



Northern Pacific Railway Company.
Engineering Department Records.

Copyright Notice:

This material may be protected by copyright law (U.S. Code, Title 17). Researchers are liable for any infringement. For more information, visit www.mnhs.org/copyright.



N. P. 1757
6-24

OFFICE OF

Chief Engineer

FILE NO.

6624

SUBJECT:

Auburn -

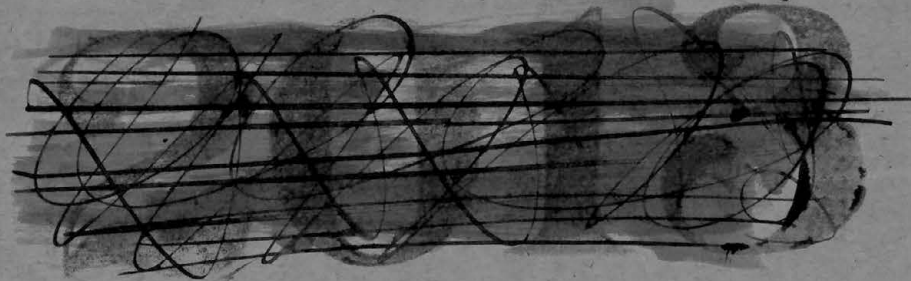
old Ice House

Contract for Removal

6624

B-2

6624



Contract 14 July 1925

J. H. Strathee

Removing Ice House

Auburn

6624

Agreement made the Fourteenth (14) day of July A. D. 1925
between the NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, hereinafter called the "Company" and
J. H. Strathee, of Auburn, Washington.

hereinafter called the "Contractor".

The Contractor agrees to furnish all labor, services and material for, and construct, complete and finish in the most thorough workmanlike and substantial manner in every respect to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer of the Company, within the time specified, and according to the specifications hereto annexed and made part of this contract, the wrecking and removal of the frame structure (36 ft. by 270 ft. with adjacent platforms) known as the old ice house of the Northern Pacific Railway Company; also cleaning up and removal of all debris resulting from the removal of the structure. The old ice house is located on the Terminal property of the Northern Pacific Railway Company at Auburn, Washington, about 800 feet southerly from the overhead Traeger Bridge.

Work

Date of
completion

The work is to be commenced immediately and completed on or before the fifteenth (15)
day of October A. D. 1925.

Prices for
work.

The prices to be paid by the Company for the work are as follows:

For furnishing material, labor, plant, tools and necessary equipment for the wrecking and removal of the structure, and cleaning up and leaving premises free from all debris resulting from said removal, the contractor is to accept the timber salvaged from the structure, and the sum of \$200.00 as full compensation for all work performed under this contract.

The contractor is to remove and turn over in good condition to the Railway Company all electrical wiring, electrical materials and appliances now in place in the structure, free of expense to the Railway Company.

Price for
extra work.

estimates.
payments:
Retained
percentage.

Work when
and where
directed.

For extra work done under written orders of the Engineer of the Company for which prices are not named herein, the Contractor shall be paid the actual outlay in such work and ten per cent additional.

Approximate estimates of the work done will be made monthly and be paid on or about the twentieth day of the following month, less however all previous payments and less ten per cent of such estimates, which shall be retained until and as security for complete performance of this contract.

The Contractor shall carry on the work in such a manner and at such times and at such points as the Engineer of the Company from time to time shall direct, but the Contractor shall have full control of his employees and be solely responsible for all personal injuries caused in any manner by carrying on any work under this contract.

Transportation

No free transportation will be furnished by the Railway Company.

Insurance

Damage by fire to buildings or structures during construction will be made good by the Contractor, who will keep all structures fully insured until completion and acceptance by the Company. The cost of insurance will be divided equally between the parties, the policies written in the name of both, loss payable as their interest may appear, and deposited with the Chief Engineer.

Release.

The Contractor at final payment will execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company under his hand and seal, a valid discharge from all claims and demands growing out of or connected with this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed these presents.

Witness as to the Company

Witness as to the Contractor

Northern Pacific Railway Company,

By _____

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

FOR

Wrecking and removal of old Northern Pacific Ice House at Auburn, Washington.

(1) The work to be done consists of wrecking and removal of the frame structure (36 ft. by 270 ft. with adjacent platforms) known as the old ice house of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and cleaning up the premises as directed by the Railway Company's Engineer. This structure is located on the Terminal property of the Northern Pacific Railway Company at Auburn, Washington, about eight hundred feet southerly from the overhead Traeger Bridge.

(2) All electrical wiring, electrical material and appliances now in place in the structure shall be carefully removed by the Contractor and turned over in good condition to the Railway Company's Engineer at the Northern Pacific store house at Auburn, Washington, free of expense to the Railway Company.

(3) The lumber salvaged from the structure will become the property of the Contractor upon the completion of the work herein specified and shall constitute partial recompense of the Contractor for work performed. Such salvaged lumber shall be promptly removed by the Contractor from the property of the Railway Company.

(4) Work shall be carried on expeditiously and continuously and so as not to interfere in any manner with the operation of the Railway Company.

(5) At the conclusion of the work the premises shall be cleaned up and free from all debris resulting from the removal of the building.

(6) The Contractor shall furnish all material, labor, plant, tools and equipment used in doing the work, free of expense to the Railway Company.

(7) The work shall be started within ten (10) days after the awarding of the contract and shall be completed, material removed and premises cleaned up within ninety days thereafter.

Office of Assistant Chief
Engineer & Engineer Main-
tenance of Way, Seattle, Wn.
July 14, 1925

6624

6624

Seattle, Wash.
Oct. 12, 1925

Mr. H. E. Stevens
Chief Engineer
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Voucher No. 65 in favor of J. H. Strathdee,
Contractor, for removal of old ice house at
Auburn

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst. in which you advise that from your information Voucher No. 65, in favor of Mr. J. H. Strathdee, Contractor, for \$200, being estimate No. 1 and final under contract of July 14, 1925, for removal of old ice house at Auburn, should not be paid in that the report stated the ice house was totally destroyed by fire on the 23rd of August.

Contractor commenced dismantling the old ice house on July 23, 1925 and up to the date of the fire had dismantled and piled all material except the 100 ft. section on the north end which had the roof removed, so approximately two-thirds of the entire building was dismantled before the fire occurred.

The Contractor, in carrying on the dismantling of the structure, had the salvage material piled and the sawdust and refuse was piled in small lots, the nearest being 40 ft. distance from the remaining portion of the old ice house. As an extra precaution trenches were dug around same. No fires were started on the refuse piles until considerable rain had fallen which was on Saturday, August 22nd, at which time the Contractor and one of his men were on the ground to prevent any spreading of fire. On investigation could not prove that the remaining portion of the ice house was set on fire from refuse piles or from passing engines as when the roof was removed there was an exposure of dry sawdust above the ceiling which would ignite very readily from sparks from engines.

In view of the above the matter was fully considered before preparing the voucher and it was considered that the Railway Co. was obligated to pay the Contractor for the dismantling and cleaning up of premises.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Cook
Asst. Chief Engineer.

AFS:B

CHIEF OF POLICE
CITY OF ST. PAUL
NOV 19 1965
ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 7, 1925.

Mr. A. R. Cook,
Asst. Chief Engineer,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your voucher No. 65 in favor of J. H. Strathdee for \$200.00, being estimate No. 1 and final under contract of the 14th of July, 1925, for removing ice house at Auburn. As this ice house was totally destroyed by fire on the 23rd of August, I do not understand why we should pay Mr. Strathdee for removing it.

Please advise.

Yours truly,

Chief Engineer.

REG:wp

INSERT—FILE COPY OF VOUCHER

ABC # 65

TO

J.H. Strathdee,

Auburn, Washington.

Two Hundred and No/100 Dollars

200.00--

Ex by
File 2013

Asst. Chief Engineer. XXXXXX

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Memo No.

October 2nd, 1925.

Estimate # 1 and Final, September 1925.

In Payment of: All labor, services, superintendence, material, use of tools and equipment for the wrecking and removal of frame structures known as the old ice house of the N.P.Ry.Co., also cleaning up and removal of all debris resulting from the removal of structure, located on the Terminal property of the N.P.Ry.Co. at Auburn, Washington, as per terms of Contract dated July 14th, 1925. Lump Sum \$200.00

100% Completed

Amount of this Voucher:..\$200.00

Work started July 24th, 1925.

Completed Sept 25th, 1925.

Payment Due:

October 25th, 1925.

Charge:

Division Accounts,

Engineering Department,

D.A.S. # 1.

Seattle Division F-6-331

\$200.00

DISTRIBUTION:

DISTRIBUTION:

Memo No

6594

TO

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

INSERT—FIVE COPIES OF VOUCHERS

Form 300

15-10-53 10M 1M



N. P. 5-24

M

M

264

Seattle

2013

2013

DIV-308

SIG.

REPORT OF ACCIDENT^ADIVISION NO. ^B

F-27

TO_c _____ AT_d _____ FROM_f _____ DATE_e _____ 19____
TO _____ AT _____ FROM _____ DATE _____ 19____
TO _____ AT _____ FROM _____ DATE _____ 19____

AT_j _____ TIME_{ja} _____ DATE_{jb} _____TRAIN_k _____ ENGINE_{ka} _____ COND'R_{kb} _____NATURE OF ACCIDENT_{kc} _____ TRACK WILL BE CLEARED_{kd} _____BRIEF ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT_m _____

Old ice house which was being torn down caught
fire probably from spark from pile of rubbish burning near building
Totally destroyed New ice platform and igalle damaged about
\$500.00 eight rails thirty ties damaged WRC 3267 fruit Tacoma
scratched \$42.00 LP 204377 company ice scratched \$63.00 NP 86165
83440 86887 scratched \$3.00 each NP 201390 cut 11 \$13.00

NUMBER OF LOADED OR EMPTY CARS DAMAGED_{ma} _____ (SEE NOTE 1)ROUGH ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT_{mb} _____NAMES, NATURE OF INJURIES, OCCUPATION AND ADDRESS OF PERSONS INJURED_n _____ (SEE NOTE 2)DISPOSITION OF PERSONS INJURED_{na} _____NAMES OF WITNESSES_{nb} _____NAME OF DOCTOR CALLED_{nd} _____

Note 1. This report to show only the number of cars involved in accident. Make report on regular message blank referring to this accident number and give initials and numbers of cars damaged and destroyed, also contents of loaded cars. If shipments are destroyed or badly damaged give waybill reference.

Note 2. In reporting employees injured show probable number of days off duty. If person injured or killed is NOT an employee of the Northern Pacific Railroad, state if trespasser, civilian, coach or pullman passenger; give home address and ticket destination.

SIG. w _____ SIG. w _____

REPORT OF ACCIDENT
TO
DATE
BY
DATE

DATE

WILL BE SET HERE

HEE

2013
Saint Paul, August 14, 1925.

Mr. R. E. Relf,
Assistant Secretary

Dear Sir:

Herewith contract dated the 14th of July with J. H. Strathdes for removal of our ice house at Auburn, together with letter of August 7th from Mr. Donnelly authorizing me to execute.

The amount involved is approximately \$200.00. No bond has been required.

Yours truly,

Chief Engineer.

REG:h

enc

Saint Paul, August 14, 1925.

Mr. A. R. Cook,
Asst. Chief Engineer

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 21st, file 1003:

Herewith for delivery to Contractor executed copy of
contract with J.H. Strathdes for removal of our ice house at
Auburn.

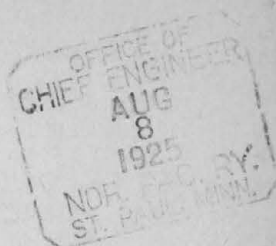
Yours truly,

Chief Engineer.

REG:h

enc

2013



Saint Paul, August 8th, 1925-s

MR. H. E. STEVENS:

Referring to your letter of July 30th, submitting proposed contract with Mr. J. H. Strathdes, covering removal of our ice house at Auburn:

The proposed contract is returned herewith, with Mr. Donnelly's letter of August 7th, authorizing you to execute for the Northern Pacific. Will you please do so; and file our copy and Mr. Donnelly's letter with Mr. Relf.

H. Williamson

*R & S
Approved
1/28/10*

2013

On Special, Camas Prairie R.R.,

July 30, 1935.

Mr. F. E. Williamson:

Herewith for execution on the part of the
Railway Company, contract between the Northern Pacific and
J. H. Strathdee covering removal of ice house at Auburn, amount
\$200.

The Seattle Division Supervisor estimates the cost of
removing the house at \$768.

We were not able to obtain any other bids on this
work and the contract was awarded to Mr. Strathdee.

Chief Engineer.

encl.

9
2013
Re: Wrecking of old
icehouse at Auburn,
Wash.

Seattle, Wash.,
July 21, 1925.

1003

Mr. H. E. Stevens,
Chief Engineer,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing to you herewith, in duplicate, a contract providing for the removal of the old icehouse on the Auburn engine terminals, executed by Mr. J. H. Strathdee of Auburn, under which he agrees to remove the old building for such material as he can salvage, not including the electrical material, and \$200. in money after material has been removed and premises cleared up. I am also enclosing an extra copy of contract for your files.

Mr. Strathdee is an old employe of the Company who has been laid off account of reduction of forces and in the meantime is endeavoring to do something for himself and make a living.

After looking over the old icehouse critically, Mr. Strathdee came to the conclusion that there would be a very small amount of salable salvage and advised that he could not remove it for the salvage alone, and to make himwhole it would be necessary for him to have \$200. in cash, which seems quite reasonable, Supervisor Herider advising that it would cost \$768. to remove the old structure.

We made up a contract with Lehmann & Miller, recommended to us by the Division Superintendent, but when we sought to deliver the contract for signature, the Superintendent was unable to locate either Lehmann or Miller, neither of whom were bona fide residents of Auburn.

Yours truly,

A. R. O'Connell

ARC:L
Encl.

cc AVB

OFFICE OF
CHIEF ENGINEER
JUL
24
1925
NOR. RY.
ST. PAUL, MINN.

2013
St. Paul, Minn., May 11, 1925.

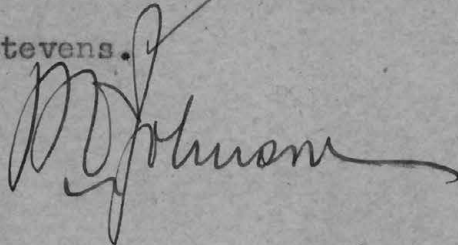
Mr. A. V. Brown:

Replying to your letter of May 1 in regard to proposed removal of frame ice house in Terminal Yard at Auburn by Contractors Lehmann and Miller for the lumber to be salvaged, with the provision that the Railway Company will reserve the electrical equipment and wire:

Confirming my wire date, this is approved.

Assistant to Vice President.

CC-Mr. H. E. Stevens.



OFFICE OF
ENGINEER
CHIEF
MAY
12
1925
NOR. ST. PAUL, MINN.
ST. PAUL, MINN.

6624