

Vancouver BC
Nov 21st 1890

J Forbes Esq

Attorney C

Moosomin MB.

Dear Sir

Your paper of the 3rd inst caught
hand in due time but delayed answering until I
heard from Winnipeg in the matter.

I certainly knew of no such understanding as
you speak of Mr Calvert says he knows of none
though no doubt it was the intention naturally
enough to employ only one solicitor in any one
place.

As to the Gibson note you refer to. I have never
seen this note nor fact never heard of it until
you mentioned it in your letter. I understood from
Mr Calvert that this man lived East & the note was
there for collection & was forwarded from there
to me while

As to the Poller note it was sent to me while through
an error in my part but it is only a small matter
I have now gone so far to make any change
You refer to other notes in the hands of some
while belonging to Mr Robert & Mr Thomas Bunt
I would say there were some 3 or 4 small

Notes I dont now just remember the numbers
 in which returned by me to Winnipeg & forwarded
 from there at Mr Calverts suggestion & with my
 Concurrence to Mr White & for purely business
 reasons. without a single exception, if my
 memory is correct, you reported the parties to
 me as repaid & from the fact that you had the
 notes for two or three years & were not able
 to collect the money it would seem that your
 statement was correct. For certain special
 reasons which it is not necessary for me to
 mention I thought Mr White might be able to
 make the money & you surely could not blame
 us for making the transfer.

That there may be no further misunderstanding
 between us I might add that I certainly agreed
~~between~~ with you when you stated your time
 was so taken up with such other business that
 you were not able to look after the Collections as
 they should be looked after.

To both Mr Cobart & the Bank they seemed to have
 been unnecessary delay in realizing on these Notes
 & I had instructions if I thought it best to transfer
 all my Collections in Mooroom to another solicitor
 simply because of this delay & want of attention
 as they thought to their interests. And you
 must admit that the notes were kept in a rather

careless fashion and it was almost impossible to get any definite information about the majority of them other than the parties were "no good" or would not be paid" and I think I would have been justified in taking the course suggested, but I must say, when in Mooroomin you treated me as a gentleman and to me at least it would have been a most unpleasant task to make any transfer as suggested.

I got the notes as far as possible in shape when sub were to be brought I gave you instructions to see when the parties promised to pay I left the notes with you for payment and I wrote advising against any transfer at present except as to the few cases I have before explained I must say that all collections made have been promptly remitted. As trust this explanation will be satisfactory matters will go on pleasantly between you & the parties I suppose. In the meantime I suppose the Sanderson Blythe Boston sub are pressing favorable. I would be glad to hear how they stand whether you have been able to get judgment by default or if there is a chance of settlement settling securely my address will still be Box 319 Mpec

Yours truly
N. H. Powell

Vancouver BC

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Nov. 29nd 1890

Wm Smith Esq
Duappelle St.
Mrs

Dear Sir/

Rebavanagh & Co. of the firm

I wrote you some time ago from Regina in this matter stating Mr Secord's opinion in this matter. I have now received a statement from Winnipeg in the matter. The delay, being due to the miscarriage of the letter. Mr Calvert says, as Mr Secord did, that this last note was never in Mr Secord's hands & as a matter of fact Mr Secord knew nothing about the note at the time of settlement.

The note did not leave the Winnipeg office until 22nd June 88 & was then sent to Mr Strong for collection. Mr Calvert says the reason the note was not sent before was that there was no use pressing on this note until money was paid as he understood they were paying as fast as they could on the mortgage. I also received a statement from him as to payments made between the date of 1st & 22nd June about which I specially asked him, as well as a general

Statement showing all payments made
I find, as he states, there were no payments
whatever made between the 1st - paid when the
1st suit was settled & the second action brought
thus being the case it is absolutely impossible
that the last note caused by any means have
been included in the settlement

I finally see your clients at once & have the
matter put in shape I have written Mr Dickson
fully in the matter & he will see you about it

R Dundas.

Have you ~~at~~ been able to get copies of these
receipts yet? If not would you kindly have
him bring them in at once & send copies to Mr
Calvert. I will pay your your agency charges
in the matter afterwards

R Cavanagh.

If this matter is settled without delay & put
in a satisfactory state I have instructed Mr
Dickson to make a slight reduction in the rate
of interest

Yours truly
W. M. Powell

Vancouver BC.

Nov. 2nd 90

Messrs Scott & Hunter & Dickson
 Attorneys &c
 2nd Spello NW

Dear Sirs/

R. Buchanan & H. Spitham

I have at last received a statement from Winnipeg in this matter & from it there appears no payments whatever between the \$155 paid to settle the 1st suit & the bringing of the second action in settlement of which the mortgage was given so by no possibility could this last note have been included. At the same time I can't see how record made up the \$1000 amt of mortgage & as records Books were all burned in a fire he had I cannot get any information there. When the last suit was brought there appears to have been paid in acct of 1st note sued on due Jan'y 83 The following payments Feb'y 7/86 & 1878: Apr'l 86. 90.00 (This would be the payment referred to in Edwards letter to Rogers & copy of which Smith has, obtained by them to have been made but for which no credit was given) + \$155. May 75/86 This was paid in settlement of 1st suit. Allowing these credits, the balance

due on this note & the \$500 due Jan'y 16. also sued on would at date of mortgage not exceed \$850. I don't remember exactly how much I made it, and how second got \$1046 on mortgage I can't say. But he says & Calvert also states most positively that the last note was not included in this settlement.

I have written Smith that he must see his clients at once & have the matter put in shape. This last note bears 12% int as however this difficulty appears in our former statement I would be willing to reduce the int to 9%. This same as the mortgage & would not check to \$ or 10% one way or the other as the amount is large I wish you would give the matter your best attention & have it put in shape at once. A new Chat Mortgage for balance due on old mortgage & this note would suit. Both defendants - had good crops this year might be able to pay the whole thing if not half this fall & half of next would suit.

I am satisfied Smith thinks as we do that our claim is good & they will come to him. One special reason why I wish the thing strengthened out at present is that we will have to amend our claim in Calvert & Bondsmen, & we wish to do so

before pulling up Securus.
I had more than enjoyed the trip through
to the Coast.

The scenes are so awful in their grandeur.
That language would fail to convey to the reader
any adequate idea or conception of the scenes
described.

You might write Calvert as soon as you get
this matter put in shape.

Yours truly
M. M. DeWitt

Vancouver B.C. 9
Nov 22 1890

Vancouver B.C.

Nov 24 1890

Colin H. Cummings Esq
Granville St.

Dear Sir,

North American & You.

I received your letter some time ago
in this matter but mistook it for a consequence
the matter was overlooked. Though your offer
is smaller than we should accept. Yet for the
purpose of forwarding the business up which we
are anxious to do we will comply with the
terms of your letter viz to accept 1000 1st Jan'y
the delivery of the plow.

and I enclose note for that amount. which
Kindly sign & send to J. Halvest Winnipeg.
upon receipt of note Mr Halvest will notify
you what he wishes done with Plow.

Yours truly
J. M. Rowell

Vancouver B.C.
Nov 24th 1890

R.R. Hall Esq
Wolseley NW7.

Dear Sir

Your favor came to hand in due time But I delayed answering until I could hear from Winnipeg in the matter. My former proposition to you was that if you could not pay the \$100 this fall we would give you a few months on the second \$50, as however we are anxious to wind the matter up & in order to more than fairly meet you we will accept 75% in full if paid before the 1st January. If you desire to avail yourself of this chance to settle such a large claim. write to J. J. Calvert Box 41219 Winnipeg & I will write him full instructions. I understand you still own 1/4 sec near Wolseley. such being the case we really should not accept much less than full amount. but as we wish to close all these matters up this proposition is open to you.

Yours truly
M. M. Rowell

Vancouver, B.C.
Nov 24 1890

J. Halvorsen Esq

Box 1319 Winnipeg

Dear Sir,

In sending you Hills notes I stated that I had written him to Alexander but had recd no reply. Upon arriving here I found a letter from him awaiting me stating that he was in Portland. I did not state my business when writing him at Alexander. I wrote you Saturday to send notes to Portland but was too late for the mail & as there is no mail today you will not have time to catch me there on 3rd. so you had better not send them unless I further notify you.

I am at present laid up with a sore knee. I went to see a Dr. as soon as I arrived & he told me to poultice it & keep quiet. I did the former but not the latter as I wanted to hunt up my men out here. As a consequence my leg is worse rather than better & the Dr. says I must keep quiet for a few days. I am spending today in the House but hope to get out tomorrow & work up my men. I go over to New Westminster Wednesday where Frank Wright who owes us a note is keeping shop & on Thursday go to Victoria where Hamblen

R Foot is now living + from there to Seattle
+ Seattle to Portland + from Portland to Vancouver.
If my leg does not come to time I will be stuck
here a few days longer.

The trip through the mountains is past
description. I must be seen in order to have
an idea of its appearance. I would not have
missed it for a good deal.

Vancouver is a pushing town where everything
is new + fresh no old Houses. The stores are
large + fine Equal to Winnipeg. Judging from
appearances it is to be one of the cities of the
future.

I saw J. J. Mannings Saturday about his
note to the Clarks who have receipts from Westbrook
for the amount ~~of~~ ^{plus} what the machinery sold
for. as ^{he says} Westbrook took machinery back
and sold it for cash.

I enclose note of A. C. Hunter due 1st Decr.
given for Marquette Rake I explained it to you
before. I was heading note to see if I could
not catch Marquette but I can get no trace of
him.

If I get back to London by Thurs I won't
be able to do much work after my return
from this trip.

Yours truly,
J. W. Rowell
I have written Forbes a letter which I don't
think he will misunderstand.

Victoria BC

March 6th 1890

Wm P. Chambers

Attorney at

Brandon Man

Dear Sir,

The Enclosed Mortgage is given by me to the Molsons Bank to secure their payment of a note they hold against me for amount of Mortgage. I did not wish

As you are my Solicitor and acting for me in respect of my Manitoba Claims Mr Rowell who acts for the Bank has consented that the Mortgage should be sent to you for inspection and is not to be returned or delivered up until you see or hear from Mr Rowell.

If there is no valid objection to the Mortgage you are to deliver it to him for Registration and in any case the Bank is not to be placed in a worse position than if they had judgment against me at this date.

Yours truly

Steam Ship Orion
Dec 12 1890

The Manor Abbott Hotel
Tacoma
Washington.

Dear Sir

Your Telegram of last night is received
and contents noted

As the night Clerk is aware the Coat lost by
me at your Hotel was left by me on the rack
at the entrance to the dining room, where a
number of other Coats were where the Elevator
Boy or some of the Clerks was at the time standing
and as I stated before leaving I must hold you
accountable for the Coat.

you state in your Telegram after speaking
of Coat claimed by permanent guest "no
knowledge of any other" If you wish to infer
that I did not have a Coat at all or leave it as
I state I must thank you for the imputation
on my honesty. I did have a Coat & a good one
~~was~~ when I went to your Hotel. I left it as above
stated and there was no Coat to be found
when I came to leave. This can easily be
proven by the gentleman who came with me
to the Hotel & whom I only know from having
met him in the Boat and who is I believe a

Merchant of Winnipeg. And also by a number of others who saw me with the Coat.

If you wish to know who I am & whether I would try to put up a job on you or not. You can easily find out on Enquiry. I represent the firm of Fraser & Fraser Solicitors of London Ont. & came out here on business for the London Branch of the Molsons Bank one of the largest Banks of Canada & I can give you a hundred responsible parties from whom you could make Enquiries if you wish parties living in San Francisco, Seattle, Victoria Vancouver, Manitoba or Ontario.

I was recommended to go to your Hotel by a friend a Commercial man travelling on the Coast. & I took the other gentleman with me. as he had intended going to the Grand Club or whatever you call it. Grand something. The overcoat was a Brown Melton with four Buttons covered with the same cloth as the Coat. The collar Button was a Black one smaller than the others. It was lined with a heavy striped greyish woollen lining and the collar was of the same cloth as the Coat. In the pockets were a pair of soiled kid gloves & several Ry time tables & possibly some personal letters but am not sure about this.

and although I cannot relieve you from responsibility, for surely a guest Coat placed where I saw other Coats and where Coats are often placed in good faith should be protected and unless I am greatly mistaken the law does protect them. yet I think the best course to pursue. If you cannot find any trace of Coat around Hotel, and I am prepared to take your word for it, though you appear to doubt mine, would be to notify the police & give description of Coat as the party taking Coat might still be around Town or have passed it as thieves often do and also advertise it in your daily papers as having been taken from your Hotel on the night of 10th Decr either by mistake or intentionally, offering a reward for its return and threatening prosecution if not returned.

As the Coat is worth between 20 & 30 or more out here I do not feel like letting the matter drop without making an effort either to get back the Coat or its value and apart from the question of legal rights in the matter I think it is only fair that you should make some effort to recover the Coat. I will be in Great Falls on 19th and will be glad to hear from you there after that date. Box 1311 Wm. McKee's name will be my address yours truly
New Rowell

Steam Ship Office
Dec 12 1890

77 Calcutt Esy

Winnipeg Man

Dear Sir,

I received your letter enclosing
Bill notes to Portland all OK but found the name
was gone. Bill had left Portland & gone to Roseburg.
They had instructions from Bill to forward his
mail thru for the present.

I was not able to find Tay or Jones at Seattle
& I think they cannot be there as all the letters
from them (3) were still in Post office uncalled
for. nor could I get any trace of Evans. I think
we should see this man at once & get service
on his Bro.

Found AM McIntosh who was given up as
lost & for a conveyance of his homestead near
Bendview for the debt. (\$70). He is honest
should be worth \$100, anyway. Mr Sallioan is I
believe at Great Falls & I will endeavor to catch
him. I will write to you about road or not. All
being well I get to San Francisco Sunday
the 14th

Yours truly
J. M. Rawell

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Am Peterson Esq.
 Attorney at
 Brandon Man.

Dear Sir/

Molsons Bank & Foot.

I sent you a Mortgage the other day
 Hamilton R Foot to the Molsons Bank for inspection
 & Enclosing a letter from Mr Foot to this effect
 as the Mortgage is in the usual statutory form
 & contains no special clauses I suppose you
 will have no objection to it. & would be obliged
 if upon inspection you find satisfactory,
 you would forward it to my address Box
 1319 W Winnipeg & I will get it on my return
 About 7th inst. One reason Mr Foot wished
 you to see the mortgage was that he thought you
 might have said the place but I guess there
 is no danger of that.

Yours truly
 M. Rowell

Astoria Oregon
Dec 13 1890

Mr Sullivan Esq
Great Falls
Mont.

Dear Sir/

I expect to be in Great Falls
on Saturday or Monday the 20 or 22 inst
I wish to see you on important business
I would like if you would drop a
Card in the Post office to let me know
where I could find you as I don't expect
to be able to stay long in the Town

Yours truly
N.W. Howell

Great Falls

Dec 26 1890

Mr Sullivan Esq.
Wallace
Idaho.

Dear Sir

I came up here to see you to day about the matter I wrote you some time ago. It is in reference to 3 notes of yours held by the Molsons Bank given to the North American Coy for a McCormick Binder. These notes as you are aware are long since past due. I should have been called long ago in fact our delay to this time has been due to the fact that we were not aware of your address until recently. The notes originally were for \$110, \$70, & \$100 respectively there is due upon them for principal & interest up to Aug 91 the sum of \$576.63

Kindly inform by return mail to Box 1319 Winnipeg as unless these notes are paid we must proceed to collect them at once

Yours truly
M. Rowell

Winnipeg Man
Decr 31 1890

Ag. Emanuel's Esq
Vancouver BC

Dear Sir

Molsons Bank & You

I have submitted your case to the Bank's Collector & stated all the facts to him as well as your offer of settlement and although he is less satisfied as I am about our legal rights in the matter. Yet in order to avoid the expense of a suit in BC he is willing to make a fair compromise. He thinks \$400. is a more than fair offer on the Bank's part & that we really should not take less & impact would not take that many things like that if as I said when in Vancouver we were satisfied as to your financial position. I have now pressed the matter of a settlement for the last mentioned reason. He finally consented to take \$200.00 cash although we both think this is conceding too much yet as it would cost us considerably to proceed out there. we would take this sum cash which is practically giving

up on Claim for a mere song.

I would like to hear from you by return mail whether you will accept this offer or not as I propose returning East leaving Wrentham about 10th or 12th & unless it is settled before I leave I wish to instruct our Collector in the matter.

It was understood that I should write your Collector in the matter but I lack his address in my Statement Book & have not got the Book with me so you can inform him of the reason.

My address is Box 1319 Wrentham.

Yours truly
W. B. Russell

Wm. R. Rowell
 June 8 1890

Register

Regina
 Mo?

Dear Sir/

Re McIntosh Transfer

Enclosed please find original
 Certificate and affidavit of value
 as requested.

Kindly have transfer repaid
 & send Certificate to my address
 Wm. R. Rowell as soon as possible
 with amount of your fees & I will
 remit if they exceed the amt already
 sent

Yours truly
W. R. Rowell

Winnipeg Jan 29 90

B R Richardson Esq
Greenfield

Dear Sir/

We are making some arrangements with Colm H Cummins by which he is to return a Plow to us. I have written him to deliver it to you should you take charge of it when it comes in and effect a receipt for us.

Re McInloch farm

I expect to go to Bradview ^{Tuesday or} Wednesday to ~~see~~ ^{visit} him by all that farm if you have any purchase in view you might drop me a line by that time. To Bradview, I will be in Brandon Monday.

Yours truly
N.W. Rowell

January 1890

W Huddleston Esq
Russell Mass

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I wrote you
about purchasing some holes of shenks
but as yet have not rec'd an reply
would you kindly let me hear from
you by return of mail

Yours truly
W H Rowell
Box 1319