

The Company has, during the year ended June 30, 1896, completed a cut-off line 4.35 miles in length, between Casselton and Fleming, removing the old line between Everest and Fleming. This has resulted in a shortening of the line .40 miles, and has done away with one railroad crossing at grade. Tracks at Minneapolis Junction have been rearranged and the main track lengthened .03 of a mile, making the net decrease in the main track mileage during the year, .37 miles.

Under the provisions of the Consolidated Mortgage, there were exchanged during the fiscal year, twenty-one Coupon Bonds for Registered Bonds for the same amount (\$21,000).

The total exchanges of this character up to the close of the last fiscal year have been \$2,941,000.

\$1,353,600 Consolidated Mortgage 4½ per cent Bonds were issued in exchange for First Mortgage Land Grant Bonds during the year just ended, and by the operation of the sinking fund, \$548,500 First Mortgage Land Grant Bonds were redeemed by the Trustees.

During the year calls for First Mortgage Land Grant Bonds were made, as follows:

Aug. 19, 1895, Call No. 18—maturing Nov. 1, 1895.....	\$725,000
Dec. 26, 1895, Call No. 19—maturing March 13, 1896..	600,000

The list of Bonds embraced in these calls will be found on the last pages of this report.