

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
VALUATION SECTION NO. 8
JAMES RIVER BRANCH

PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION.
GENERAL OUTLINE AND HISTORY OF THE WORK.

This is a single track branch line running from Jamestown to LaMoure.

Was built by the James River Valley Railroad Company between September 1883 and December 1885. Corporate History. Nothing has yet been found to indicate whether the original construction was carried on by contract or by the Railway Company with its own forces.

The line runs down the valley of the James River for the entire distance. The country traversed is open prairie which is generally covered with a heavy sod which was wasted in grading the lighter cuts and fills.

The Railway Company has done a great deal of work on this section since the original construction period; widening embankments; placing ballast, some 4537 lin. ft. of temporary bridges have been filled, replacing temporary culverts in permanent materials and similar work.

The ballast is composed of gravel and cinders coming from points as noted on chart filed with the inventory.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time of Government inventory.