

## CHAPTER 196.

AN ACT to authorize the draining of a certain lake in Wright County.

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

SECTION 1. G. P. Gould, John A. Johnson, James Dewns, C. E. Carter, and such other persons as they may associate with them, are hereby authorized to drain a certain lake within the corporate village of Howard Lake, in Wright county, known as Mud Lake.

SEC. 2. That in order to carry out the provisions of this act, the persons named are authorized to lower the waters of a certain lake known as Dutch Lake, situate in section two (2), three (3), ten (10) and eleven (11), in the town of Victor in said county, by opening a ditch along the natural outlet of said Dutch Lake, of sufficient depth to drain the lake named in section one (1); *provided*, that said Dutch Lake shall not be lowered exceeding two feet.

*Provided*, the consent of all the persons owning land on the shore of Dutch Lake shall be obtained in writing and filed in the office of the register of deeds of Wright county.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 25. 1881.

## CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT to authorize the construction of a railway across the Bay of Duluth, and granting lands under the water in aid thereof.

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

SECTION. 1. That the common council of the village of Duluth may, by ordinance or resolution and on such terms and conditions as may be deemed advisable, authorize the construction of a railway across the bay of Duluth, on or near a line extending from the center of Spruce street, on Rice's Point, to the center of Chambers street, on Minnesota Point. Such railway to be of the standard gauge and to have one opening through it not less than a hundred (100) feet wide, or two openings, each not less than eighty (80) feet wide, and which openings shall be spanned by a

drawbridge or drawbridges so arranged as to permit the free passage of all kinds of water craft navigating the bay. And the common council of the village of Duluth shall have power to make and enforce all needful rules and regulations for maintaining lights on such drawbridges and for opening the same for the passage of vessels during seasons of navigation, which rules and regulations shall be subject to revision by the legislature of the State of Minnesota.

SEC. 2. That to aid in the construction of said railway, there is hereby granted to the village of Duluth the right of way over the land under the water within one hundred and fifty (150) feet on each side of said line, between the established dock-line on Rice's Point and the established dock-line on Minnesota Point; that is to say, a strip of land three hundred (300) feet in width between said points. This grant may be revoked by the legislature of the State of Minnesota unless a railway, with a drawbridge or drawbridges, shall be constructed across the bay of Duluth, in accordance with the provisions of section one (1) of this act, within ten (10) years after its passage, and shall also have authority to revoke the same if, after the construction of such railway and drawbridge, the same shall not be maintained in good working order and condition.

SEC. 3. The common council of the village of Duluth shall have authority to grant, or to contract to grant, to other parties a right of way over any or all the lands herein granted; but no such grant or contract shall be valid to transfer any title to or easement over any of said lands until a railway and drawbridge shall have been constructed, as provided in section one (1) of this act.

SEC. 4. When a railway has been constructed across the bay of Duluth, with a drawbridge as provided in section one (1) of this act, docks, warehouses, elevators and other structures may be erected on any part of the lands over which such easement is herein granted; *provided* no such structure shall in any manner obstruct any passage-way for vessels provided for in this act.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after the day of its passage.

Approved March 7, 1881.

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## CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT to authorize towns in Stearns county to pay a premium for wire fences.

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

SECTION 1. That there may be submitted to the legal voters of any of the towns of Stearns county, at any annual town meeting, the following proposition: