

# UP Railroads: *briefly*

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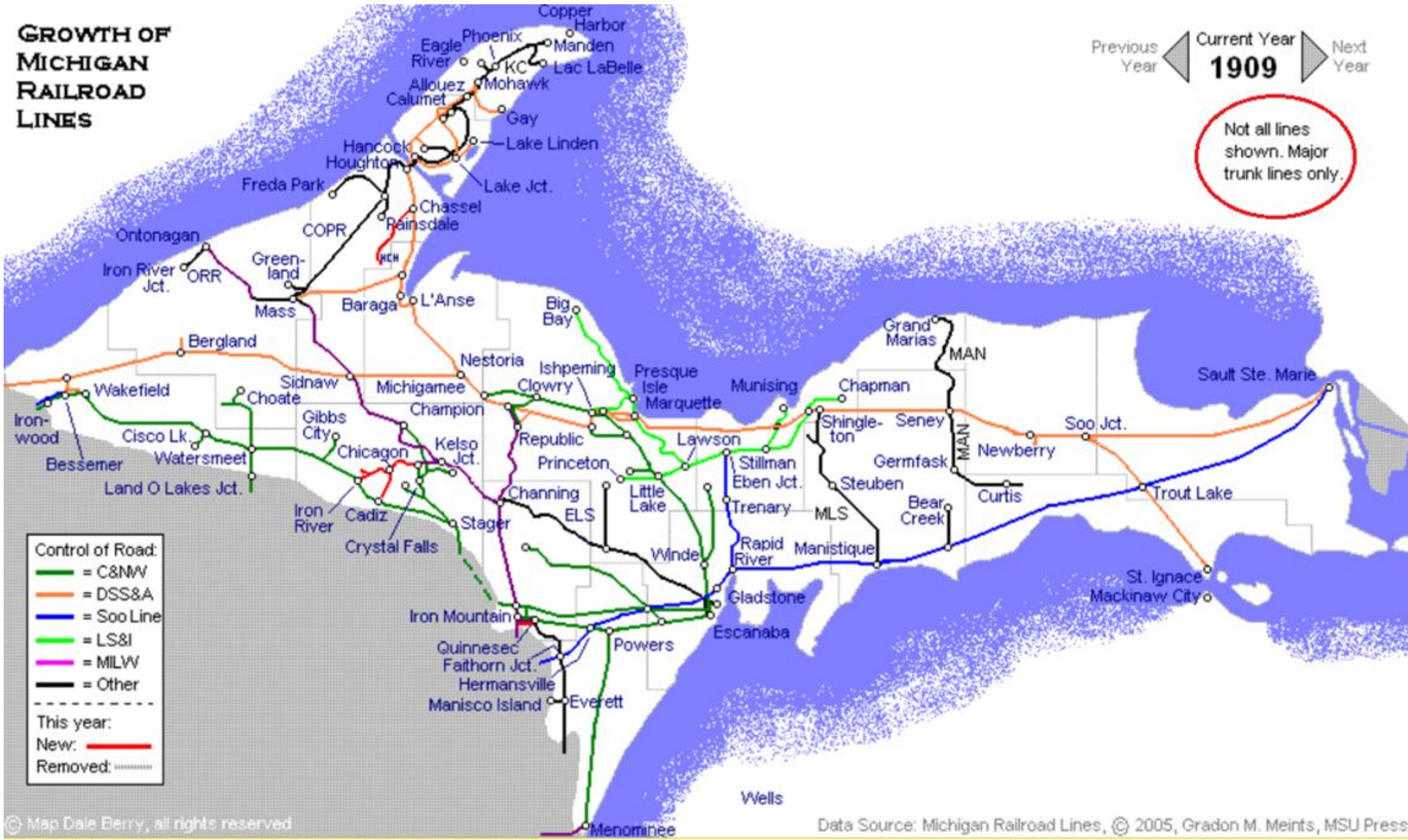
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# GROWTH OF MICHIGAN RAILROAD LINES

Previous Year ◀ **1909** ▶ Next Year

Not all lines shown. Major trunk lines only.



- Control of Road:
- = C&MV
  - = DSS&A
  - = Soo Line
  - = LS&I
  - = MILVV
  - = Other
- This year:
- New: —
  - Removed: -----

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The Evolution of Michigan's Railroads Area: Upper Peninsula Year: 1909. <http://www.michiganrailroads.com/>

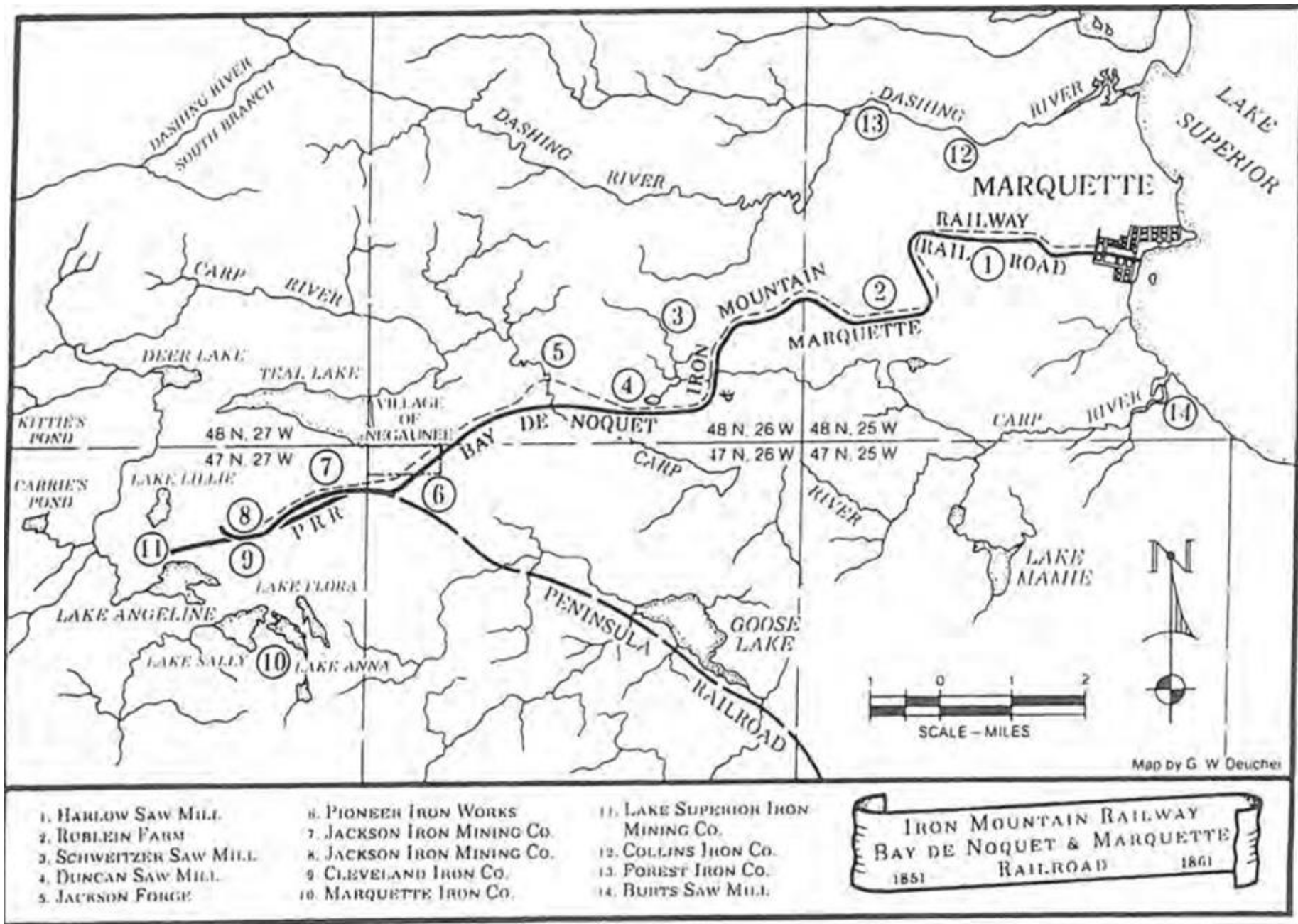
# MICHIGAN'S RAILROAD SYSTEM (amended)

Michigan DOT Rail Map, 2016.



## Railroads Operating in the UP: 2017

- CN Canadian National Railway
- MRR Mineral Range Railroad
- CL Carmeuse Lime & Stone
- ESL Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad
- LSI Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad
- TT Toonerville Trolley
- ★ LL&TL Lake Linden & Torch Lake Railroad
- ★ IMIM Iron Mountain Iron Mine
- ★ QMT Quincy Mine Tramway



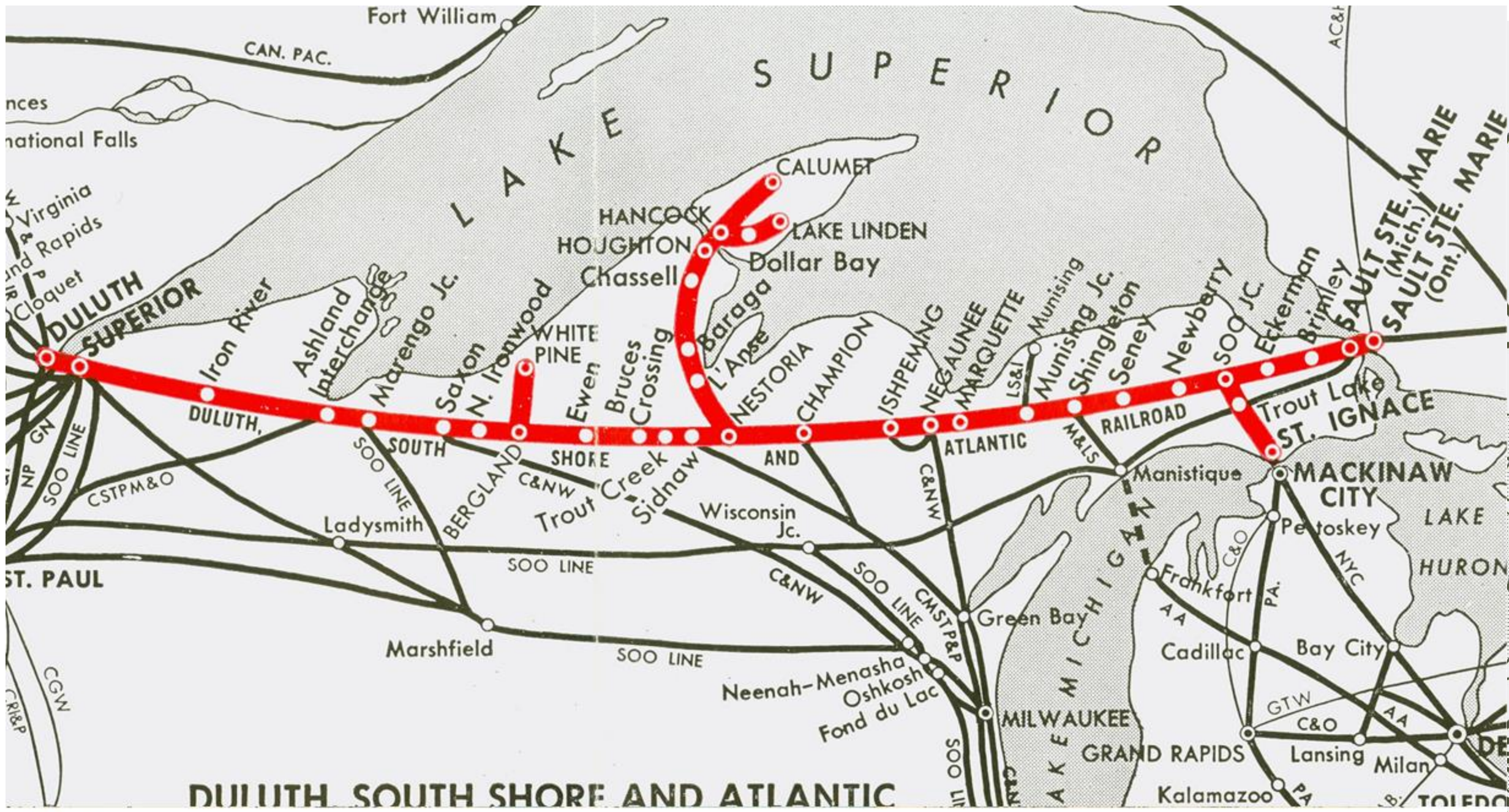
Map of the Iron Mountain RR. From Charter Township of Marquette: sesquicentennial, 150 years 1848-1998, p.11.

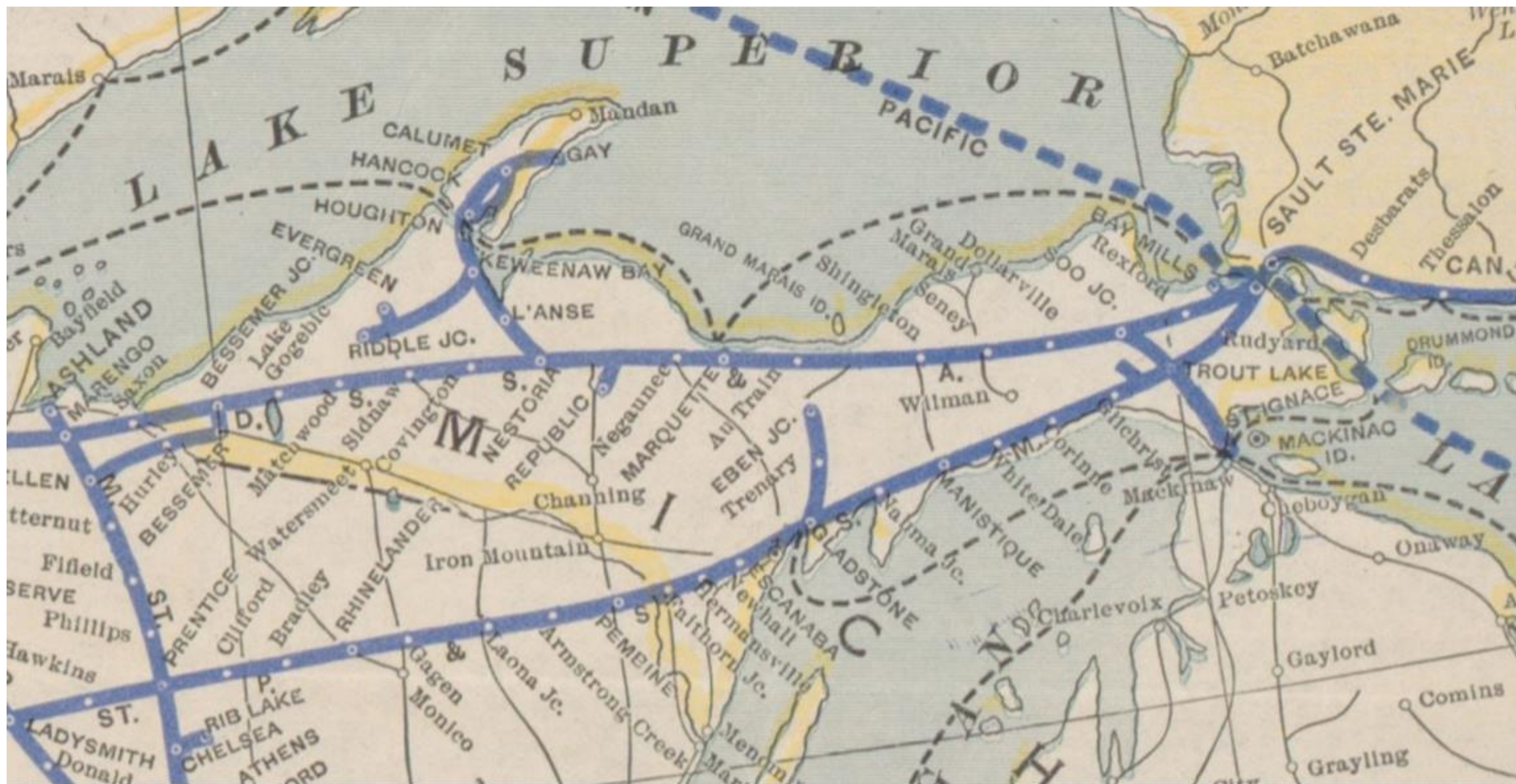


**SOO LINE** MAP OF  
**Upper Peninsula of Michigan**  
Especially prepared for  
**MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL & SAULT STE. MARIE RAILWAY**  
Blue Indenture County Map.  
Scale of Statute Miles.

**Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie, 1911**

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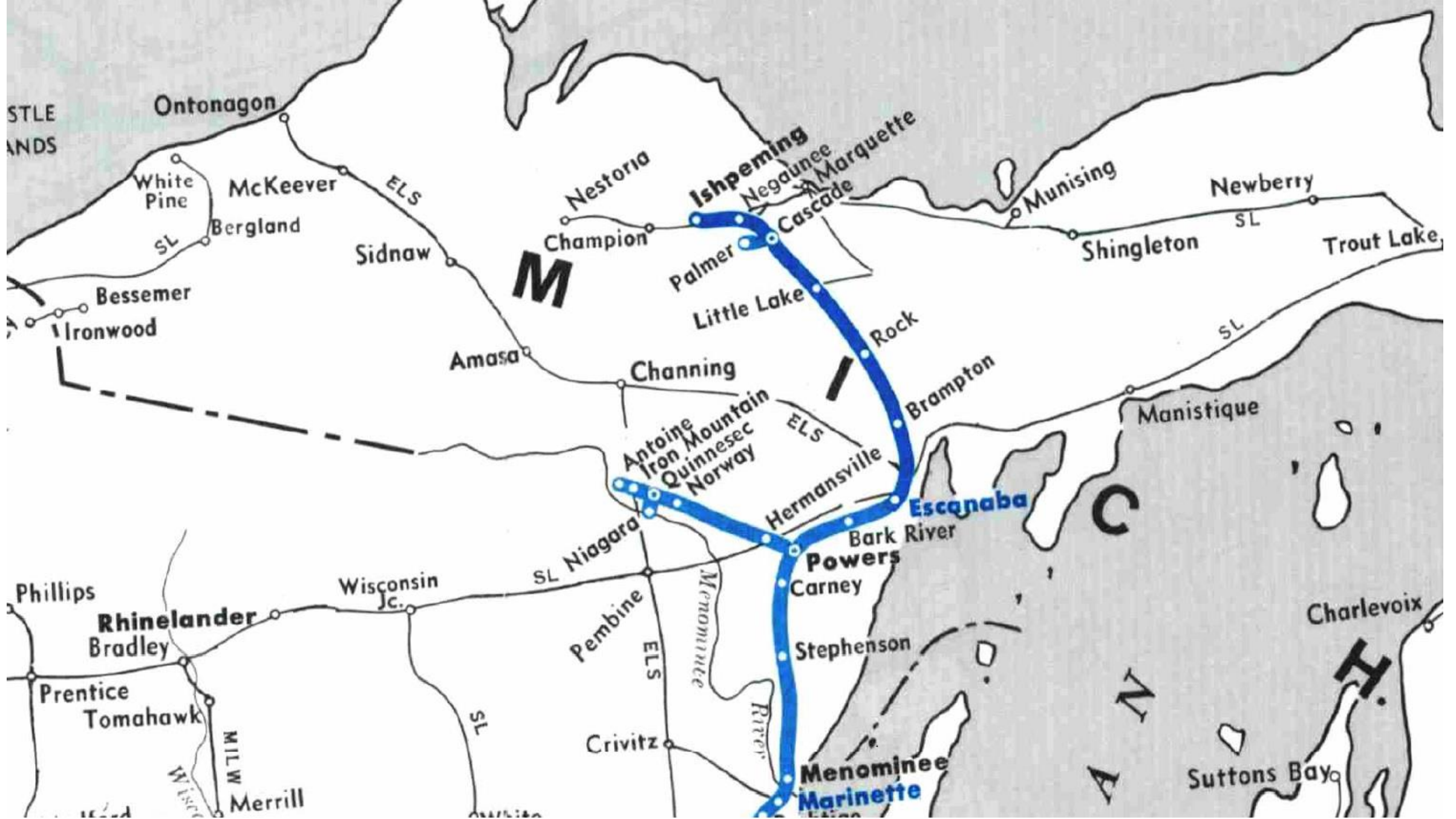
Map of the Canadian Pacific Railway: the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway, the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway and connections. 1911.



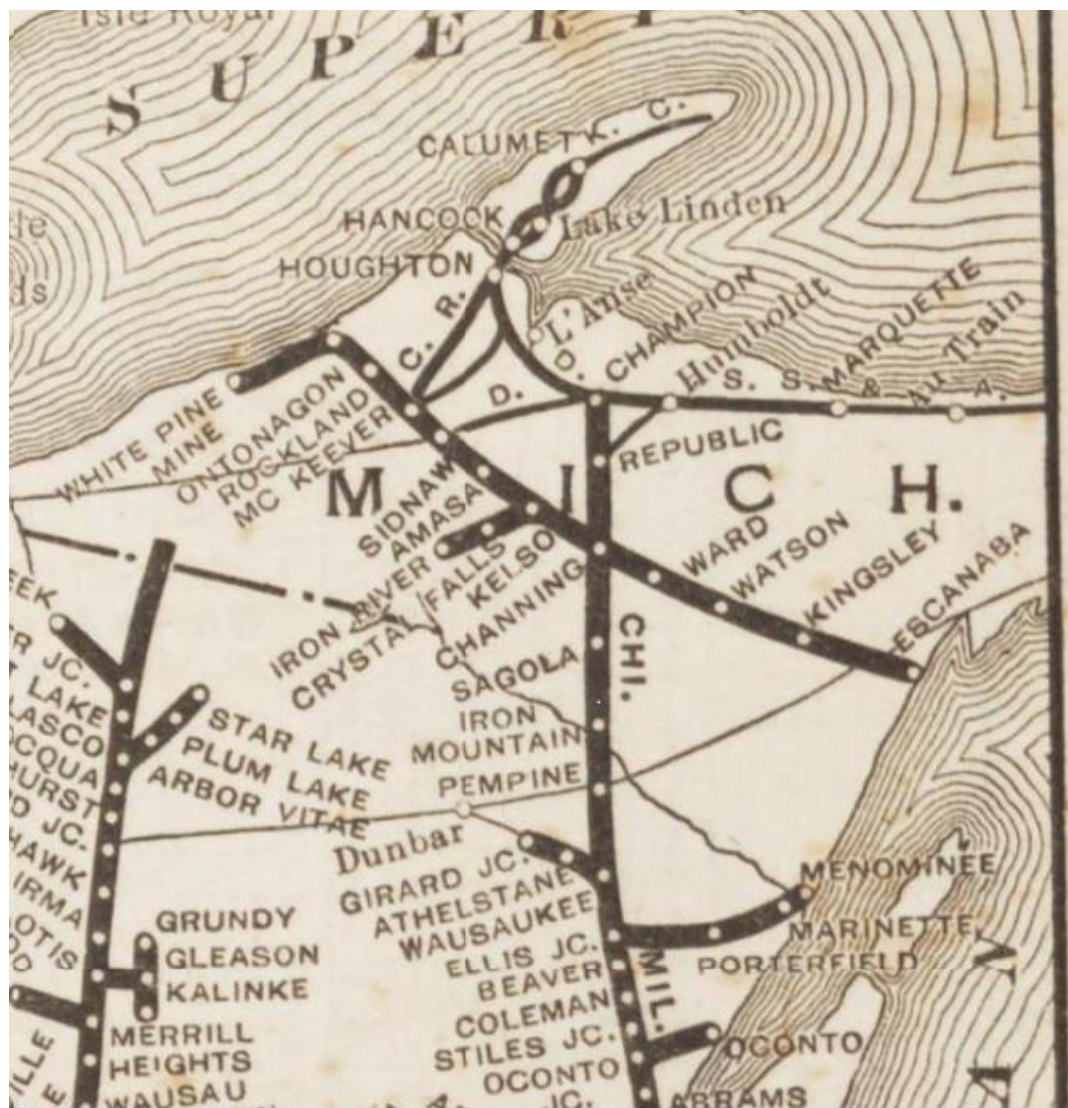
Largest extent of the Chicago & North Western.

Adapted from Growth of the final granger. Trains Magazine, 2014.





Chicago & Northwestern system in the UP, 1985



Milwaukee Road, 1920 and 1973.

# ESCANABA & LAKE SUPERIOR RAILROAD COMPANY

One Larkin Plaza, Wells, MI 49894  
(906) 786-0693 / FAX (906) 786-8012

MICHIGAN		CONNECTIONS	
		WISCONSIN	
Escanaba	..... CN	Green Bay	..... CN
Iron Mountain	..... CN	Marinette	..... CN
North Escanaba	..... CN	Pembine	..... CN

- EALS
- EALS TRACKAGE RIGHTS
- - - EALS ABANDONED
- MOOT RAIL BANKED LINE
- OTHER LINES
- - - OTHER LINES ABANDONED OR OUT OF SERVICE



347 Miles Owned      82 Miles Additional Trackage Rights

Wells and Channing	
Miles	Stations
0.0	Wells, MI
4.0	Escanaba, MI
0.0	Wells, MI
1.5	Flatrock, MI
0.0	Flatrock, MI
1.0	North Escanaba, MI
0.0	Flatrock, MI
2.0	Groos, MI
10.0	Chandler, MI
13.5	Cornell, MI
18.0	Woodlawn, MI
26.0	Watson, MI
29.5	Mathek, MI
36.0	Northland, MI
38.5	Alfred, MI
46.5	Ralph, MI
49.0	Sund, MI
52.5	Turner, MI
63.5	Channing, MI

Channing and Ontonagon	
Miles	Stations
0.0	Channing, MI
4.1	Kiernan, MI
7.8	Kelso, MI
13.1	Mitchell Spur, MI
15.5	Balsam, MI
16.8	Spur 247, MI
20.1	Amasa, MI
21.5	Triangle Spur, MI
33.2	Park Siding, MI
39.2	Tunis, MI
45.6	Sidnaw, MI
56.6	Frost, MI
65.9	Port, MI
67.9	Rousseau, MI
79.2	Whans, MI
72.8	McKewen, MI
73.5	Mass, MI
80.8	Rockland, MI
92.4	Ontonagon, MI

Channing and Green Bay	
Miles	Stations
0.0	Channing, MI
3.7	Sagola, MI
10.8	Randville, MI
11.9	Groveland Jct., MI
16.6	Merriman, MI
24.1	Iron Mountain, MI
24.8	Kingsford, MI
37.9	Pembine, MI
40.6	McCannell Landing, WI
42.8	Boesher Lake, WI
47.1	Amberg, WI
56.9	Wasaukie, WI
67.2	Crivitz, WI
73.9	Beaver, WI
76.8	Pound, WI
78.9	Pound, WI
86.7	Lena, WI
91.4	Stiles Jct. WI
99.6	Abrams, WI
113.5	Howard, WI
113.7	Cormier, WI
117.5	Green Bay, WI
118.1	Green Bay, WI

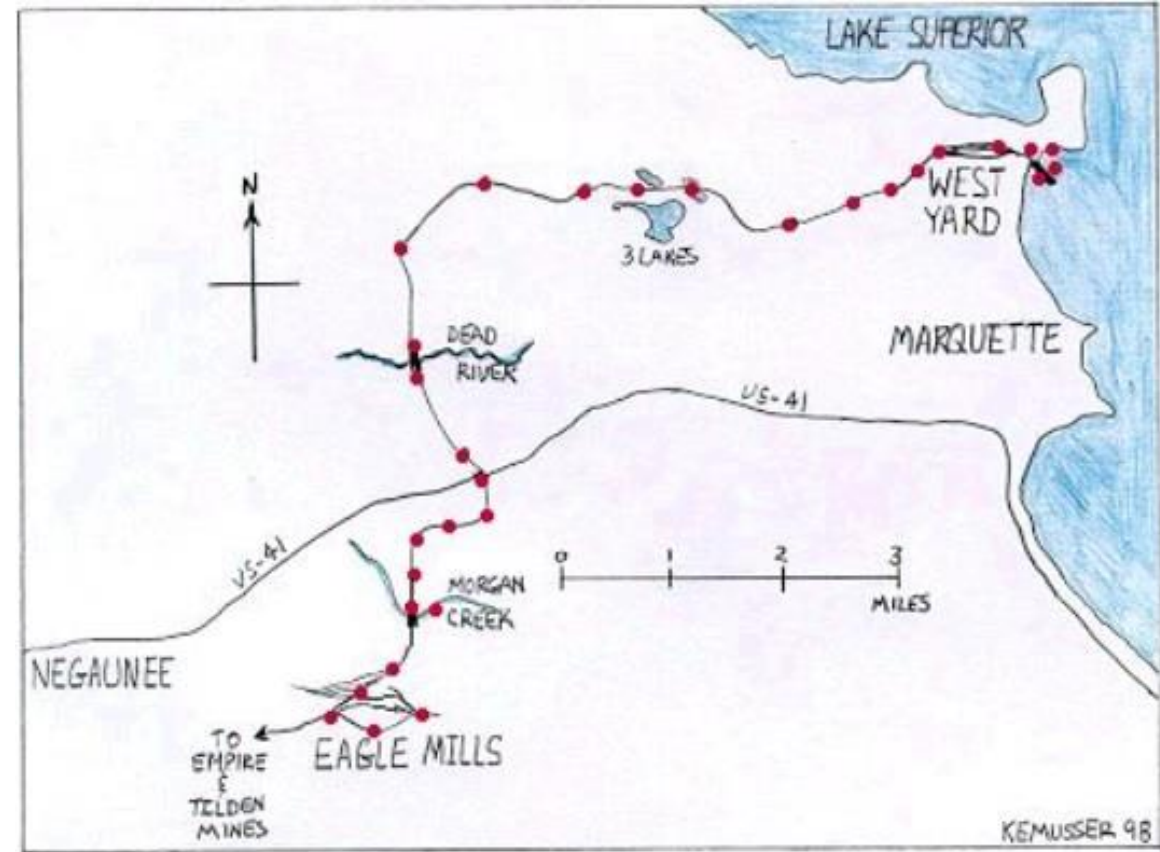
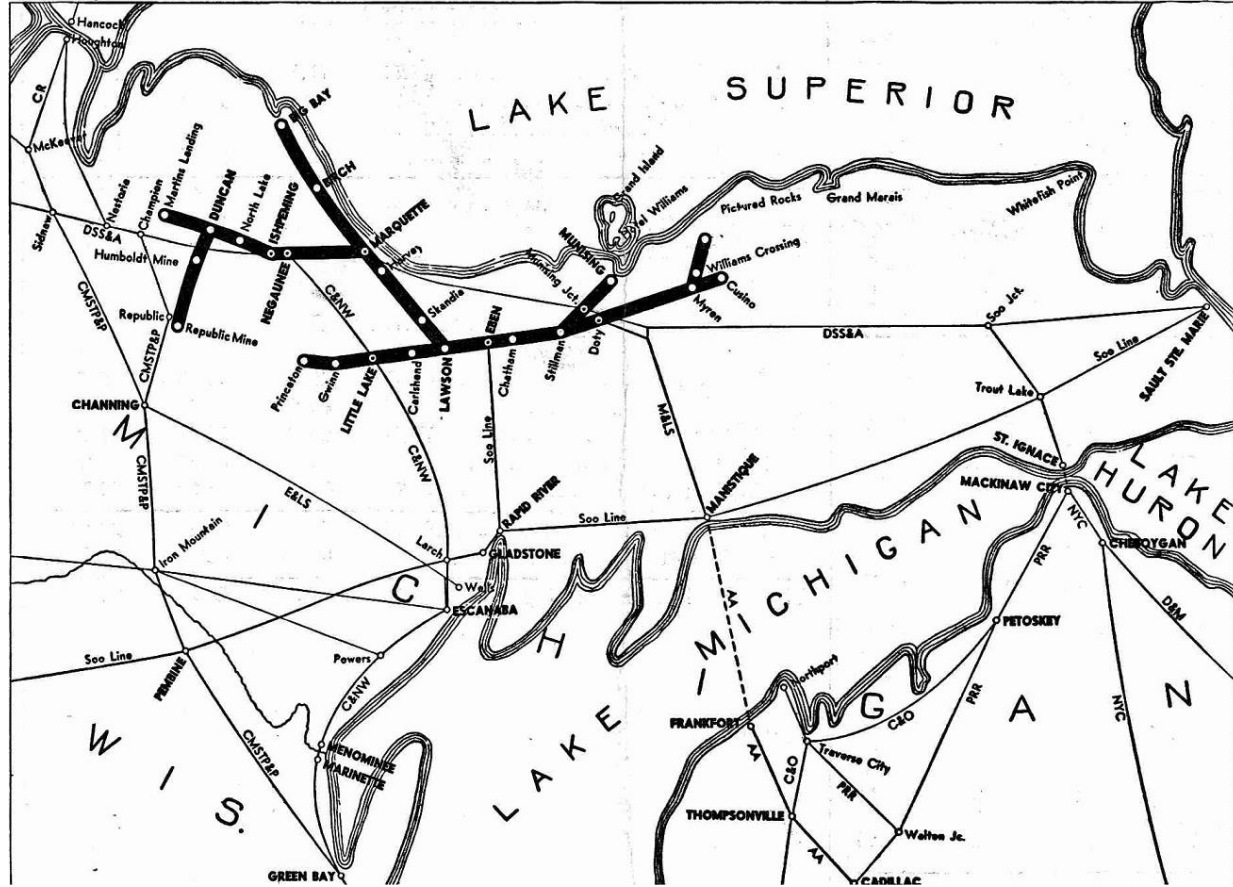
Channing and Republic	
Miles	Stations
0.0	Channing, MI
3.9	Sawyer Lake, MI
7.5	Floodwood, MI
11.6	Wich Lake, MI
21.8	Republic, MI

Crivitz and Menominee	
Miles	Stations
0.0	Crivitz, WI
6.0	Leomis, WI
12.0	Porterfield, WI
20.2	Marinette, WI
22.3	Menominee, WI

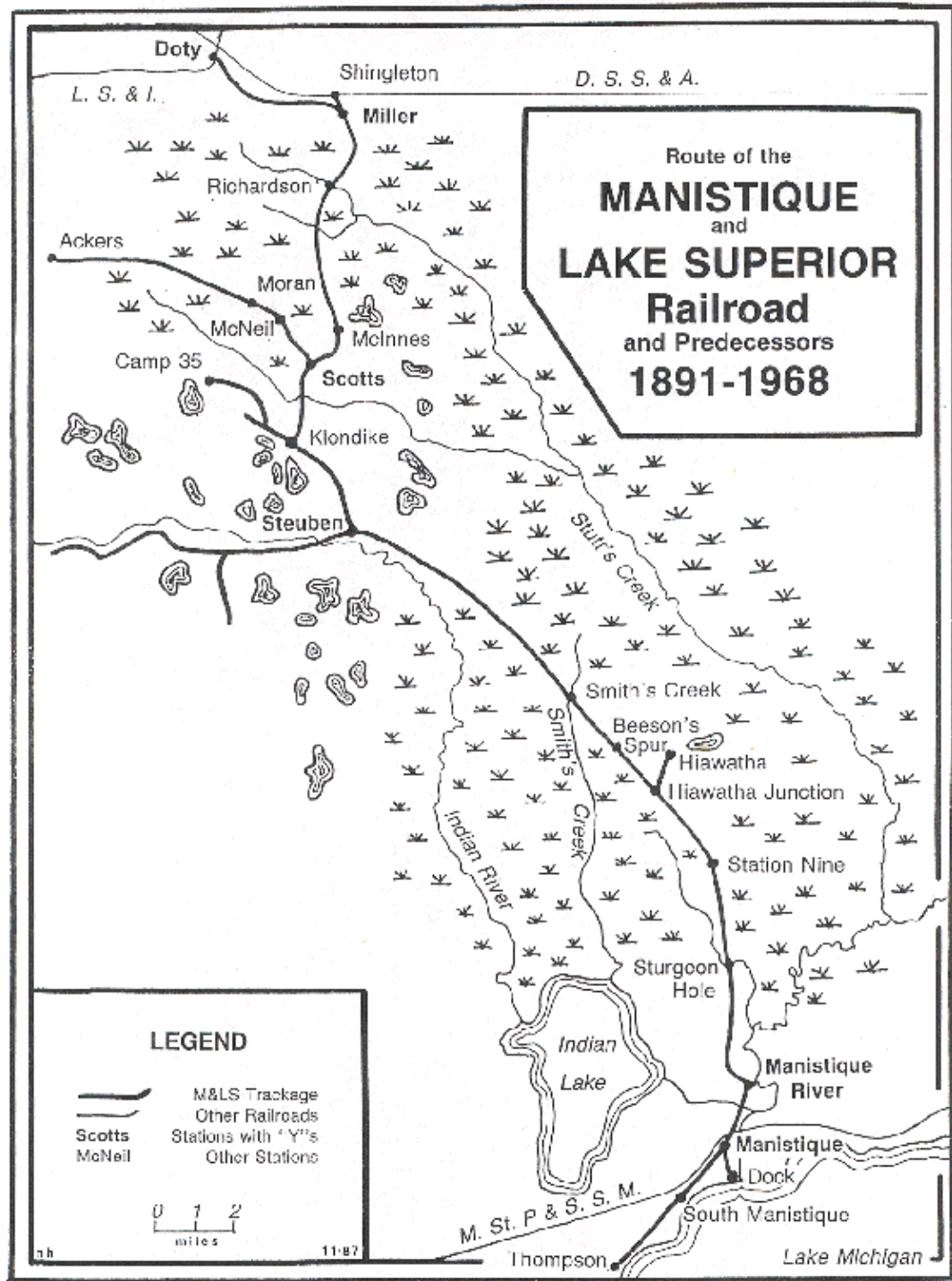
Stiles Jct. and Oconto Falls	
Miles	Stations
0.0	Stiles Junction, WI
4.71	Oconto Falls, WI

Sidnaw and Nestoria	
Miles	Stations
197.1	Nestoria, WI
211.2	Covington, WI
214.5	Watson, WI
220.0	Sidnaw, WI

# Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad Company (1957)







KEMUSSER 98



Route of the  
**MANISTIQUE**  
 and  
**LAKE SUPERIOR**  
 Railroad  
 and Predecessors  
**1891-1968**

**LEGEND**

	M&LS Trackage
	Other Railroads
	Stations with "Y"s
	Other Stations



# Copper Range Railroad

November 16, 1918

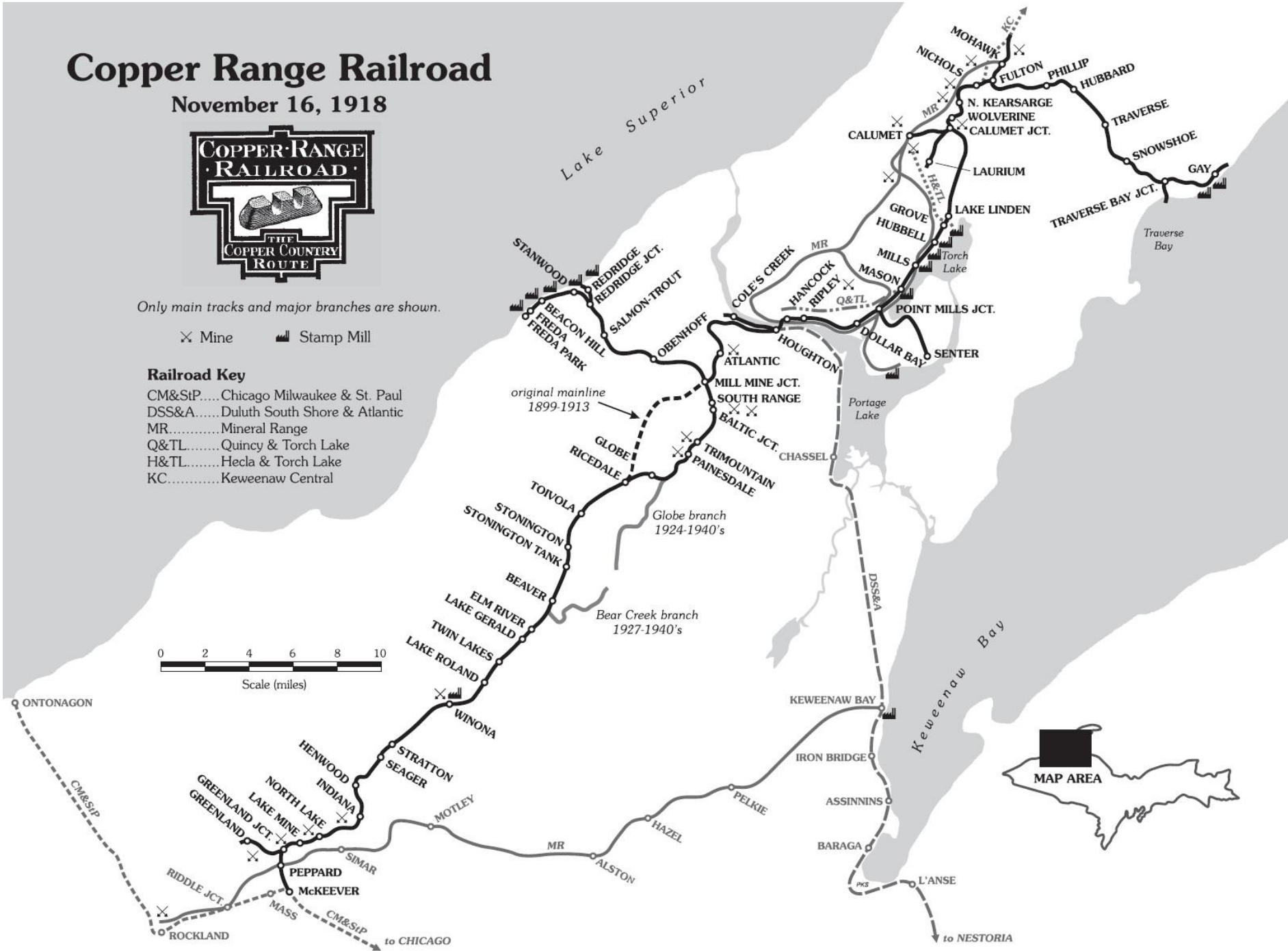
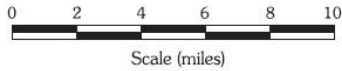


Only main tracks and major branches are shown.

✕ Mine    🏭 Stamp Mill

### Railroad Key

CM&StP..... Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul  
 DSS&A..... Duluth South Shore & Atlantic  
 MR..... Mineral Range  
 Q&TL..... Quincy & Torch Lake  
 H&TL..... Hecla & Torch Lake  
 KC..... Keweenaw Central





Soo Line 1976

From Wallace Abbey's The little jewel: Soo Line Railroad Company and the locomotives that make it go.



ca 2000

From Steve Glischinski's Regional railroads of the Midwest.

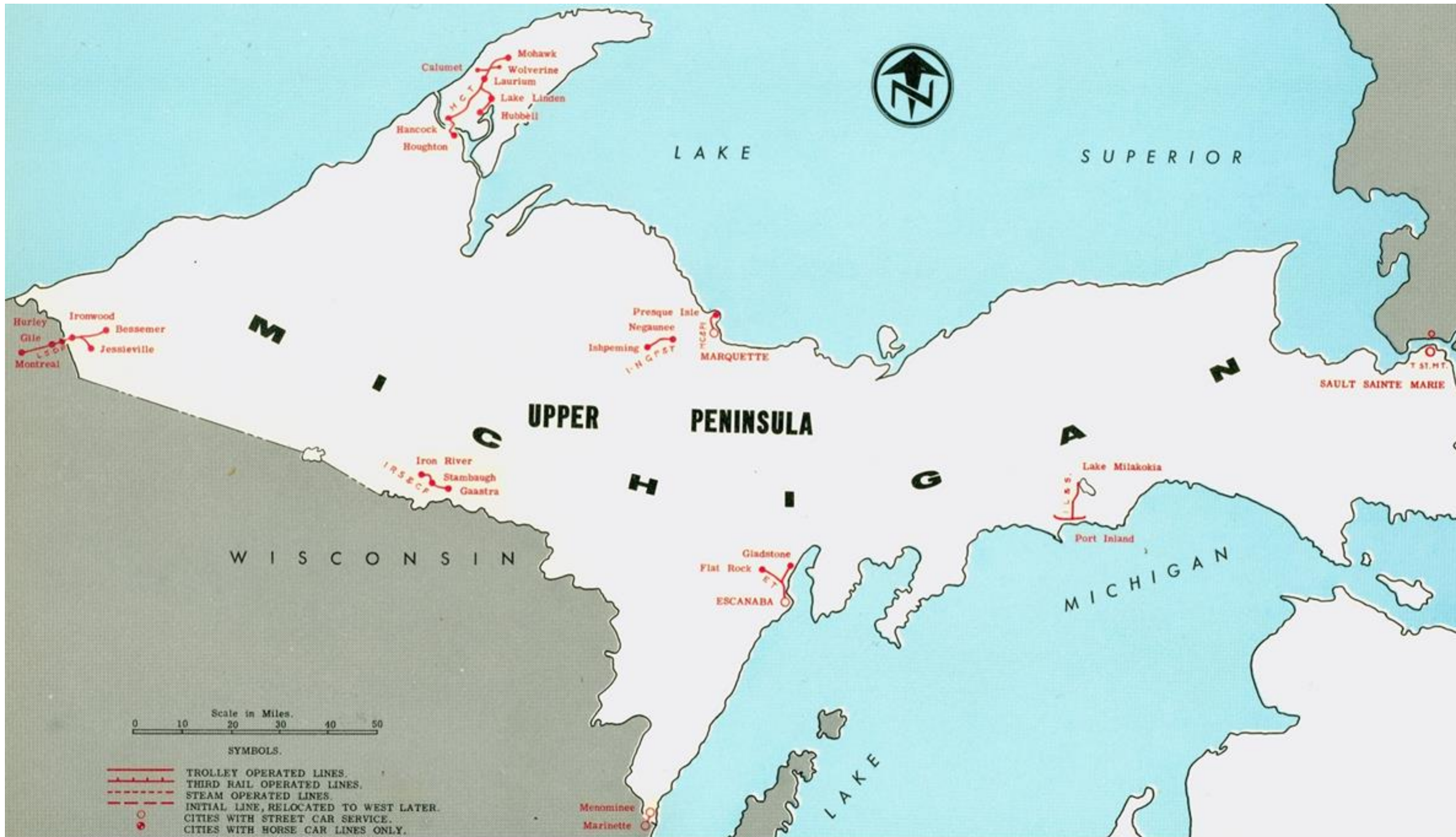


# MICHIGAN'S RAILROAD SYSTEM (amended)









**Electric railways of Michigan, Section V: Lines in Upper Peninsula. Central Electric Railfans' Association, 1959.**

# Michigan Railroads & Railroad Companies. Graydon Meints, 1992.

## DICKINSON COUNTY (022)

CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN  
CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN TRANSPOR-  
TATION CO.  
CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL  
CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, ST. PAUL & PACIFIC  
Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac  
Deer Creek & Marble Quarry  
ESCANABA & LAKE SUPERIOR RY (1880)  
ESCANABA & LAKE SUPERIOR RY (1898)  
ESCANABA, IRON MOUNTAIN & WESTERN  
Escanaba, Twin Cities & Western  
Lake Superior Ship Canal Ry & Iron Co.  
Menominee Range Street  
MENOMINEE RIVER  
MILWAUKEE & NORTHERN  
Quinnesec & Western  
Republic Branch  
Sault Ste. Marie & Southwestern  
Upper Peninsula & Green Bay  
Vieux Desert & Lake Superior  
VONPLATEN LUMBER CO.  
Wisconsin & Lake Superior  
WISCONSIN & MICHIGAN  
WISCONSIN, MICHIGAN & NORTHERN

Constructed

Never constructed

# Michigan Railroad Lines, vol 1 and 2. Graydon Meints, 2005.

628 MICHIGAN RAILROAD LINES

**OWNERSHIP**  
1893 Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway (B3)

**WHITE MARBLE LIME CO. SPUR (SOO-AX2) (LINE NOT LOCATED PRECISELY)**

	MILEAGE	COUNTY	CROSSINGS, JUNCTIONS, ETC.
Cherry Valley	0	Schoolcraft	J/SOO-A 387.4
Lime Kiln	0.9	"	

**CONSTRUCTION/ABANDONMENT**

DATE	ACT	END POINTS	MP	CHANGE	MAIN	SOURCE	NOTE
1893	B3	MP 0-MP 0.7	0-0.7	+0.7	0.7	1	
1908	B3	MP 0.7-Lime Kiln	0.7-0.9	+0.2	0.9	1	
1930 ca.	X	Line	0-0.9	-0.9	0		

**OWNERSHIP**  
1893 Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway (B3)

**N. H. & CO. MILL SPUR (SOO-AX3) (LINE NOT LOCATED PRECISELY)**

	MILEAGE	COUNTY	CROSSINGS, JUNCTIONS, ETC.
Masonville	0	Delta	J/SOO-A 347.9
(End)	0.4	"	

**CONSTRUCTION/ABANDONMENT**

DATE	ACT	END POINTS	MP	CHANGE	MAIN	SOURCE	NOTE
1893	B3	Line	0-0.4	+0.4	0.4	1	1

**OWNERSHIP**  
1893 Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway (B3)

**EAST LAKE BRANCH (SOO-AX4) (LINE NOT LOCATED PRECISELY)**

	MILEAGE	COUNTY	CROSSINGS, JUNCTIONS, ETC.
Haco	0	Schoolcraft	J/SOO-A 376
(End)	0.6	"	

**CONSTRUCTION/ABANDONMENT**

DATE	ACT	END POINTS	MP	CHANGE	MAIN	SOURCE	NOTE
1893	B3	Line	0-0.6	+0.6	0.6	1	
1899	X	Line	0-0.6	-0.6	0	1	

**OWNERSHIP**  
1893 Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway (B3)

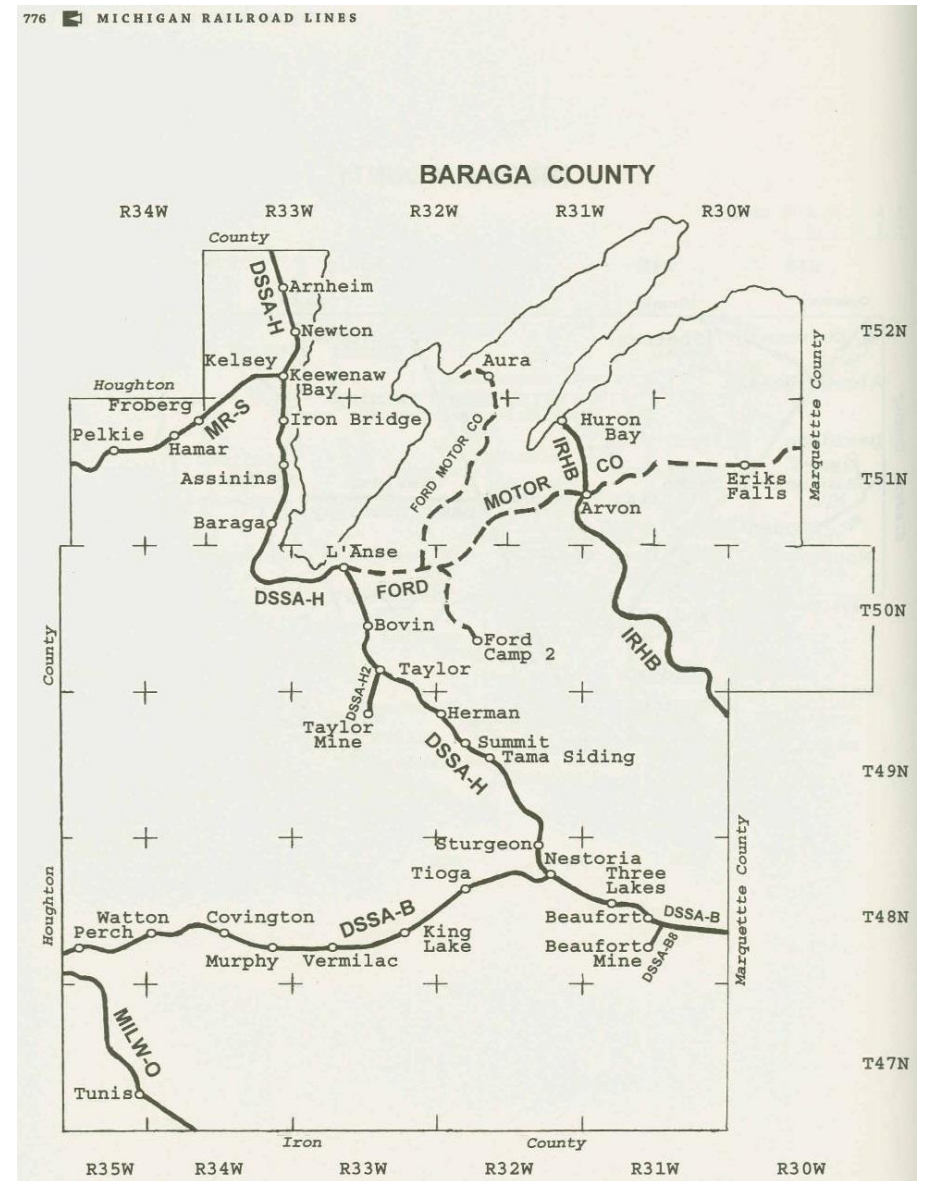
**MARBLEHEAD SPUR (SOO-A5)**

	MILEAGE	COUNTY	CROSSINGS, JUNCTIONS, ETC.
Marblehead Spur	0	Schoolcraft	J/SOO-A 393.1
White Marble Lime Co.	1.5	"	(sec 35 T42N R15W)

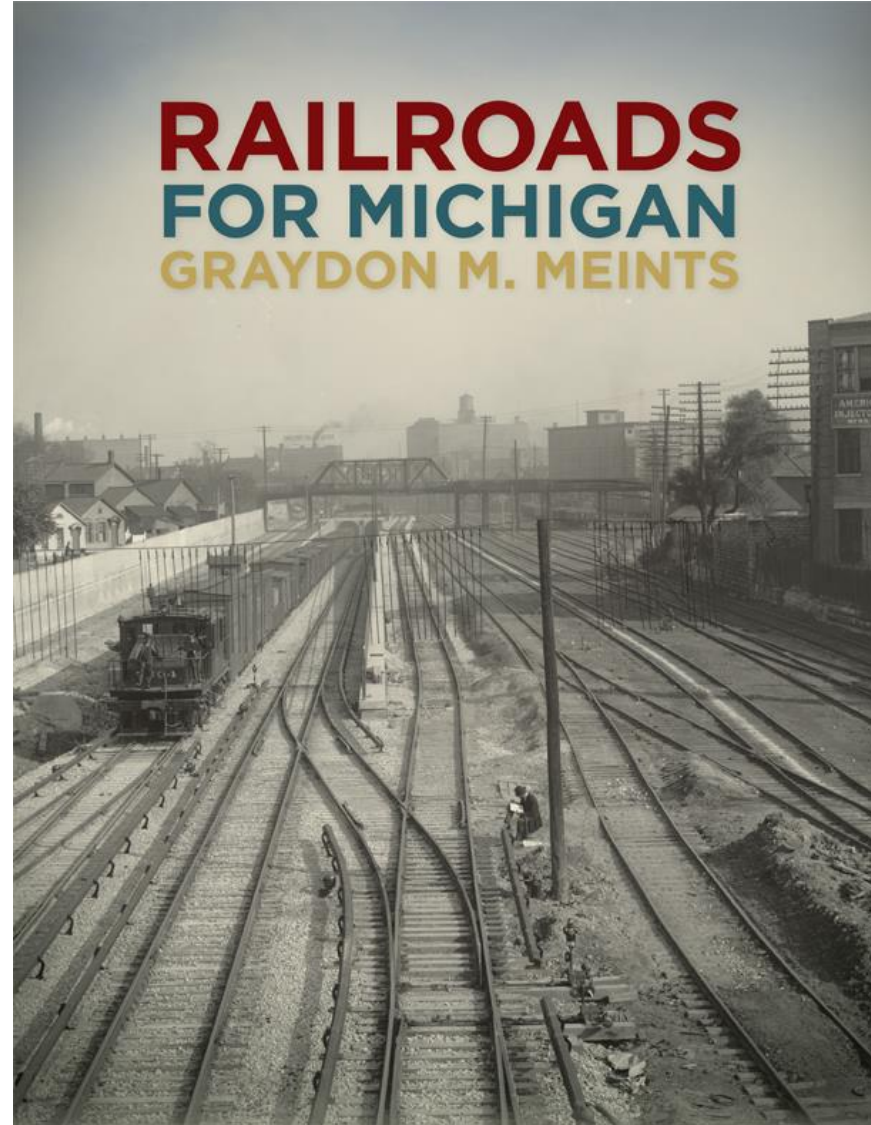
**CONSTRUCTION/ABANDONMENT**

DATE	ACT	END POINTS	MP	CHANGE	MAIN	SOURCE	NOTE
1893	B3	MP 0-MP 1.4	0-1.4	+1.4	1.4	1	
1915	B3	MP 1.4-MP 1.5	1.4-1.5	+0.1	1.5	1	
1930 ca.	X	Line	0-1.5	-1.5	0		

**OWNERSHIP**  
1893 Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway (B3)

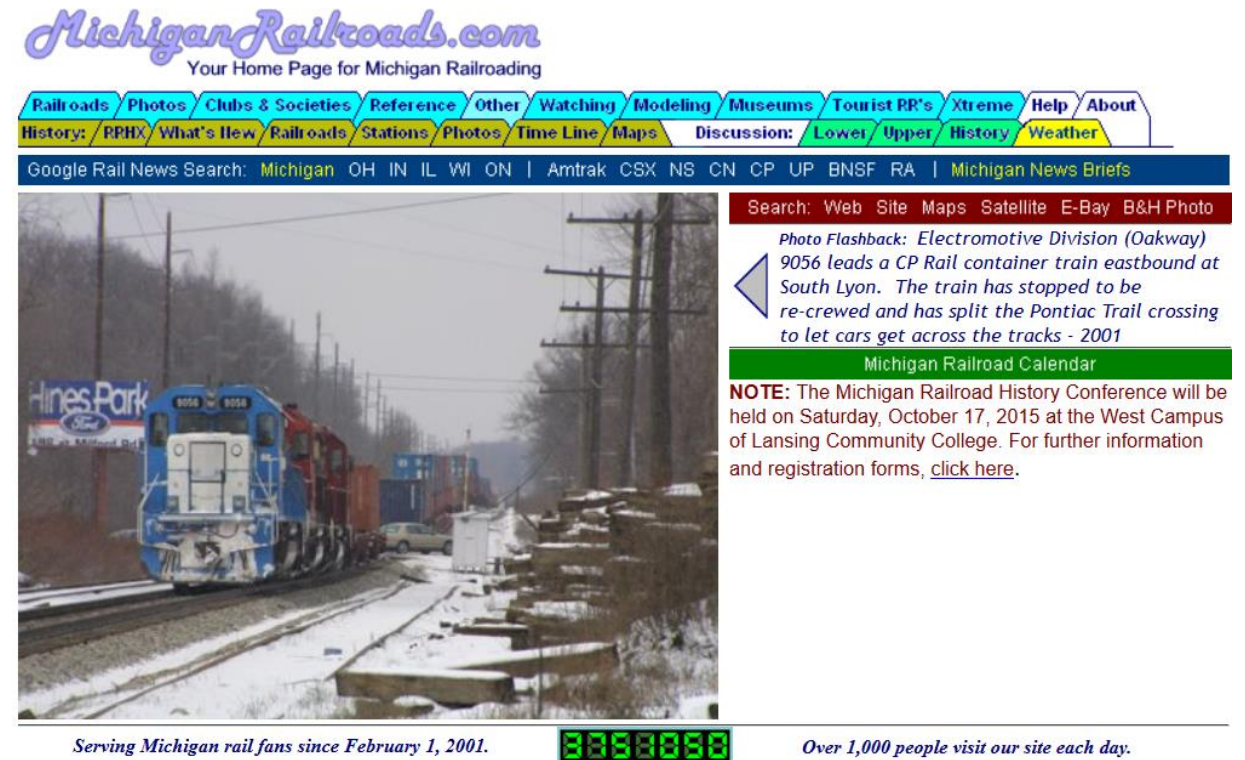


Railroads for Michigan. Graydon Meints, 2013.



# <http://www.michiganrailroads.com/index.htm>

- Michiganrailroads.com. Yes, this is a website!
- Timelines of Michigan railroads
- County maps (based on Graydon Meints' work—his influence is all through this website)
- Extensive bibliography
- Discussion boards—both Lower and Upper Peninsulas.



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Photo Flashback: Electromotive Division (Oakway) 9056 leads a CP Rail container train eastbound at South Lyon. The train has stopped to be re-crewed and has split the Pontiac Trail crossing to let cars get across the tracks - 2001

Michigan Railroad Calendar

**NOTE:** The Michigan Railroad History Conference will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the West Campus of Lansing Community College. For further information and registration forms, [click here](#).

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# Logging Railroads

- In addition to Meints' 1992 work, Forrest Meek & Carl Bajema's 1991 work **Michigan's logging railroad era, 1850-1963: a selected and annotated bibliography**. Clare, Mich: Edgewood Press.
  - A tantalizing list of additional loggers to research.
- From Logging Railroads of the West: *"It's often easier to retrace the right of way of an abandoned logging road through the second growth than it is to track down its vital statistics. Some of the log-haulers steamed into history with no printed evidence of their existence. Only a few of them reached the status which required reporting to a government agency"*

# Current (2014) Picture

- For a current look at the economics of railroads in the Upper Peninsula, watch Pasi Luatala's presentation "Upper Peninsula Freight Rail Study".

<http://mediasite.nmu.edu/NMUMediasite/Play/d5b2aa25c6314a6dbd0315112dcfb2e11d>

# There is no one single source

- Search for the names of the individual railroads--their names and former names. (library catalogs, worldcat, the Internet--there are a lot of railfan books that never make it to a library catalog and there are scads of websites dedicated in various degrees of detail to specific railroads or about railroads; many include bibliographies).
- Railroad historical and technical societies. The UP is fortunate in this regard.
- Back out and search for railroads (or railways) at the state or regional or local level (this might include "upper peninsula" as well as "northern michigan" and perhaps wisconsin, "north woods", "great lakes", midwest, even "middle west").
- Transportation history.
- History of an industry (logging, lumber, mining, quarrying, etc) or a specific company.
- History of a place (county, township, city, village, etc).
- Locomotives—there are websites dedicated to specific locomotive manufacturers and who bought and sold their product.
- A specific person.
- Local newspapers (unfortunately many are not indexed).
- Old maps (may or may not be about transportation).
- And visits to locales--city or village planning offices, libraries and archives, county assessors. There are online bibliographies loaded with publications to mine.
- Be prepared to dig within a resource for your topic as it might not be prominently mentioned.

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