

and keep good substantial boat or boats at said ferry, sufficient to accommodate the public travel.

Sec. 4. If any other person or persons shall after the establishing of said ferry as aforesaid set up, keep or maintain any ferry, or shall carry any persons, goods or chattels for hire or pay across said Lake, from any place on the Minnesota shore, within the points above specified. Every such person, shall for every such offense, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars (\$10) to be recovered with costs of suit in any court of this State having cognizance thereof, by any person who shall or may prosecute the same.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5th, 1881.

#### CHAPTER 184.

AN ACT to authorize the city of St. Paul to purchase certain lots for public purposes.

Whereas, It is represented that a very large number of the citizens of St. Paul deem it very desirable that the property lying on the south side of 3d Street, between the Capitol Mills and Market street in the third ward of said city, should be secured to the city, as a public park.

And whereas, The chamber of commerce of said city after examination into the merits of said proposed purchase have recommended that the delegation in the legislature from the city of St. Paul secure the passage of such legislation as will authorize the purchase of said lots as herein after described by the city of St. Paul. Therefore

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

SECTION. 1 The common council of the city of St. Paul is hereby authorized by a three-fourths (¾) vote of all members elect to issue the bonds of the city of St. Paul to an amount not to exceed thirty-six thousand (\$36,000) dollars for the purpose of purchasing lots numbered three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6) seven (7) eight (8) in block number twenty (20), Rice and Irvin's addition to the city of St. Paul, for a public park or look-out. Said bonds shall draw interest at a rate not to exceed five (5) per cent. per annum, and shall be payable at such time and place as the common council may order and determine, and which shall not be sold for less than par.

*Provided*, however that none of said bonds shall be issued until

all the foregoing property has been contracted for at a price not to exceed thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars, or if the contract price shall exceed said sum of thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars, then that the excess shall have been made up, collected and paid into the city treasury as a bonus to aid in the purchase of said property, to make up any deficiency over and above said thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars.

*Provided*, That before any of the bonds authorized by this act are issued, the proposition to issue the same shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the city of St. Paul, at the next general city election in May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one (1881). The ballot to be issued thereat shall have printed or written thereon, or partly written or printed the words, "For the issue of park bonds," or the words, "Against the issue of park bonds;" said votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes for city officers are canvassed, and the result thereof announced, and if upon such official canvass it be found that a majority of the votes cast upon that subject are in favor of the issue of said bonds, then the issue of said bonds shall be lawful, and said bonds so issued shall be lawful for all intent and purposes.

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

Approved March 8, 1881.

## CHAPTER 185.

AN ACT to authorize the construction of a free bridge across the St. Croix river in Chisago county, and to appropriate money to aid in the construction thereof.

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

SECTION 1. That John Dean, Joel G. Ryder, and E. McCutchen, of the county of Chisago, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, whose duty it shall be to cause the construction of a suitable wagon bridge across the St. Croix river, at or near the site of the present ferry, on the north branch and Polk county, Wisconsin, wagon road, to adopt plans for the same, and to contract for and superintend the construction of said bridge.

SEC. 2. That said commissioners shall severally or jointly give bond to the State of Minnesota in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), with sureties to be approved by the judge of the district court of the first (1st) judicial district, conditioned for the faithful application all of moneys that may come into their hands under the provisions of this act, for the purpose of constructing