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**TO:** Chas. N. Lee

**FROM:** A. B. Meeker & Co.

*A. B. Meeker & Co.  
No 92 Washington St.*

*Chicago, 3<sup>rd</sup> Octr. 1875*

Chas. N. Lee, Esq.

Genl Supt — Hannibal, Mo.

Dr Sir:-

We enclose lists of section 11 and 18 Second quality Joliet Bessemer Steel Rails, which we can sell you at sixty five (65) dollars per ton, 2240 lbs., on cars at Hannibal, Mo. They are a good lot being only slightly defective principally in flanges. They can be drilled to suit your fish bars.

Soliciting your orders

We are

Yours truly,

A. B. Meeker & Co.

[NOTE in pencil:]

Respy Referred to

Col. R. S. Stevens

Genl. Mang.

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<sup>1</sup> FROM: 1875 Book of Letters to R.S.S.

**[NOTE:** Attached to this letter is two cross-section schematics of the rails, both "60 lbs. per Yard, 94-640/2240 Gross Tons to the Mile," the No. 11 being slightly taller and having a thinner web than the No. 18. The drawing of the No. 18 has written on it, "Joliet — Chicago & Acton pattern."

In addition, attached to each drawing is a price list:]

Second Quality Steel Rails on hand  
**No. 11 Section: 60 pounds per yard.**

Of this pattern we have on hand 550 Rails, good No. 2's, nearly all 30 Feet long, a few shorter, none less than 26 Feet. In all say

145 Tons.

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List of Second Quality Steel Rails On Hand  
**No. 18 Section: 60 pounds per yard.**

420	Rails 30 Feet Long Weigh	252,000 Lbs.
2	do 29 do do do	1,160 do
69	do 28 do do do	38,640 do
1	do 27 do do do	540 do
26	do 26 do do do	13,520 do
2	do 25 do do do	1,000 do
7	do 24 do do do	3,360 do
3	do 23 do do do	1,380 do
3	do 22 do do do	1,320 do
2	do 21 do do do	840 do
<u>1</u>	<u>do 20 do do do</u>	<u>400 do</u>
536	Rails <u>140.<sup>560</sup> Tons</u> or	314,160 Lbs.

Chicago 30th September 1875