [?]

 “I would like you not to forget my friend Brownlee…

 “Wishing you health & strength to do thro the trying ordeal of the Royal Com & feeling, as I do, very strongly towards you on a/c of the matter, I hope sincerely the Grits will get such a squelcher that it will knock them all clean.

PS Rest assured you have the sympathy of every man who’s not a Grit.”

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| G 8724 | C - 1514 | April 5, 1886 | Letter | Ballenden, John | Medicine Hat, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Asking to be again appointed Surgeon at Sask.Coal Cos. Mine. |

“Sir Two years ago through the intervention of Capn Wm Kennedy of St Andrews you were kind enough to give me the apptmt of Surgeon to the Saskatchewan Mines up here – it is said that they are about being re-opened. May I again solicit your influence to obtain a continuance of the office…”

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| G 8729 |  No # | April 16, 1886 | Letter | Riley, R.T. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Wants appointment to talk over Medicine Hat Coal Mine. |

“Dear Sir Mr. Sanford writes me that he had an interview with you some time ago in which you discussed the prospect of the coal mine at Medicine Hat &c. He urges me to see you at once & talk over matters fully with a view to ascertaining what can be done in the matter….” Would it be possible tomorrow at some point? [this is Sanford Clothing, Hamilton, ON and its Wpg office]

Note on reverse in JN hand: “Will see you tomorrow at 3 pm” [see Sanford letters below, 74-aid to others]

**Sask Coal** JN to WC Van Horne, CPR Montreal General Mgr, 27 May 1886 [LB6: 3]

 “I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed to me on the subject of the location of the Saskatchewan Coal Mine. I need not tell you how very much I am interested in securing that property if possible so that I may be recouped for the outlay which my colleagues in the company do not seem disposed to allow me. They have the option it appears of purchasing the mine by the fourth of June, in the event of their not securing the property at that date I trust you will insist upon the opinion of the Department of Justice, which said that it should revert to the C.P.R., be sustained.”

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| G 8725 | C - 1768 | June 15, 1886 | Letter | Allen, T.H. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking payment of a/c for paper binders. |

“Private My dear Norquay I did not wish to bother you about business when down here, but you may rely upon it that you will do me a service by sending me a cheque for the Hope[?] A/C. Please send cheque & vouchers to me and I will have vouchers returned immediately. Now, kindly see that this is done at once.”

[peremptory – what does he know?]

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| G 8725 | C - 1781 | June 19, 1886 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. | Brandon | Norquay, John | Re: Commission. |

Your telegram is “very very very disappointing” – I wanted that Commission – have been faithful to party and a good worker “…however such is life those things do not discourage me I am no kicker but true as steel….”

 “I wrote Mr. Brown the offer I made them including Government Grant [some?] $3180, I think. I endorsed my sessional allowance check & the Govmt which squares us to about $50.00 which I shall pay as soon as the Bridges are taken over. Will you please let me know any further about Coal Co. If they are doing anything & how matters stand.”

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| G 8729 | No #   | June 23, 1886 | Letter | Hall, John R.Dept. of Interior | Ottawa | Norquay, John | Re: Patent for Sask. Coal mine. |

Form letter, blanks filled in handwritten “Sir I have the honor, by direction of the Minister of the Interior, to inform you that Letters Patent in favor of ‘The Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Transportation Co’ for Frl [Fractional] E ½ of Section 7, in the 13th Township, in the 6th Range West of the 4th Mern, in the Provsl Dist of Assin/a, N.W.T. are now in this office, will be sent to any address which you may designate….” John R. Hall Secretary

To Hon. John Norquay, Wpg, Man.

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| G 8725 | C - 1742 | Aug. 5, 1886 | Letter | Ward, Robt. | Sheffield, England | Norquay, John | Re: Employment on Sask. Coal Mine. |

Late of Med Hat mines, now in England, seeks job mining coal

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| G 8725 | C - 1800 | Aug. 26, 1886 | Telegram | Van Horne, W.J. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Being misinformed re "assignment our claim". |

“Think you are misinformed have heard nothing of any assignment our claim”

**LB4: Sask Coal Mine** JN to Robt Ward, Sheffield, Eng. 30 Aug 1886 [LB4: 169] “In reply to yours of August 5th I would say that there is very little chance of getting work at the Saskatchewan Mine this winter. The parties who have leased it are preparing to work it but I am afraid that there are so many complications surrounding it that I would not advise anyone to depend upon it for anything permanent.”

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| G 8725 | C - 1814 | Sept. 2, 1886 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E. | Brandon | Norquay, John | Re: Coal mine. |

“Dear Mr Norquay What have you done re coal mine have they completed arrangements with you and will they proceed to work the mine & if so what chance are there in my getting any thing out of it does the old 75% agreement hold good for paying off creditors I would very much like to know how matters are as I noticed the day I saw you they were anxious to come to terms Yours faithfully J E Woodworth

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| G 8725 | C - 1935 | Sept. 7, 1886 | Letter | Bain, Mulock & Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Sask. Coal Mining & N.W. Co's Patent for land. |

Dept of Interior in Ottawa advises us that you have received the patent issued to the SCMTCo Ltd for the east ½ of Sec 7-18-6 West of the 4th meridian.

 “As we are acting for the liquidator and require to have it to use in selling the mine we would be glad to have the same from you as soon as possible.”

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| G 8725 | C - 1938 | Sept. 10, 1886 | Letter | Bain, Mulock & Co. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Patent for Sask. Coal Co.'s lands. |

“We beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 9th inst covering Patent for the Saskatchewan Coal Coys land in favour of the Company.”

**LB5: Saskatchewan Coal** Alf H. Rennie to Bain Mulock & Co Wpg, 9 Sep 1886 [LB5-18] “Gentlemen I have been instructed by the Hon Mr. Norquay to forward to you the enclosed patent re – Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Navigation Co. for which you will please forward receipt.” 1 enclosure Regd.

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| G 8726 | C - 2009 | Sept. 18, 1886 | Letter | Munson & Allan | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Saskatchewan [coal]Co. |

Lawyers: “As requested by you we have examined the proposed agreement relating to the leasing of the mine of this company. We have not had an opportunity of looking at the other agreements and proceedings in connection with the company and the liquidation, but we think that since matters have gone so far your safer course would be to abstain from executing any such document. There are a number of recitals and provisions in the agreement which, in case of difficulty, might involve you in litigation, at the instance of the party to whom it is proposed to make the lease. Then we think the powers given to Mr. O’Loughlin are too extensive, while of course we have nothing to say against his integrity.

 “…now that the estate is in court and matters are so complicated it is best to allow the court to deal with it. If the court thinks best to lease the mine we think it has power to do so without your or anybody else’s consent.”

**LB5: Election, coal steal** JN to H M Howell, 30 Sep 1886 [LB5-23] “My dear Howell R.

Rogers is very anxious that you would give him one meeting to meet Biggs & Isaac Campbell on the stump. I have no doubt that they will try the coal shed dodge on & I know no man better able to cope with them on that deal than yourself. Yours sincerely, J. Norquay

“I learn that [JB?] McArthur is also to go.

 [Letter in Norquay’s writing – faded]

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| G 8727 | C - 2310 | Sept. 30, 1886 | Notice of Liquidator | O'Loughlin, M.R., Liquidator | City (Winnipeg)  | Shareholders, etc. ofSask. Coal Mining Co. | Re: Lease of mine to E.D. Moore. |

Printed court of Q Bench notice: application by liquidator of Co. to lease said Company’s mine, e ½ of Sec 7, Twp 13, Rge 6, W of 4th, to Edwin D. Moore of Wpg, Merchant, for 5 years from 1 Oct 1886, at royalty of 25c per ton on all coal mined, “the amount of such royalty not to be less than $2500 in any one year”

 And that a meeting of all creditors of said Co on 12 Oct at 7:30 pm to consider advisability of granting said lease.

 And that stockholders will meet in same place at 8:30 for same purpose.

Bain, Mulock, Perdue & Robinson, Liquidator’s Solicitors

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| G 8729 |  No #   | Sept. 29, 1886 | Anon. Letter | St. George's Club | Hanover Sq., London | Norquay, John | Incomplete letter re: financing of Mines-Sask. Coal Co. |

Letterhead of Club – distinctive hand – Begg?

“My dear Mr. Norquay A line to enclose a card of a financial agent with whom I had a long talk yesterday.

 “He had been written or spoken to by someone (his correspondence clerk was out) re floating the Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co.

 “The exhibits of coal at the ‘Colinderies’ as you will have seen by my letters in ‘The Manitoban’ have attracted great attention. The position of the Hud. Bay Rly Cos scheme, now assured, has given an impetus to Canadian stocks etc. There is a sort of half boom in mines of all kinds just now, & I thought the present offers an opportunity of disposing of or putting upon its feet the Saskat. Co.

 “There’s stacks of money lying idle.”

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| G 8726 | C - 1973 | Oct. 25, 1886 | Letter | Checkley, E.J. | Preston, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Sask. Coal M. & T. Co. |

Re company: “I see that it is reported that ‘the squabble has ended’ that ‘operations have been resumed &c’ does this mean that the old stock has been guaranteed to pay 4% per annum as I am told here? & do you regard them as responsible?...”

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| G 8726 | C - 2085 | Dec. 27, 1886 | Letter | Mitchell, H.B. | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Apology for way he spoke to Mr. N. |

Executive Council MB letterhead, by hand, in pencil: “Dear Mr Norquay I called to apologise for the way in which I spoke to you the other day. A man who loses his temper is sure to be wrong & I am very sorry if I made an unjustifiable remark. Will you be so kind as to forget all I said. I & Brydges have agreed amicably to leave my matter for settlement standing just for the present. Yours very truly, H B Mitchell

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| G 8728 | C - 2832 | June 27, 1887 | Letter | Holt, Henry | CPR Works Rat Portage | Norquay, John | Asking position of RRV Ry. |

“Dear Sir …you may perhaps remember me as Engineer of the Saskatchewan Coal Mine. I stuck to the Company all through their troubles and did my best for the Co. I now ask you if you can give me a situation on your line. I have been in the Employ of the CPR Co as an Engine fitter for the last 4 years and 7 months – have now charge of all the Pumps and pipe fittings from here (Rat Portage) to Ignace, this is my division, and when I am not attending to the Pumps, I fill up my spare time in the repairing shops. I can bring first class testimonials, for over twenty-five years standing. I hold a certificate as Licensed Engineer from the Dominion Government passed my examination before the Board of Inspection – and I can also bring testimonials from my present employers.

 You will want a good competent man to put up your pumping engines &c and if you will kindly give me a trial, I am sure you not regret it. I will do my utmost to serve your Company…..I enclose stamp for reply….”

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| G 8728 | C - 2879 | Aug. 19, 1887 | Letter | Mulock, Redford lawyer | City (Winnipeg)  | Norquay, John | Re: Patent for Sask. Co. Lands. See L.B. "A" p733Coal, coal. |

“Dear Mr. Norquay Have you the Patent from the Crown of the Saskatchewan Co’s land. I require it for use in the sale proceedings to show the title. Will you kindly let me have it….

**James J. Hill Papers, Minnesota Historical Society:**

**Geo H. Ward (New York) to Hill, 14 April 1887**

 “After many years silence I take the liberty of our acquaintance of long ago to ask a favor. One of my friends is interested in some coal lands in the province of Assiniboia & has given me the surveys & report of which I send a copy. Would you be kind enough to put it in the hands of some one, who would be likely to dispose of it. A company was formed to work it, but it has fallen in the hands of one or two & can be purchased for $75,000 leaving a good commission. I am here in connection with the National Car Spring Co with which Mr Silver is connected -- he tells me he is acquainted with you.”

2-“Waterloo Region Generations” website: <http://generations.regionofwaterloo.ca/getperson.php?personID=I350968&tree=generations>

[Accessed 21 February 2018]

**JACOB E. KLOTZ DIES SUDDENLY**
**Well Known Resident Succumbs To Heart Attack While Waiting In Doctor's Oftice; Brother Of Noted Scientist**
While waiting in the sitting room of Dr. E. Heist's office on Satutday afternoon at about 4.30 o'clock, Jacob E. Klotz, a well known resident of this city, dropped dead, He was found dead in his chair when the doctor came from the examining room where he was advising another patient. Mr. Klotz had been in excellent health until Saturday afternoon when he complained of not feIling very well. He decided to go to Dr. Heist for treatment and it was while awaiting his appointment with the doctor that he was seized with a fatal heart attack. Jacob E. Klotz had been a well known resident of this city for the last 11, years. He was identified as a shareholder in a number of local industries but was not actively engaged in business. He was a member of the Lancaster Club and was popular with the membership as well as with a wide circle of friends. Deceased was a brother of Dr. Otto Klotz noted scientist who died in Ottawa on December 31. He was born in Preston 83 years ago the son, of Otto Klotz. Deceased celebrated his 83rd birthday on December 21. Mr. Klotz is survived by two sisters, Miss Augusta Klotz (with whom he lived) 38 Ahrens street west and Mrs. Mylius of this city and two brothers, Dr. Carl Klotz of St. Catharines and E. W. Klotz of Toronto. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock followed by Interment at Preston.

The Daily Record 7 Jan 1924 pg 1

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Jacob Emil Klotz was born in Preston on December 31, 1840, a son of Otto Klotz and Eliza Wilhelm. He was the Canadian Commissioner of Immigration from 1872 to 1880. In 1885 he became a partner with William Stahlschmidt in William Stahlschmidt and Co., later the Canadian Office and School Furniture Co., in the manufacture of a variety of school desks and office furniture. Mr. Klotz acted as president of the company and is credited with the early success of the company which later grew into one of the prominent furniture manufacturers in the country. Mr. Klotz also served as the vice president of the Galt and Preston Street Railway Co. when it was organized on November 12, 1890 and was one of the founding members of the Waterloo Historical Society when it was formed on November 13, 1912. Mr. Klotz served as mayor of Preston from 1901 to 1903 and died in Kitchener on January 5. 1924. He is buried in Preston Cemetery.1a

1a***Cambridge Mosaic***, Jim Quantrell, 1998, City of Cambridge

**3-Ellen Cooke file on Medicine Hat and coal company and miscellaneous notes GF**

**Ellen Cooke Papers, AM: File #10: Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Company:** the file contains notes on Cooke’s trip in July 1965 to Medicine Hat and her interviews with local historians, including Mr. Hargrave. It also contains a photocopy of an aerial photo of Twp 13-Range 6-W4th showing Saskatchewan River and the likely mine location. It was obtained in the Medicine Hat municipal office, 19 July 1965 and was described as an “aerial survey.” It may be from the Edmonton office of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Alberta.

The file also contains notes on J.W. Morrow *Early History of the Medicine Hat Country* (Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat Historical Society, revised 1974, first published 1923; and its chapter entitled: “From Redcliff North.”

This volume contains some accurate statements about the mines in Medicine Hat but also some significant errors.

Cooke also took notes on Cecil T. Hall *Redcliff’s 50 Golden Years: The early history of Redcliff* (typescript, 1962), and on a document prepared by museum curator M.J. Barrie of the Medicine Hat Historical and Museum Foundation. Finally, the file contains a letter from Hope Michael to Ellen Cooke, 22 December 1971 explaining that a local family named Norquay lived in the district. She wrote that James Norquay homesteaded at Nanton, was a first cousin of John Norquay, and had two sons and a daughter.

 -19 July 1965: trip diary of Ellen Cooke: Medicine Hat. “I drove over to the mine [near Redcliff]

 -maps hand-drawn by local man, Mr. Hargrave

**- notes of interview with Hargrave**:

 “not steam coal

 “Very low grade coal

 “CPR couldn’t use it at all on their locomotives

 “Lethbridge coal much better grade… Coal at Canmore is a steam coal. Has to be a coking coal to use for steaming on locomotive. Low grade coal all goes up the flue. But a coking coal stays right on the bed.

 “Company probably over-estimated quality of coal. People who could use it were those on farms and in towns.

 “Mr. Hargrave has actually burned Galt coal from Lethbridge and Redcliff coal. Galt coal is much better.

 -photocopy of aerial photo of Twp13-Range 6-W4th showing Sask. River, perhaps mine location? May be from Dept of Municipal Affairs, Govt of Alberta, Edmonton, and obtained in the Medicine Hat municipal office, 19 July 1965 – described as “aerial survey”

 The file also contains Ellen Cooke’s handwritten notes on John S. Ewart ed., *Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Court of Queen’s Bench, Manitoba,* volume IV, 1887

 P. 304: “Galt v. The Saskatchewan Coal Co. (in chambers): “Winding up – money in court made by sheriff before winding up order, awaiting interpleader – Estopped.

 “under various executions against the defendant company certain goods were seized.

 “Upon adverse claims being made the sheriff sold the good and paid the money into court under the terms of an interpleader order to abide the result of an issue.

 “Before the determination of the issue the company was ordered to be wound up.

 “The execution creditors having succeeded in the issue moved for payment to them of the money in court, and were opposed by the liquidator.

 Held: 1. That the execution creditors were entitled to the money.

 2. That they were not estopped from setting up such claim because they had filed claims before the liquidator.

W.G. Perdue and J.S. Hough, for execution creditors. W.R. Mulock for liquidator.

Vol VI: 1890, P. 593: “Re the Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co.”

 Winding up – Allowance to liquidator – Reference to Master 31 July 1890”

 “The court has no power to refer to the master the consideration of the amount to be allowed to the liquidator

 “The scale of remuneration of liquidators fixed in England will be followed here, not as absolutely binding, but as a guide.

 “Amount of remuneration under certain circumstances discussed.

 “W.R. Mulock, QC for the liquidator.

[Interpleader: a legal proceeding by which a person sued by two others having the same claim against him may compel them to go to trial with each other to arrive at a settlement. *Webster’s New World Dictionary, College Edn*,1964 p. 764]

**Museum curator “M.J. Barrie” of the Medicine Hat Historical and Museum Foundation: handwritten notes dated 3 November 1971 sent to “Hope” [Hope Michael] in answer to her questions raised on behalf of Ellen Cooke:**

**Re JN:** “I would assume that he figured in the 1883 Coal Mine at Redcliff, mentioned by Dave Broadfoot & Rev. Morrow, ….

**Anon [M.J. Barrie likeliest author]: “Coal Industry Redcliff” (notes from Medicine Hat Historical and Museum Foundation)**

**-notes from Medicine Hat *Times* 3 October 1889:** a company is being formed under the name “The Stair Coal Mine & Manufacturing Co. (limited), by James Baylis, John Lamb, Samuel Baylis, Joseph Tolfred, George Wait (Toronto and Montreal)

**-notes *Ibid*, 24 July 1890:** mentions coal being sold at Stair colliery, hopes for clay for bricks mfg, and comment from Baylis that an English syndicate already had made a fair offer, and that Baylis proposes to “organize a strong company of $50,000 working capital. Baylis “took over controlling interest in 1889.”

**Notes re Baylis coal mine Redcliff (from Mr. Dave Broadfoot’s notes): [handwritten, presumably by M.J. Barrie]**

1883-Baylis opens coal mine west of Redcliff

1886 – Baylis mine closed (Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co?)

1898 – spur track to Baylis mine taken up

 The town of Redcliff occupies land formerly part of the Stair Ranch – one of the eleven (the 76 Ranches) along the CPR – all owned by the Canadian Agriculture, Coal & Colonization Co. – organized by Sir John Lester-Kaye. The Stair Ranch…managed by John Ellis under General Manager Sir Raymond Gifford….

 In 1883-84 a Mr. Baylis of Montreal invested $100,000 in a coal mine situated on top of the cliffs one mile west of the Redcliff Post Office. Boarding houses, shacks & a store were built and about 100-150 men were employed. The coal was of good quality but markets poor so the mine was forced to close – the owners suffering heavy financial loss (see Rev Morrow…)

The old mine buildings were still standing in 1900 and the grade which led to the spur line may still be traced.

 JN was one of the stockholders – “They are said to have lost over $100,000 in the venture.”

 “It is thought that the Baylis Mine Co thought they might get the CPR contract for supplying coal – with the better connection to the main line by a spur – than the riverboats built by Sir Alexander Galt & the Northwestern Coal & Navigation Co. However the river steamers used more coal to go back upriver to Lethbridge than they were able to bring down. So a narrow gauge railway was built to bring coal from Lethbridge (Coal Banks) to Coleridge or Dunmore. There is some suggestion that Baylis had encouragement from the CPR before building his mine but in the end the Galt interests won out.

 “Some thought that this may have influenced Sir John Norquay (who had put most of his savings in this Baylis mine) to try to oppose the CPR in Manitoba when he wanted to build railways north & south to the US….

 Federal disallowance, CPR monopoly, MB ran out of funds, JN resigned, “leading to disappointment, frustration, & his death in 1889 – probably due to financial troubles too.”

 “There is another mine across the Saskatchewan River from Redcliff that operated many years – called the Ansley Mine, & later Ajax mine. A friend of mine Myrtle Ansley (whose father & grandfather owned the mine) said the CPR went back on their word on purchasing coal from them too”

 ‘My uncle Carl Hargrave told me…. The coal was good enough to heat buildings at CPR stations & buildings but not good enough quality for CPR engines.”

 “One of the Ellis family told Dave Broadfoot there were 100-150 men mining coal in the Baylis mine before the Riel Rebellion (1885).”

**J.W. Morrow *Early History of the Medicine Hat Country* ( Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat Historical Society, revised 1974) [first published 1923; Rev. J.W. Morrow, 1869-1932]**

-interesting, useful, but not accurate on Baylis activity

CPR crews arrived spring 1883, temporary bridge constructed, and the building of a steel bridge across South Saskatchewan River was begun, to be completed within a year. Medicine Hat became a divisional point of CPR – good water supply and coal nearby. Next divisional points were Swift Current to the east, Gleichen to the west.

 Good coal at Lethbridge (Galt) and Dunmore – shipped east to market.

 Ogilvie Mills at Medicine Hat

 **Chapter of the Morrow book entitled: “From Redcliff North: [65-6]**

 “In 1884 a gentleman by the name of Baylis, who had made a lot of money in Montreal manufacturing carpets, invested about $100,000 in the coal mine, had plenty of machinery, and large gangs of men…. Boarding houses, shacks, a store belonging to the coal company, and also a store started by Tweed and Ewart, with Henry Stewart as manager. The coal mined was good enough, provided it could be used right away, but as population was rather sparse during the early eighties, most of the coal had to be kept from three to [65] six months, and in the meantime powdered down like slaked lime. This ultimately meant a big loss to the men who invested capital, and about 1886 the mines were closed and the goods in the stores auctioned off by R. McCutcheon.”**[65-6]**

**Cecil T. Hall *Redcliff’s 50 Golden Years: The early history of Redcliff* (typescript, 1962)**

 Bayliss [sic] purchased a coal mine site, spent $100,000, on north side of Sask River where a coal seam cropped out about a half-mile west of the present Perry Brick plant, formerly the Brick and Coal Co. [4]

 About 1888 a spur line of CPR was laid into the mine at a point about a mile west of the present CPR depot, a point known as Stair. [4]

 John Lester Kaye was mgr of a British investment – Canadian Agriculture, Coal and Colonization Co. – Co. sold shares, had their hq in a private railway car at Stair, named after the Earl of Stair in Scotland, one mile west of present CPR station at Redcliff – had 11 sites, each with 1000 acres – the “Seventy-Six Ranches”

**Hope Michael to Ellen Cooke, 22 December 1971 (handwritten letter)**

 Medicine Hat was in Assiniboia, with Regina as capital – so records of the coal mine and Norquay may be in Regina.

 James Norquay homesteaded at Nanton near here – he was a first cousin of JN. He had 2 sons and a daughter.

 **“The Story of the Coal Industry in the Early Days in Medicine Hat”** by Medicine Hat Histl & Museum Fdtn [typescript]

 “Coal was first brought in from Lethbridge by paddle steamer but found not practical – the return trip used as much coal as hauled down to Medicine Hat. Later a narrow gauge track was laid from Dunmore to Lethbridge. As much as 250 tons of coal a day passed over this line from Lethbridge…”

 “The first coal was mined in Medicine Hat about 1884- by George Culy and brothers Joseph and William….

**Clipping from *Medicine Hat News* 25 May 1965 “ ‘ The city that was born lucky’: first settlement in 1883”**

In 1883, “a small tent-town sprang up along the river flats, prompted mainly by the arrival of work gangs laying steel for the CPR. …

**Ellen Cooke notes: 14 Feb 1977 (handwritten):**

 Edmonton *Bulletin* starts 1880

 Fort Macleod *Gazette* starts 1882

 Calgary *Herald* starts 1880

 Medicine Hat  *Times* (later *News*) began 1885

 Lethbridge ???

**George Broughall, secretary “Report of the proceedings and the evidence…Wallbridge royal commission… 1886,” Sessional papers, LA009, GR174, G8116, box 6, file 16**

 14 April: Charles Henry Fox, coal business – American soft [lignite] coal in 1882-82 had been $14-$16/ton, and in 1882 and 1883 sold for $13/ton. The reduction was due to the completion of the MSW rly line from Duluth to St. Vincent. Then, in 1883-84, completion of the CPR to Port Arthur and arrival of Sask Coal cut price to $11/ton. Sask Coal sold for $7.50-8.00/ton in 1883-84. Then, in 1884-85, US soft coal sold for about $8.00/ton, and Sask coal for $7.00/ton. He did not know of any Sask coal in the market in 1885-86. American soft coal in that year was $8.00, and Galt coal was also $8.00. Fox believed that Galt coal was inferior to Sask Coal. [309]

Mulock cross-examination: Sask Coal sold about 300 tons in winter of 1885-86, carried over from previous winter, at $6.00 to $6.50/ton. It is preferred for domestic purposes, whereas the US coal is used for steam. And the above prices were for soft coal only.

 Anthracite prices in 1881-82 and 1882-83 -- $16/$17 per ton. None sold at $20/ton? “Not that I am aware of.” [310]

 How much Sask Coal was sold in 1884-85 – I am told about 5000-6000 tons. It could sell a large amount at a price of $7.00

 And if the price was lowered to $6.00? It would drive all other soft coal out of the market for domestic uses, including Galt coal.

 Special stoves were introduced to burn Sask coal in Winnipeg homes. [311] End of morning session.

The CPR reached Medicine Hat in the spring of 1883. **Omer Lavallee “John M. Egan, A Railway Officer in Winnipeg, 1882-1886: An account of Canadian Pacific’s first years in the Manitoba capital” *Manitoba Historical Society Transactions* Series 3, v33 (1976-77)**

**Notes from the draft of Norquay book:**

J.E. Woodworth to Norquay, 24 July, 25 July, 13 August, 15 August, 15 August, 16 August 1883, NPP, B-67, B-38, B-80, A-1345(a)(b), B-19; Norquay to Macdonald, 6 August 1883, Macdonald papers, #189496; Macdonald to Norquay, 5 March, 3 November 1884, NPP, C-571, C-929; *Brandon Sun* 16 February 1884; Egan to Van Horne, 20 April 1885, file #9218, CPR; Jacob Klotz to Norquay, 4 January 1884, NPP, C-244; Jean-Pierre Kesteman, “Galt, Alexander Tilloch,” in *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*; D. Miller to Norquay, 5 January 1884, NPP, C-245; J.G. Hargrave to Norquay, 9 January 1884, NPP, C-17; Jacob Klotz to Norquay, 11 January 1884, G8701; Norquay, “Memo” [1883-84], NPP, C-46; Norquay to C.S. Drummond, 13 June 1885, NPP, Letterbook D; Broughall, “Wallbridge Royal Commission 1886,” 357-58, 188-89; notice of the mine appeared in the 25 November 1883 issue of the *Manitoba Free Press* and the 1 December 1883 issue of the *Selkirk Herald*, LAC.

 Broughall, “Wallbridge Royal Commission 1886,” 4-41; W.J. Ptolemy to Norquay, 6 October 1885, ECPO, G8729; Jim Quantrell, *Cambridge Mosaic*, (City of Cambridge, ON, 1998) 9; Waterloo *Daily Record*, 7 January 1924; *Winnipeg Times*, 5 February 1884 dispatch from Ottawa; Treaty 7 Elders and Tribal Council with Walter Hildebrandt, Dorothy First Rider, and Sarah Carter, *The True Spirit and Original Intent of Treaty 7* (Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 1996); I would like to thank Sarah Carter for a copy of her “Population Count and Survey of the Kainai Reserve” (email, 2019).

***Manitoba Free Press*, 25 November 1883, reprinted in *Selkirk Herald* 1 December 1883: [or in 1882?**

Sask Coal Mining Co. to be formed. Mr. Carruthers of Kentville N.S. surveyed, men dug, found seam, 8-12 feet depth running from Sask River. One can see coal on the banks 200-300 feet high – the mine will tunnel into the banks. 18,000 acres of the coal field. In six months time, 1000 men will be at work. The coal has been tested in Montreal, and is “vastly superior” to the Iowa coal.

 Similar story? 26 January 1883?

It is twenty miles east of Medicine Hat [not true].

9 sections – 100 tons taken already.

The company is now selling stock in Winnipeg. – 100 shares on the market @ $100 each. – Authorized capital of $500,000.

300 men will be working at the mine “within the next three months.”

CPR have offered to contract for 300,000 tons “provided it can be used in the boilers.”

**Notes:**

Anon [M.J. Barrie likeliest author]: “Coal Industry Redcliff” (Ellen Cooke’s notes from Medicine Hat Historical and Museum Foundation)

-notes from *Medicine Hat Times* 3 October 1889: a company is being formed under the name “The Stair Coal Mine & Manufacturing Co. (limited), by James Baylis, John Lamb, Samuel Baylis, Joseph Tolfred, George Wait (Toronto and Montreal)

-notes *Medicine Hat Times*, 24 July 1890: mentions coal being sold at Stair colliery, hopes for clay for bricks mfg, and comment from Baylis that an English syndicate already had made a fair offer, and that Baylis proposes to “organize a strong company of $50,000 working capital. Baylis “took over controlling interest in 1889.”

 William Whyte to Van Horne, 21 May 1887, file #9218, CPR Papers, Canadian Pacific Corporate Archives. The CPR had received 440 tons of coal from the company on its most recent reorganization, from fall/1886 through 2 March 1887. According to a note in the file, the railway had contracted to receive 10,870 tons @ $1.125 per ton for three years, beginning September 1886. The comparison with the Galt mine was striking: the CPR signed a five-year deal with the North Western Coal and Navigation Company to take 20,000 tons per year at $5.00/ton. Van Horne told A.W. Ogilvie that the CPR was “taking considerably more than the amount provided but for the surplus we pay a much smaller price – about half as much as I remember.” Van Horne to A.W. Ogilvie, 12 September 1887, in Van Horne Letterbooks, LB 23.

 George Stephen to John A. Macdonald, 4 September 1886, Macdonald Papers #123224: Stephen claimed that the CPR made a serious mistake, departed from “good business practice,” and signed a contract with the Galt interests to aid this “pioneer collier” in Lethbridge. Had they not signed, he said, the Galt mine would now be having “a ‘cold day.’”