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not enter of these lands I would again quote from Mr. Van Horne's of the annual report for the year 1888. He says: "The Company structions "holds 1,309,424 acres of land in Southern Manitoba which "came to it through the purchase of the Manitoba Southwestern "Railway. These lands are among the best and most available pposition in the Northwest, and at the average of the sales last year— & M. R. "\$4.54 per acre—their value is \$5,944;785.00." Taking this land then, at the valuation which the Company's President puts upon it, namely, \$4.50 per acre, makes their subsidy equal to a bonus of \$29,056.00 per mile.

The number of acres which the Company acknowledges Province having acquired and still held by them as a bonus to the ailway, it Southwestern is 1,309,424 acres, which, at 6,400 acres per mile, mount of would be the bonus for 204 miles of road. As there are no course, to special differences in cost of construction to be taken into a line of account, the amounts paid these respective companies as a ouse to a bonus for the construction of 204 miles of road are as follows:

> N. P. & M. R. bonus on 204 miles of road . . . \$ 357,000.00 M. & N. W. R. bonus on 204 miles of road... 2,933,928.00 M. S. W. R. bonus on 204 miles of road... 5,927,424.00

Comment upon these figures is unnecessary; but as we have heard so much about the annual interest on the N. P. & M. R. bonus, I will give you a comparative statement in that

er mile on The N. P. & M. R. bonus of \$357,000 at 5 per cent. equals an annual bonus of..... \$ 17,850 00 The M. & N. W. R. bonus of \$2,933,928 at 5 per cent. equals an annual bonus of..... 146,696 40 railroad; The Man. S. W. R. bonus of \$5,927,424 at five per cent. equals an annual bonus of .... 296.371 20

nicipalities It will thus be seen that the Man. Northwest bonus is eight over the times greater than that of the N. P. & M. R., and that the C. \$1,582.00 P. R. Southwestern is sixteen times greater.

In the light of these statements, it is difficult to understand how Opposition members can persistently assail the terms of 3,400 acres the N. P. & M. R. contract on the ground of inadequate