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NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

STATE OF MINNESOTA.
VALUATION SECTION NO.- 14
PART OF FERGUS FALLS BRANCH
WADENA TO BRECKENRIDGE.

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

This line was built by the Northern Pacific, Fergus and Black Hills Railroad Company in the years of 1881, 1882 and 1883. The general work of grading, building bridges and culverts, buildings, water supply and track laying and surfacing was done by De Graff & Co. under the terms of their contract dated May 12th, 1881; copy of this contract is submitted with the inventory and a copy of the estimate incurred in December 1882, the final estimate has not been found.

For the first 58 miles west of Wadena the line traverses a rolling prairie country in which are found many small lakes and some tamarac swamps, the balance of the line into Breckenridge crosses the flat bottom land of the Red River Valley, of the same character as that lying across the line in North Dakota Section 5.

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

The Railway Company has done a great deal of work on this line since the completion of the construction period; widening cuts and fills, placing ballast, filling temporary bridges, replacing temporary culverts in permanent materials and other simular work.

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 with some cinders; the gravel coming from pite, which location is shown on chart attached to the inventory and the cinders from Staples.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time

of Government inventory.

It has been noted that in several of the fills across swamps that corduroy has been employed in an endeavor to keep the embankment from settling.