

lanes, alleys, avenues and public grounds upon the property fronting upon such improvement, as hereafter designated

SEC. 3. That section four (4) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (1897) be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4, c. 50,
Laws 1897,
amended.

SEC. 4. Before any proceedings are had by the council, said council shall each year, by ordinance, determine what territory in said city shall be sprinkled and may divide such territory into one or more sprinkling districts, accurately describing the boundary lines of each district; each district so determined shall be designated by number, and thereafter all reference to such district by number shall be deemed a sufficient designation. Said ordinance shall further provide for all supervision and inspection of said work, and shall designate what officer or officers of said city shall supervise and inspect said work, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor, and shall accurately determine the powers and duties of such officer or officers with reference to all sprinkling contracts awarded by the city council.

City may be
divided into
districts to be
known by
number.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1899.

CHAPTER 281.

H. F. No. 453.

An act to transfer the assets belonging to the reform school fund to the general revenue fund of the state, and to provide for the payment of certain loan certificates issued by the board of managers of the state reform school; and care and sale of the old reform school lands known as "D. W. Ingersoll's addition to St. Paul."

State reform
school.

Whereas, By chapter two hundred and fifty-eight (258) of General Laws for eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), the board of managers of the state reform school were authorized to and did borrow money for the purposes of said school, and issued therefor certain certificates of indebtedness for the payment of which and of the annual interest thereon the revenues expected to be derived from the sales of certain lands belonging to the state were appropriated and set aside as a special fund for that purpose; and,

Whereas, Nearly all of the purchasers of said lands have abandoned the same and defaulted in their pay-

ments thereon, whereby said lands have been forfeited and have reverted to the state; and by reason thereof the said special fund so set aside for the payment of such loan certificates and interest is practically exhausted, and is and will be insufficient to meet even the annual installments of interest accruing upon said certificates; and,

Whereas, The state is now in default in the payment of such interest, therefore,

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

Appropriation
to pay loan
certificates of
\$115,000.

SECTION 1. To provide for the payment of certain loan certificates to the amount of one hundred and fifteen thousand (115,000) dollars issued by the board of managers of the state reform school in accordance with the provisions of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight (258) of the General Laws of Minnesota for eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), there is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund of the state a sum sufficient to meet such obligations as they mature, and the annual interest thereon as it becomes payable.

Care of old
reform school
lands trans-
ferred to state
auditor.

SEC. 2. The care and control of the old reform school lands, known as "D. W. Ingersoll's addition to St. Paul," heretofore devolving upon the board of managers of the reform school, is hereby transferred to the state auditor, ex-officio commissioner of the state land office; and the said board of managers are accordingly directed to deposit all books, papers and records of every description pertaining to such lands with the state auditor.

Assets of re-
form school
transferred to
general revenue
fund.

SEC. 3. To reimburse the general revenue fund of the state for the moneys therefrom appropriated by this act the following assets of the reform school fund are hereby assigned and transferred to said revenue fund:

First—All money in the state treasury to the credit of said reform school fund.

Second—All sums now due or to become due for lots in said D. W. Ingersoll's addition to St. Paul heretofore sold or leased.

Third—All platted and unplatted lots and lands in said D. W. Ingersoll's addition to St. Paul not sold or contracted to be sold, and all such lots and lands as are now or may hereafter be forfeited to the state for the non-payment of principal or interest as provided in the contracts of sale thereof.

Governor,
state treasurer
and state
auditor consti-
tuted a board
to dispose of
assets. Man-
ner of disposal

SEC. 4. The governor, state treasurer and state auditor are hereby created and constituted a board for the sale and disposal of the said lots and lands hereby transferred to said revenue fund. Such property may be by

them sold and disposed of from time to time whenever said board are unanimously of the opinion that it would be advantageous so to do. Before any sale thereof the property shall be appraised by three (3) appraisers to be selected by said board. No lot or tract shall be sold for less than its appraised value. The payments shall be the same as is provided by law for the sale of school lands. All the proceeds of such sales shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the state. And the said board are hereby empowered to enter into an agreement with the City of St. Paul to establish a house line on the lots in said tract fronting on Lexington avenue, thirty (30) feet back from said avenue, within (between) which line and said avenue no houses or other structures shall be built, in order to aid in beautifying said avenue, if in the opinion of said board this arrangement will increase the saleable value of said lots.

SEC. 5. The said board by section four (4) of this act created are hereby authorized and empowered to redeem, pay and cancel the said loan certificates at any time after the same become payable, or to pay off or issue new certificates for or continue and extend the time of payment of the same at a reduced rate of interest, not exceeding four (4) per cent per annum, as in their judgment may seem best for the state. These certificates are hereby declared to be a proper investment for the permanent school fund, and the board of investment created by section ten (10), chapter one hundred and sixty-three (163), General Laws eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), is authorized to make such investment, if it is deemed advisable, at a rate of not less than three (3) per cent interest.

Board empowered to pay and cancel loan certificates.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1899.

CHAPTER 282.

H. F. No. 640.

An act to appropriate the sum of seven hundred and sixty-two and eighty-eight one-hundredths (762 88-100) dollars, to reimburse Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen, their successors or assigns, for interest due and damages sustained by reason of an illegal sale by the state of certain school lands in St. Louis county.

School lands. Reimbursement of Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen for illegal sale of.