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Cram's New Sectional Map of the State of Minnesota... 1878.

Stock#: 51466
Map Maker: Cram

Date: 1878
Place: Chicago
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 31 x 37 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Very attractive and detailed large format folding map of Minnesota, separately issued by George F. Cram in 1878.

An early and impressive Cram publication, substantially updated from his first separate map of Minnesota.

Cram published his "Sectional Map of Minnesota" in the early 1870s, with the "New Sectional Map..." taking over in the middle of the decade. That earlier iteration neglected to include the northeastern and northwestern corners of the state. What were in-progress railroads ten years earlier, have, in this edition, been replaced by definite routes across the western plains.

Interestingly, even with this updated version of the map, Cram still has not included all of the state; the inholding in the Lake of the Woods is not shown, nor is the northeast corner with Grand Portage.

The "New Sectional Map" was published into the 1880s, typically with several issues each year, each changing out publisher information below the line "Engraved From Official Draughts of each County". Some of these were published in St. Paul.

The northern quarter of the state, above Leech Lake (here "Leach Lake"), has yet to be surveyed in detail.



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A large "Unceded Indian Land" reservation stretches from south of Red Lake to the Canadian border. The Red Lake Reservation would later be substantially balkanized.

Much more accurate surveys of the Minnesota-Canada border had been conducted as early as the 1820s, however, they were not widely available and here Cram relies on rather crude information.

While these maps were issued in large commercial runs, they very rarely appear on the market. This is the first example of the map that we have had in over 25 years of business.

Detailed Condition:

Small tears at a few intersecting folds. Covers separated but present.