

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
VALUATION SECTION NO. II
MORRIS BRANCH
LITTLE FALLS TO MORRIS

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

This is a single track line lying in Central Minnesota between Little Falls and Morris, a distance of 87.2 miles.

It was constructed between July, 1881, and December, 1882, by the Little Falls and Dakota R.R. Co., a company incorporated under the general laws of the state of Minnesota.

The general work of grading and tracklaying and surfacing was done by De Graff & Company under their contract of July 3rd, 1881.

Contracts and final estimates have not been located, hence are unavailable for the inventory. In 1899 when the Little Falls Cutoff was built it necessitated a change in this line also, a portion of the old line was abandoned and new line constructed further north. This change was made to allow for expansion of the Little Falls Yards.

A great deal of addition and betterment work has been done since line was originally constructed, including a spur serving the Girls Industrial School at Sauk Centre, Minn., the grading of which was done by Boynton, Church & McCoy, under contract dated August 14th, 1909, and G. E. Sandeen under his contract dated August 5th, 1910.

Copies of these contracts with final estimates and list of extra work bills incurred thereunder are attached to inventory.

For its entire length this line traverses a prairie country quite rolling in places, in which are found many small lakes and some swamps, requiring use of corduroy.

In many places it was necessary to waste the sod in grading the lighter cuts and fills.

The soil is a sand and gravel formation, very little rock being encountered during the progress of construction.

Subsidence of roadbed has been developed and cross section sheets showing area and volume are attached to inventory.

The ballast is composed of gravel with some cinders, the gravel coming from pits, locations of which are shown on chart attached to the inventory, and the cinders from Staples.