# Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway "Soo Line"

MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL & SAULT STE. MARIE RAILWAY	
Art. of Consol. in MI, WI, MN, June 13, 1888	
Art. of Consol. in Dakota Terr, June 12, 1888	
Trackage, June 30, 1916:	
3125.638 mi. First main track	
12.604 mi. Second main track	
665.325 mi. Yard track and sidings	
Equipment	
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Steam locomotives 319	
Freight cars 16,285	
Passenger cars 263	
Work equipment 276	
Equipment, leased to the Garden Bay Railroad Company	
Steam locomotives 1	
Passenger cars 1	
The Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway controls	
Company:	Percent of control:
The Central Terminal	100%
Western Express Company Tri-State Land Company	100 100
The Wisconsin Central	72.7%
The wisconsin Central	12.170
The Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway jointly controls the foll	owing companies:
Company:	Percent of control:
Ste. Marie Depot	50%
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company	25
The Minnesota Transfer Railway	11 1/9
Saint Paul Union Depot	11 1/9
The Belt Railway Company of Chicago	8 1/3
Dr. Construction	
By Construction: 1 mi. Camden Jct. to Northtown Jct., MN, 1891	
81 mi. Rankinson to Valley City, ND, 11/11/1891	
183 mi. Valley City to Cathay, ND, 12/1/1892	
10 mi. Boynton to Portal, ND, 9/25/1893	
12 mi. Merricourt to Kulm, ND, 11/13/1892	
78 mi. Kulm to Braddock, ND, 10/16/1898	
24 mi. Rapid River to Treanary, MI, 12/18/1899	
70 mi. Wishek, ND to Pollock, SD, 10/1/1891	
22 mi. Summit to Fredric, WI, 11/24/1901	
33 mi. Braddock to Bismark, ND, 8/20/1902	
6 mi. Trenary to Eben Jct., MI, 11/17/1902	
59 mi. Glenwood to Ottertail, MN, 12/10/1903	
19 mi. Birchwood to Reserve, WI, 1/22/1904	
25 mi. Ottertail to Milepost 205, MN, 8/31/1904	
181 mi. Milepost 205 to Noyes, MN, 11/21/1904	
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297 mi. Thief River Falls, MN to Kenmare, ND, 12/1/1905
           20 mi. Underwood to Garrison, ND, 11/1/1905
           22 mi. Egeland to Armordale, ND, 10/22/1906
           51 mi. Flaxton to Ambrose, ND, 9/19/1906
           14 mi. Garrison to Max, ND, 12/26/1906
           84 mi. Drake to Plaza, ND, 9/1/1907
           87 mi. Brooten to Onamia, MN, 11/25/1908
          100 mi. Onamia to Duluth, MN, 10/14/1909
            2 mi. Soo Line Jct. to 7th St., St. Paul, MN, 11/30/1909
          193 mi. Moose Lake to Plummer, MN, 11/13/1910
           45 mi. Lawler Jct. to Range Jct., MN, 11/1910
            1 mi. Northtown Jct. to Central Ave., Minneapolis, MN, 2/26/1911
            7 mi. Old Line Jct. to Ore Docks, Superior, WI, 5/4/1911
            1 mi. Northtown Jct. to Shoreham, (Minneapolis), MN, 1912
            6 mi. Range Jct. to Riverton, MN, 1913
            8 mi. Ironhub to Iron Mountain, MN, 1913
           72 mi. Fredric to Boylston Jct., WI, 9/1/1912
          131 mi. Fordville to Drake, ND, 9/1/1912
           86 mi. Ambrose, ND to Whitetail, MT, 2/1/1914
           33 mi. Prairie Jct. to Sanish, ND, 7/1/1915
     Purchased from:
     Bradley-Watkins Company, 9/14/1903
           16 mi. Rexton to Meades quarry, MI
     Minnesota Northwestern, 2/9/1915:
           19 mi. Thief River Falls to Goodridge, MN
     Abandonments approved:
            3.9 mi. Ironhub to Deerwood, MN, 12/10/1921 (FD 1611)
     Controlled by:
          Canadian Pacific Railway
     Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway (6/13/1888)
     The Minneapolis and St. Croix Railway (6/13/1888)
     The Aberdeen, Bismark and Northwestern Railway (6/13/1888)
     The Minneapolis and Pacific Railway (6/13/1888)
     The Rice Lake, Dallas and Menominee Railway (11/15/1899 & 10/1/1900)
     Rice Lake and Northern Railway (2/20/1902)
     Bismark, Washburn and Great Falls Railway (5/7/1904)
     Superior, Balsam Lake and southern Railway (5/1/1901)
     Tony & North Eastern Railway (1/9/1903)
     Cuyuna Iron Range Railway (3/4/1910)
     Fairmont and Veblen Railway (1/30/1915)
     Wisconsin & Northern Railroad (6/29/1921) (FD No. 1288)
MINNEAPOLIS, SAULT STE. MARIE AND ATLANTIC RAILWAY..... Min.St.P & Sa.Ste.Mar.Ry
     Art. of consol. in MI, March 30, 1887
     Art. of consol. in WI, April 13, 1887
           37 mi. MN/WI state line to Turtle Lake, WI, 1887
          126 mi. Rhinelander, WI to Gladstone, MI, 1887
          148 mi. Gladstone to Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 1888
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5 mi. Dresser Jct. to St. croix Falls, WI, 1887

The Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie and Atlantic Railway (3/22/1886)

The Menominee and Sault Ste. Marie Railway (3/22/1886)

THE MINNEAPOLIS, SAULT STE. MARIE AND ATLANTIC RAILWAY. . . . Min.S.S.Mar.& Atl.Ry Inc. in WI, September 29, 1883 76 mi. Main Creek to Rhinelander, WI, 1886 47 mi. Turtle Lake to Buce Creek, WI, 1884 20 mi. Bruce to Main Creek, WI, 1885 THE MENOMINEE AND SAULT STE. MARIE RAILWAY. . . . . . . Min.S.S.Mar.& Atl.Ry Inc. in MI, April 20, 1885 No property constructed THE MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. CROIX RAILWAY. ..... Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry Inc. in MN, September 15, 1883 36 mi. Shoreham, Wi to MN/WI state line, 1887 5 mi. Cardigan Jct. to Soo Line Jct., MN, 1888 THE ABERDEEN, BISMARK AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY. . . . . Min.St.P & Sa.Ste.Mar.Ry Name change, June 1, 1887 113 mi. graded, Aberdeen to Bismark, ND, 1888 The Ordway, Bismark and Northwestern Railway (6/1/1887) THE ORDWAY, BISMARK AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY. The Aberdeen, Bismark & NW Ry Inc. in Dakota Terr., February 18, 1879 No property constructed THE MINNEAPOLIS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY. . . . . . . Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry Inc. in MN, September 4, 1884 216 mi. Minneapolis, MN, to Ledgerwood, Dakota, 1886 70 mi. Ledgwerowwd to Boynton, Dakota, 1887 THE RICE LAKE AND MENOMINEE RAILWAY..... Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry Inc. in WI, September 9, 1893 Sold to M,St. P. & S.S.M.Ry, November 15, 1899: 7 mi. Rice Lake to Cameron, WI, 1894 Sold to M,St. P. & S.S.M.Ry, October 1, 1900: 18 mi. Barron to Ridgewood, WI, 1900 RICE LAKE & NORTHERN RAILWAY. . . . . . Minneapolis, St . Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry Inc. in WI, March 12, 1901 16 mi. Rice Lake to Birchwood, WI, 1902 BISMARK, WASHBURN AND GREAT FALLS RAILWAY......Min.St.P & Sa.Ste.Mar.Ry

BISMARK, WASHBURN AND FORT BUFORD RAILWAY.... Bismark, Washburn & Great Falls Ry

Name change, January 10, 1900

27 mi. Bismark to Wilton, ND, 1900 18 mi. Wilton to Washburn, ND, 1902 13 mi. Washburn to Wunerwood, ND, 1904 Bismark, Washburn and Fort Buford Railway (1/10/1900) Inc. in ND, May 13, 1899
No property constructed

SUPERIOR, BALSAM LAKE AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY. . . . Min. St.Paul & Sault. Ste. Marie Ry Inc. in WI, October 6, 1902

No property constructed

TONY & NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY..... Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie Ry Inc. in WI, October 6, 1902

2 mi. Tony, WI to pt. 2 mi. Northeast, 1903

CUYNUA IRON RANGE RAILWAY...... Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie Ry Inc. in MN, October 17, 1908

36 mi. uncompleted road, Lawler Jct. to Cuyuna, MN

FAIRMONT AND VERBLEN RAILWAY. . . . . . . . . . Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie Ry Inc. in SD, December 18, 1912

46 mi. Fairmont, ND, to Veblen, SD, 1913

41 mi. Veblen to Grenville, SD, 1914

## Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie, Lessor: Wisconsin Central Railway

Inc. in WI, December 30, 1897

Trackage, June 30, 1917:

1055.189 mi. First main track

22.065 mi. Second main track

393.395 mi. Yard tracks and sidings

Equipment

Steam locomotives 192 Freight cars 8,499 Passenger cars 172

By construction:

4.42 mi. completed, Owen to Ladysmith, WI, 1906

112.36 mi. Ladysmith, WI to Duluth, MN, 1906-1909

10.10 mi. Athens to Goodrich, WI, 1909

19.49 mi. Spencer to Owen, WI, 1910

10.86 mi. Howard to Colfax, WI, 1910

17.97 mi. New Richmond to Withrow, WI, 1910

By Lease from Stanley, Merrill & Phillips Railway:

38.06 mi. Stanley to Vallee, WI 3/24/1923 (FD 2744)

Jointly owned with Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul RR:

1.632 mi. at S. Oskosh and Fond du Lac, WI, 1910

Abandoned:

13.41 mi. Howard to Summit, WI, 1910

18.82 mi. New Richmond to Carnelian Jct., MN, 1910

Controlled by:

Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway

Wisconsin Central Company (6/30/1899)
Wisconsin Central Railroad (6/30/1899)
Milwaukee and Lake Winnebago Railroad (7/13/1899)
Chicago, Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad (7/13/1899)
Chicago and Wisconsin Railroad (7/13/1899)
Packwaukee and Montello Railroad (7/13/1899)
Marshfield and Southeastern Railroad (5/1/1901)
Lake Superior & Southeastern Railroad (6/11/1906)
Owen and Northern Railway (6/11/1906) The Abbotsford and Northeastern Railroad (1/29/1910)
WISCONSIN CENTRAL COMPANY
Inc. in WI, June 17, 1887
No property constructed
From predecessors, no information as to construction:
108.340 mi. Trout Brook Jct., MN to St. Croix Jct., WI
9.710 mi. Chippewa Falls to Eau Claire, WI
2.045 mi. Chippewa Jct. to Central Jct., WI
Minnesota, St. Croix and Wisconsin Railroad (6/30/1888)
Wisconsin and Minnesota Railroad (7/1/1888)
Penokee Railroad (6/30/1888)
MINNESOTA, ST. CROIX AND WISCONSIN RAILROAD Wisconsin Central Co
Inc. in WI and MN, June 28, 1884
Completed construction on previously acquired properties
St. Croix and Chippewa Falls Railway (6/28/1884)
St. Paul and St. Croix Railroad (6/28/1884)
The St. Paul and St. Croix Falls Railway (5/28/1888)
The Chippewa Falls and Western Railway (5/31/1888)
ST. CROIX AND CHIPPEWA FALLS RAILWAY Minnesota, St. Croix & Wisconsin RR
Inc. in WI, March 15, 1884
No construction information available
ST. PAUL AND ST. CROIX RAILROAD Minnesota, St. Croix & Wisconsin RR
Inc. in MN, April 4, 1884
No construction information available
THE ST. PAUL AND ST. CROIX FALLS RAILWAY Minnesota, St. Croix & Wisconsin RR
Inc. in MN, November 28, 1885
No construction information available
THE CHIPPEWA FALLS AND WESTERN RAILWAY Minnesota, St. Croix & Wisconsin RR
Inc. in WI, July 25, 1873
9.71 mi. Eau Claire to Omaha Jct., WI, 11/1873-7/19/1884
WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD
Inc. in WI, August 7, 1879
53.91 mi. Chippewa Falls to Abbottsford, WI, 1880

PENOKEE RAILROAD
26.23 mi. Mellen, WI to WI/MI state line, 1887
WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD
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PORTAGE, WINNEBAGO AND SUPERIOR RAILROAD. Wisconsin Central RR Inc. in WI, December 5, 1870 No property constructed Portage, Winnebago and Superior Railroad (12/5/1870) Portage, Stevens Point and Superior Railroad (12/5/1870)
PORTAGE, WINNEBAGO AND SUPERIOR RAILROAD Portage, Winnebago and Superior RR Inc. in WI, May 24, 1869  No property constructed Winnebago and Superior Railroad (5/24/1869)  Portage and Superior Railroad (5/24/1869)
WINNEBAGO AND SUPERIOR RAILROAD. Portage, Winnebago and Superior RR Spec. act of WI, April 6, 1866 No property constructed
PORTAGE AND SUPERIOR RAILROAD Portage, Winnebago and Superior RR Spec. act of WI, April 9, 1866 No property constructed
PORTAGE, STEVENS POINT AND SUPERIOR RAILROAD Portage, Winnebago & Superior RR Spec. act of WI, March 16, 1870  No property constructed
MANITOWOC AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD

MILWAUKEE AND LAKE WINNEBAGO RAILROAD
MANITOWOC AND WESTERN RAILROAD Milwaukee and Lake Winnebago RR Inc. in WI, May 25, 1895 No property constructed
CHICAGO, WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD
CHICAGO, WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN RAILROAD Chicago, Wisconsin and Minnesota RR Inc. in WI, March 27, 1884  No property constructed
CHICAGO AND WISCONSIN RAILROAD
PACKWAUKEE AND MONTICELLO RAILROAD
MARSHFIELD AND SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAY
PORT EDWARDS, CENTRALIA AND NORTHERN RAILWAY Marshfield and Southeastern Ry Inc. in WI, January 23, 1890 29.29 mi. Port Edwards to Marshfield, WI, 1890-1896
LAKE SUPERIOR AND SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD
OWEN AND NORTHERN RAILWAY
THE ABBOTSFORD AND NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD

#### Wisconsin Central Ry, Lessor:

### **Central Terminal Railway**

CENTRAL TERMINAL RAILWAY
Inc. in IL, May 27, 1911
Trackage, June 30, 1917:
6.733 mi. Yard tracks and sidings
Equipment
No equipment owned
By construction:
6.733 mi. yard track and sidings in Chicago, IL, 4/1/1914
Controlled by:
Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway
Goebic and Montreal River Railroad
GOEBIC AND MONTREAL RIVER RAILROAD
Inc. in MI, December 27, 1883
Trackage, June 30, 1917:
6.858 mi. First main track
17.725 mi. Yard tracks and sidings
Equipment
No equipment owned
By construction:
6.858 mi. WI/MI state line to Bessemer, MI, 6/25/1887
Controlled by:
The Wisconsin Central Railway
End, Wisconsin Central Railway, Lessor
Minnesota Northwestern Electric Railway
MINNESOTA NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC RAILWAY
Inc. in MN, October 1, 1913
Owns no property but leases from the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie:
18.671 mi. Thief River Falls to Goodridge, MN
1.452 mi. Yard track and sidings
NOTE: Despite the name, the valuation states that all transportation over this line is by mean
of gas electric motor car.
Wisconsin & Northern Railroad
Purchased by Minneapolis, St.Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway June 29, 1921 ICC FD No. 1288
WISCONSIN & NORTHERN RAILROAD
Inc. in WI, May 23, 1906
Trackage, June 30, 1917:
86.141 mi. First main track
12.927 mi. Yard tracks and sidings
Equipment

Steam locomotives 6 Freight cars 78 Passenger cars 6

#### By construction:

- 11.00 mi. completed, Shawano to Gresham, WI
- 6.55 mi. Wisconsin Junction to Crandon, WI, 2/11/1907
- 21.16 mi. Shawano to Neopit, WI, 12/2/1907
- 15.61 mi. Van Ostrand to Neopit, WI, 12/2/1907
  - .34 mi. Extension south from Crandon, WI, 12/17/1907
- 10.74 mi. branch, Neopit to Western Siding, WI, 12/21/1909
  - .66 mi. Extension north from Van Ostrand, WI, 12/1/1910
  - .08 mi. Extension south from Crandon, WI, 12/1/1910
  - .27 mi. Extension north of Van Ostrand, WI, 12/3/1913
  - .38 mi. Extension north from Van Ostrand, WI, 12/1/1913
- 29.32 mi. Crandon to Lilly, WI, 12/6/1915
  - .05 mi. Shawano to the south, 1917
- 23.87 mi. branch, Shawano to Black Creek, WI, 1918

Green Bay, Oshkosh, Madison and Southwestern Railroad (5/28/1905)

GREEN BAY, OSHKOSH, MADISON AND SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD. Wisconsin & Northern Inc. in WI, December 21, 1903

11.00 mi. begun, Shawano to Gresham, WI, 1/21/1904