

Beginning at the point of intersection of the present right-of-way line of the Great Northern Railway with the east line of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of said section fourteen, which point is seventy-five feet distant northerly at right angles from the center line of said Great Northern Railway as the same is now constructed over said section; thence westerly in a straight line to a point on the west line of said quarter quarter section which is two hundred and seventy-five feet distant northerly at right angles from said center line; thence southwesterly parallel with said center line to an intersection with the south line of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said section fourteen; thence westerly along said south line to the west line of said section fourteen; thence westerly along the east and west quarter quarter section line in the north half of said section fifteen, to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of said section fifteen; thence south along the west line of said quarter quarter section one thousand one hundred and seventy feet; thence southwesterly eight hundred and fifty feet to a point on the present northerly right-of-way line of the said Great Northern Railway, which point is one hundred feet distant northerly at right angles from the center line of said railway as the same is now constructed; thence northeasterly parallel with said center line to the north and south quarter section line of said section fifteen; thence southerly along said quarter line to a point seventy-five feet distant northerly at right angles from the said center line; thence northeasterly parallel with said center line to the place of beginning, containing ninety-four and fifteen one-hundredths acres, more or less. The said center line of railway is a tangent intersecting the east line of section fourteen, three hundred and sixty-five and seven-tenths feet south of the northeast corner thereof, the east line of section fifteen, nine hundred and five and eighth-tenths feet north of the east quarter corner and the west line of section fifteen, four hundred and sixty-six and eight-tenths feet south of the west quarter corner.

SEC. 3. That upon appraising the said lands the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to sell and convey the same to the Great Northern Railway Company, a corporation of the State of Minnesota, and owning and operating lines of railway in the State of Montana and other States, for division terminal yards and other railway purposes, upon such terms as he may deem advisable. If the sale of any of the lands described in section two hereof shall include the whole or any part of the allotment of an individual Indian, the purchase price of such allotted land shall be paid to such Indian, subject to the control of the Secretary of the Interior as to the funds of incompetent Indians.

SEC. 4. That the appraisal of the lands described in section one of this Act shall take into consideration the estimated cost per acre for the construction of irrigation works for the Milk River irrigation project, and in no event shall be less than the actual market value of said land and the estimated cost per acre for the construction of said irrigation project. The conveyances for the lands described above in sections one and two shall reserve to the United States and its successors in interest right of way for canals or ditches heretofore or hereafter constructed thereon, and the railway company shall construct at its own expense any crossings of said canals or ditches which may be necessary for its purposes, and such crossings shall be built and maintained in such a manner as not to interfere with the operations of said canals or ditches by the United States or its successors in interest, and such conveyances shall be subject to any prior valid rights of way.

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Description.

Sale after appraisal.

Payments for lands of Indians.

Lands in Milk River irrigation project.

Determination of price.

Rights of way for ditches, etc., reserved.