

The buying of a quarter section of land by Great Northern officials from Robert Staar, about ten miles from town, probably marks an era in railroad improvement in this state. The were at Mr. Staar's last week and consummated a deal whereby the Great Northern secured an option on one of the finest quarter sections in the state. The option holds good until October 1st, of the present year, with a \$200 bonus, subject to a purchase price of the quarter at \$65 per acre. The road if constructed will follow the survey made two years ago, from Ayr to Minot, parallel of the Soo, passing through or near Hannaford, in this county. It will be the means of developing considerable country. The land secured from Mr. Staar, as the rumor goes, is for townsite purposes.