

## LAND COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

*Samuel Hill, Esq., President,*

DEAR SIR: I respectfully submit the following report of operation of the Land Department for the year ending June 30, 1897:

	<i>Acres.</i>
Total acreage of Land Grant computed at ten sections for each mile of road, as formerly construed by the State of Minnesota .....	3,848,000.00
Total acreage of Land Grant as construed by United States General Land Office.....	3,479,611.36
Total acreage deeded to Company prior to June 30, 1897.....	3,212,508.19
Less decreed to Northern Pacific R. R. Co., by Supreme Court United States, March 2, 1891..	365,860.93
Net acreage deeded.....	2,846,647.27
Total acreage sold prior to June 30, 1897.....	2,335,744.99
Less sales canceled.....	283,462.29
	2,052,282.70
Remaining unsold June 30, 1897.....	1,427,328.66

A general adjustment of the Land Grant with the United States will probably reduce the above acreage.

Of the lands deeded, 118,353 acres are in controversy with the St. Paul & Northern Pacific Railway Company.

Referring to that portion of report for the year ending June 30, 1893, relating to the lands lying within the limits of the grant on the Dakota side of the Red River, the Company has reconveyed to the United States a total of 62,333.61 acres, for which the Company is authorized to locate an equivalent amount elsewhere. The Company has selected to June 30, 1897, 39,477.65 acres in lieu of a part of the above amount.