

come due to said contractor, and any and all amounts so paid by him shall be deemed a payment to such contractor.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after September first (1st), eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899).

Approved April 18, 1899.

H. F. No. 655.

CHAPTER 278.

John B. Culver and Sidney Luce, appropriation for relief of.

An act to appropriate money for the relief of John B. Culver and Sidney Luce and to reimburse them severally for moneys expended by them as commissioners of the State of Minnesota in the matter of the harbor system at the head of Lake Superior.

Whereas, John B. Culver and Sidney Luce were duly appointed commissioners for the State of Minnesota for the purpose of settling the controversy then existing and the suit then pending in the supreme court of the United States between the State of Minnesota and the State of Wisconsin over the harbor system at the head of Lake Superior, in which matter said commissioners rendered to the State of Minnesota great and valuable services; and,

Whereas, said commissioners in the execution of said commission went to the City of Washington, D. C., and expended considerable sums of their own money on account of their personal expenses incurred in said matter; and,

Whereas, neither of said commissioners has ever been reimbursed by the State of Minnesota, or otherwise, for the amounts so expended by them; therefore,

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

\$500 appropriated to compensate them for expenses as commissioners in Lake Superior harbor system.

SECTION 1. That the sum of five hundred (500) dollars shall be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse said commissioners for the moneys so expended by them respectively in said matter; that said Sidney Luce, or his personal representatives, shall receive the sum of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars of said amount and Charles W. Culver, as executor of the estate of John B. Culver, deceased, shall receive the sum of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars of said amount.

Provided, that this shall be in full settlement of all claims.

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

Approved April 18, 1899.

CHAPTER 279.

H. F. No. 600.

An act providing for the purchase of land by cities having fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants or more, to be used for the purposes of public parks, where the quantity of land so sought to be appropriated exceeds fifteen (15) acres, and providing for the condemnation of the same to park purposes, and for making compensation therefor.

Public park
in cities of
50,000.

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

SECTION 1. That cities having a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more be and the same are, in addition to all powers now possessed, hereby authorized and empowered by a two-thirds (3) vote of their respective councils, and the concurrence of the board of park commissioners of such cities, to purchase lands for public parks containing more than fifteen (15) acres and to pay for the same out of any money in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated; *provided*, the amount of moneys so expended in any one (1) year shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars, which sum shall be included in the tax levy either for a single year, or may be divided into four (4) equal parts and be included in the tax levy for the four (4) succeeding years as the common council shall determine, but no contract or expenditure under this act shall be made for any public park while compensation for the land previously purchased for a public park remains unpaid.

Empowered
to purchase
lands for
parks upon
two-thirds
vote of coun-
cil and con-
currence of
park board.

Not to expend
over \$50,000 a
year; tax levy
for.

SEC. 2. Cities having fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants or more may, in addition to all powers now possessed, acquire lands for public parks that shall contain more than fifteen (15) acres by condemnation proceedings, and in acquiring such lands for such parks shall proceed in the same manner now provided by law for the acquisition of rights of way by corporations having the franchise of way for public use, and the damages sustained by the owners of land so appropriated to public use as public parks containing more than fifteen (15) acres shall be

Empowered
to acquire
parks by con-
demnation.
Cost to be
paid by city,
not exceeding
\$50,000 per
year.