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This is a main line extending from the Pokegama River Bridge to the Wisconsin-Minnesota State Line. It is double tracked for a distance of about three miles from Wallbridge to the State Line.

It is a part of the original main line which was built by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in 1881 and 1882, from N. P. Junction, near Carlton, to Superior.

The general work of clearing and grubbing, grading and building bridges and culverts, was done by D. McDermid & Co., under their contract of June 1st, 1881, copy of which and of the final estimate voucher dated February 28th, 1882, are submitted with the inventory.

The tracklaying and surfacing and ballast was done by D. McDermid & Co. under their contract of August 2d, 1881, copy of which is filed with the inventory. The final estimate has not been found.

In 1896 the double track, as mentioned above, from Wallbridge to the Wisconsin-Minnesota State Line, was constructed by Company Forces, the tracklaying being supervised by Winston Bros., Contractors, on a force account basis.

In 1898 the grade of this line was changed under contract by Shields & Evans, dated May 28th, 1898. Copy of this contract and of the final estimate are furnished with the inventory.

There have been many improvements made on this line.

This line is heavily ballasted, the gravel for which came from pits as shown on blue print attached to the inventory.

Attached to the inventory are some force account bills covering extra work. These do not purport to be a complete statement of extra work, or in any sense a partial statement of original cost, but merely enumerate some of the items of extra cost found readily available.

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