

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
VALUATION SECTION NO. 10.
WILTON BRANCH.

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

This is a single track branch line extending from Pingree to Wilton.

Was built by the Northern Pacific Railway Company in the years 1910, 1911 and 1912.

The general work of grading was done by A. Guthrie and Company under their contract of March 29th, 1910. The general work of building bridges, placing culverts and tracklaying and surfacing was done by A. Guthrie and Company under their contract of June 29th, 1911. Copies of these contracts and of the final estimates incurred under same are filed with the inventory. The first grading of the station grounds at Wilton was done on an extra work basis by A. Guthrie and Company, because of having been done during the winter months when frost was in the ground. The balance of the grading was done by F.O. Smith and Company under their contract of March 26th, 1912. The ballasting and fencing was done by the Railway Company with its own forces. Also during the construction period there were some 29380 cubic yards of material moved by the Railway Company with its own forces by standard gauge equipment.

There has been a large amount of work done on this section since the completion of the original construction period, by the Railway Company with its own forces, widening cuts and fills and placing additional ballast.

Copies of all the final estimate vouchers which have been found covering roadway work are submitted with the inventory together with lists of extra work bills incurred under same on account of grading, fencing right of way and crossings and signs; these lists of extra work bills do not pretend to be a complete statement of all the extra costs or in any sense a partial statement of original cost, but merely enumerate some of the items of extra cost found readily available.

Leaving Pingree the line traverses a rolling prairie country, in which very little clearing occurred. Considerable loose rock, with some solid rock, is found in the numerous patches of prairie boulders and in many places hard pan was found very close to the surface of the ground.

The ballast is composed of gravel coming from pits, the location of which is shown on print attached to the inventory.

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