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STATE OF MONTANA.
VALUATION SECTION # 17 -
PHILIPSBURG BRANCH.

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

This is a single track branch line extending from Drummond to Philipsburg. The line was originally built to Rumsey, but in the years 1903 and 1904 the track was removed from the grade between Philipsburg and Rumsey. This grade is now considered as abandoned property and is included in the inventory as such.

From Drummond to Philipsburg was constructed by the Drummond and Philipsburg Railroad Company in the years 1887 and 1888. The general work of grading and building bridges and culverts was done by S. T. Hauser and E. L. Bonner under their contract of November 27th, 1887. The tracklaying and surfacing was done by E.M. Wilson and Company under the terms of their accepted proposal of June 11th, 1887.

In 1888 the extension to Rumsey was constructed by the Northern Pacific and Montana Railroad Company, the general work of grading, building bridges and culverts, tracklaying and surfacing and ballasting being done by Wilson and Glinn under their contract of May 30th, 1888.

This line runs up the valley of Flint Creek for the entire distance. Considerable soft ground was encountered where settlement of the embankment has been noted, this subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time of Government inventory.

Copies of all the final estimate vouchers which have been found covering roadway work are submitted with the inventory together with lists of extra work bills incurred under same on account of grading and crossings and signs. These lists do not pretend to be a complete statement of all the extra cost or in any sense a partial statement, but merely enumerates some of the items of extra cost found readily available.

The ballast is composed of cinders coming from Missoula, the location of which place is shown on print attached to the inventory.

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