

N O R T H E R N P A C I F I C R A I L W A Y C O M P A N Y

STATE OF MINNESOTA
VALUATION SECTION NO. 3
TAYLORS FALLS BRANCH.

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

This is a single track branch line running from Wyoming to Taylor's Falls.

From Wyoming to Centre City was built by the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company in the years 1879 and 1880.

From Centre City to Taylor's Falls was built by the Taylor's Falls and Lake Superior Railroad Company in the year 1880.

No record has yet been found to indicate the manner of doing the original construction work.

From Wyoming to Franconia, a distance of 17 miles the line traverses what is now a rolling prairie country which is dotted with many lakes. The country is all well settled and under cultivation. From Franconia the line drops rapidly towards Taylor's Falls winding down the rugged bank of the St. Croix river; the work runs heavily to solid rock on this stretch and is difficult of access.

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

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

The ballast is composed of gravel and some cinders, the gravel coming from Martins Pit, the location of which is shown on print attached to the inventory.