

WANTING A DIVISION.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—A special dispatch from Milwaukee, Wis., says: "Suit has been brought by the Administrators of the estate of the late S. S. Merrill against C. H. Prior, Assistant General Superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Road, with headquarters in Minneapolis. In the complaint it is alleged that the defendant is indebted to the estate to the amount of \$300,000, which sum he refuses to account for. The plaintiffs charge that the deceased Manager entered into an agreement with Prior, whereby the latter was to invest in lands along the line of the road and improve and sell the same. In return he was to pay himself for all expenses incurred, after which the profits were to be divided equally between the two principals. The complainants allege that the defendant under this agreement went on and purchased large blocks of land at different points along the lines of the St. Paul Road and afterward disposed of these purchases at a good advantage on the money invested. These profits, instead of dividing, as the agreement called for, the defendant invested in real estate in and about Bismarck, Dakota, which he now holds. The defendant in his answer, just filed, admits his transactions in real estate, but denies that the late General Manager had any interest in any of them. He asks, further, as he is a resident of Minnesota, that the case be transferred to the United States court. The suit has created a sensation here, where the defendant is almost as well known as in Minneapolis. Superintendent Prior was one of General Manager Merrill's earliest favorites, and was pushed forward by him to positions of importance."

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