

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
MINNESOTA AND INTERNATIONAL RY. COMPANY  
VALUATION SECTION 1-A  
BULLHEAD LAKE BRANCH

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

This is a single track branch line running from Funkley to Kelliher.

Was built by the Minnesota and International Ry. Co. in the years 1902 and 1903, under contract with the Crookston Lumber Company of September 6th, 1902, which contract provided as follows - - - - "The Lumber Company is to furnish a right of way at least fifty (50) feet in width, grade the roadbed, lay the ties, and do all the work and furnish all the material except the rails, angle bars, bolts, nuts, spikes and other iron or steel track material, for a logging spur track - - - - and the Railway Company agrees to furnish the rails, angle bars, bolts, nuts, spikes, and other iron and steel track material - - - -

---The Lumber Company is to keep account of the expense of right of way purchased, grading the roadbed, building the bridges and trestles and laying the track and the Railway Company agrees to re-imburse the Lumber Company for the amount so expended in the following manner, namely; The Railway Company will allow the Lumber Company a credit of twenty (20) per cent of the freight charges north of Bemidji on all logs and other commodities shipped over the railroad of the Railway Company, either from or on to said spur track, until such credits so made shall equal the expense incurred as aforesaid without interest, and when such expense shall be so repaid to the Lumber Company, then the track constructed as aforesaid shall become the exclusive property of the Railway Company." Payments for the construction of this line as outlined above were made until September 1st, 1907 when a new agreement was entered into between the above mentioned parties whereby the Railway Company paid the Lumber Company Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) and secured title to the property. Copies of the two agreement mentioned above are filed with the inventory.

The general work of clearing and grubbing, grading, building timber bridges and culverts and tracklaying was done by Foley Bros. under their contract of September 20th, 1902. Copy of this contract and of the final estimate made under same is filed with

the inventory; it will be noted from the estimate that the Railway Company paid the Contractor One Thousand (\$1000) for building of Tote road. Some grading was also done by Wm. Sjogren in June 1903 grading side track at Hovey Junction (present Funkley).

This line traverses the timbered regions of northern Minnesota in which many swamps of great extent are found, these swamps are filled with muskeg or peat to varying depths and the building of a railroad grade across them is most difficult. See History M. & I. Ry. Valuation Section One.

Immediately following the completion of construction and the beginning of operation the Railway Company was obliged to do considerable of work with their own forces, hauling in material to fill up sinking embankments, digging ditches etc.

Copies of all the final estimate vouchers which have been found covering roadway work are submitted with the inventory.

The ballast is composed of gravel coming from pits whose location are shown on chart attached to the inventory.

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

A list of items in abandoned roadbed is included in the inventory and itemized separately.