

"8. To appropriate to any county agricultural society of its county, which is a member of the state agricultural society, a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars annually, *provided, that in any county in which two county agricultural societies are members of the state agricultural society any appropriation so made shall be divided equally between them.*"

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

Approved April 24, 1913.

CHAPTER 479—H. F. No. 394.

An Act entitled "An Act to locate and establish the sixth state fish hatchery in St. Louis or Lake county, to be designated the Lake Superior state fish hatchery, and to empower, authorize and direct the board of game and fish commissioners of the state of Minnesota to acquire a site therefor and to equip, develop and maintain the same, and to appropriate money therefor."

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

Section 1. **Lake Superior state fish hatchery.**—That the sixth state fish hatchery for the cultivation and propagation of fish under the laws of this state, shall be, and the same is hereby located in the county of St. Louis or Lake upon a suitable stream emptying into Lake Superior, and the same shall be known as Lake Superior state fish hatchery.

Sec. 2. **Management of game and fish commission.**—The said Lake Superior state fish hatchery shall be subject to the control and management of the board of game and fish commissioners of the state of Minnesota, as said board now exists by virtue of the laws of this state.

Sec. 3. **Commission to acquire site and erect buildings.**—The said board of game and fish commissioners of the state of Minnesota are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, to select, locate and acquire, by purchase or by deed of gift, or by condemnation as provided under Chapter 43 of the Laws of Minnesota for 1905, in the name and on behalf of the state of Minnesota, a suitable and convenient site for said Lake Superior state fish hatchery, together with all real estate, water rights, right of way necessary and appurtenant for such site, provided, however, that if the site is obtained by purchase or gift that the grantor may reserve all mineral and mining rights under such restrictions and limitations as may be agreeable to said board.

Sec. 4. **Suitable site to be secured.**—As soon as practicable after the passage of this act the said state board of game and fish commissioners shall, and are hereby directed, to examine all suit-

able sites for the said Lake Superior state fish hatchery that may be offered or available and to select therefrom the most suitable site and to acquire the same and locate said hatchery thereon as hereinbefore provided, and to erect thereon all necessary buildings with the equipment, machinery, plant, conduits, dams and apparatus, grounds and dwellings requisite for the cultivation and propagation of fish and everything necessary to properly maintain and operate the same in the best and most efficient manner as the said board may determine.

Sec. 5. \$1,000 appropriated.—There is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund of the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars for the purpose of this act.

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CHAPTER 480—H. F. No. 538.

An Act providing for the taxation of sleeping car companies.

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

Section 1. What shall be deemed sleeping car company.—That every person, company, joint stock association or corporation, wherever organized or incorporated, owning, operating, renting, or leasing to other companies sleeping cars, tourist cars, drawing-room cars or parlor cars which are used on railroads within this state, and for which an extra fare is charged in addition to the railroad fare for transportation, shall be deemed a sleeping car company.

Sec. 2. Itemized statement of gross earnings to be made annually to tax commission and public examiner.—Five per cent tax.—Annually on or before February 1st of each year, every such sleeping car company shall make and furnish to the Minnesota tax commission, with a duplicate to the public examiner, an itemized statement, in such form as the public examiner, with the approval of the Minnesota tax commission, may prescribe, containing a true and just return of the gross earnings from owning, operating, renting or leasing such cars for and during the year ending December 31st preceding, verified by the person constituting such company, if a person, or by its president, secretary, treasurer, superintendent or chief officer in this state, if an association or corporation; and upon such gross earnings such sleeping car company shall pay into the state treasurer of this state, in lieu of all taxes and assessments upon all taxable property, of said company within this state, a sum of money equal to five per cent of the gross earnings derived from the owning, operating, renting or leasing of such sleeping cars, tourist cars, drawing-room cars or parlor cars, and such amounts shall become due and be payable to the state of Minnesota, on March 1st next thereafter.