

CHAPTER 118.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MINNESOTA WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, APPROVED MARCH THIRD (3d) ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE (1853) AND THE ACTS AMENDATORY THEREOF," APPROVED FEBRUARY FOURTH (4th), A. D. ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY (1870).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of an act entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Minnesota Western Railroad Company, approved March third (3d) one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three (1853), and the acts amendatory thereof," approved February fourth (4th) A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy (1870), be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said section one (1), at the end thereof, the following words, namely: "And the said railroad company is also authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and operate a branch line of railway from any point upon the main line, in Hennepin county, or any branch of its railway, to a point upon the westerly line of the State of Minnesota, with a branch or branches running from any point or points upon the said railway extending to the said westerly state line, either northwesterly or southwesterly from such point or points.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 4, 1881.

CHAPTER 119.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE ST. PAUL GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section three (3) of chapter eighty-four (84) of the Special Laws of this State, passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (1866), the same being an amendment to section thirteen (13) of the charter of the St. Paul gas light company, be amended by inserting therein, after the words "and

furnishing a working capital for said company," and before the words "they may issue and sell the bonds of the company." the following words, viz: "from time to time, or of discharging any debts or liabilities which it has heretofore incurred or may hereafter incur in the prosecution or conduct of its business, or in the administration of its affairs."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1881.

CHAPTER 120.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO ALLOW THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL TO LAY OUT A LEVEE AND STREET," APPROVED MARCH 8th, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE (1879).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of an act entitled "an act to allow the common council of the city of St. Paul to lay out a levee and street, approved March 8th, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The municipal corporation of the city of Saint Paul is hereby authorized to appropriate and condemn whatever land and real estate that it may deem necessary for the opening, extending and widening a street or levee along the Mississippi river throughout its entire length within the sixth ward of said city of St. Paul, and to levy assessment therefor upon the property fronting upon such improvement or upon the property to be benefited by such improvement without regard to the cash valuation as now provided by law for other local improvements in the city of St. Paul. *Provided, however,* that whenever the board of public works shall be required by an order of the common council to report upon the necessity and propriety of such improvement, if in the opinion of the board of public works, property cannot be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby, they shall so report and to what an amount of the costs, property cannot be found benefited to pay for such improvements and if the amount does not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) dollars for the entire improvement, the common council may by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of all the members elect, order a part of the damages, costs and expenses incurred in the opening, extending and widening said levee or street as aforesaid, to be paid out of the