

ected at the general election, held in and for the County of Mower, on the 14th day of October, A. D. 1856, are hereby ratified, legalized and confirmed, *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall have reference to the location of the County seat of said County, by the said Officers.

J. W. FURBER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN B. BRISBIN,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-six, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1857, }

I certify the above to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. J. McCULLOUGH,
Acting Secretary.

CHAPTER XV.

An Act to Incorporate the Saint Paul and Falls City Bridge Company.

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That J. R. Irvine, Wm. R. Marshall, A. L. Lar- Incorporation
penteur, C. H. Parker, J. W. Seeley, Stephen Denoy, Henry
Keith, Joel B. Bassett, D. E. Moulton, S. W. Case, J. R. Moul-
ton, John Rollins, J. G. Lennon, and their associates, assigns
and successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body
politic and corporate, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned,

by the name of the "St. Paul and Falls City Bridge Company," for the term of twenty years, and by that name, they and their successors shall be, and they are hereby made, capable in law to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend, answer and be answered in any court of record, and elsewhere, and to purchase and hold any real estate, personal or mixed, and the same to grant, sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of, for the benefit of said Company, to devise and keep a common seal, to make and enforce any by-laws not contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the United States, or of this Territory, and to enjoy all the privileges, franchises, and immunities incident to a corporation.

Capital stock

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said Company shall be thirty thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, and the Board of Directors shall have power at any time, whenever a majority in value of the stockholders shall deem the same advisable, to increase the said capital stock to an amount not exceeding in the whole, eighty thousand dollars.

Open books

SEC. 3. Any three of the individuals named in the first section of this act, shall have power and be authorized to cause books to be opened in the city of St. Paul, and such place in Hennepin County as they shall designate, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of said Company, first giving two weeks notice in any two newspapers published in the Territory, of the time and place of opening such books.

Authorized to call meeting.

SEC. 4. Whenever ten thousand dollars of the capital stock shall have been subscribed, and ten dollars upon each share so subscribed, shall have actually been paid in, any number of the said subscribers who shall represent a majority of the then subscription to said stock, shall be authorized to call a meeting of the several subscribers thereunto, by giving twenty days notice of the time and place of such meeting, in any two newspapers published in this Territory, and a majority of the subscribers who may be present at such meeting so called, shall have power, and be authorized, to elect a Board of seven Directors, from the stockholders of said Company.

President

SEC. 5. The Board of Directors thus chosen, shall proceed to elect one of their number as President of said Company, and shall also choose one person to act as both Treasurer and Secretary of said Company, and who shall give bonds to be approved by the President and Directors, to the said President and Directors in such penal sum as they may require, conditioned for the proper discharge of his duties as Secretary and Treasurer; and at such first meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, said President and Directors shall prepare and adopt a code of by-laws, for the regulation and government of the affairs of said Company, which may be altered or amended at any subsequent meeting of said Board of Directors, by a majority thereof.

SEC. 6. The said officers chosen as above provided, shall remain in their several offices until the first Monday in January following such election, upon which said Monday a meeting of the stockholders shall be held, and a Board of seven Directors shall be chosen, who shall remain in office for one year thereafter, and until others are chosen in their stead; and annually thereafter on the first Monday in January of each year, a meeting of the stockholders shall be held, and a board of seven Directors chosen for the ensuing year; *Provided*, that a majority of the Board of Directors shall have power, to fill any vacancy that may occur for any cause in said Board for the remainder of the term; *Provided, also*, that the President of said Company shall be chosen from the seven Directors thereof, and a Treasurer shall always be chosen by the said Board of Directors according to the provisions of this act.

Board of Directors

SEC. 7. The President of the Company shall have power to call a meeting of the stockholders at any time, by giving two weeks notice of the time and place of holding such meeting, in any two newspapers published in this Territory; and any four of the Board of Directors, or a majority in value of the stockholders, shall have like power to call such meeting in like manner; *Provided*, that the duties and power of the said President, Secretary and Treasurer, not in this act specially set forth, shall be specified and prescribed in the by-laws adopted by the Board of Directors, according to the provisions of the fifth section of this act.

President may call meeting

SEC. 8. The Board of Directors shall have power to fix the time and place of their meetings, the compensation of all officers of the Company, and define their duties, to regulate the government of all meetings of their Board, and generally shall have power to do all acts for the benefit and purposes of said Company, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Compensation of officers.

SEC. 9. Every share shall be entitled to one vote, and at any meeting for the choice of Directors, the seven stockholders having the highest number of votes cast, shall be elected Directors; at every meeting of the Board of Directors for the choice of President, the Director having the highest number of votes cast shall be President; *Provided*, that at any meeting of the stockholders a majority in value shall constitute a quorum, with power to transact business, and at any meeting of the Board of Directors, any four of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Election

SEC. 10. The said Company shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and keep a Bridge across the Mississippi River, of such materials as the stockholders shall deem expedient to be erected across said river, at or near the crossing of the Territorial Road, located from St. Paul, in Ramsey County, to Lake Calhoun, in Hennepin County, by an act of the Legislature passed in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four; *Pro-*

Toll

vided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize the said Company in any manner to obstruct the free passage of all water crafts, rafts or timber, or in any manner to interfere with any sluice for logs or lumber; *Provided, also*, that said Bridge Company, or their agents, shall be obliged upon the tender of toll as prescribed by law, by any person or persons, at all times, permit said person or persons to pass, with or without teams or cattle, at the option of said person or persons, under the penalty of twenty dollars for every such refusal, and such damage as may be sustained by such person or persons, in consequence of such refusal, said penalty to be recovered by any person suing therefor before any court having jurisdiction of the same.

No other bridge SEC. 11. No other bridge shall be established within one mile of that erected by the St. Paul and Falls City Bridge Company, during the existence of this charter.

SEC. 12. The said Bridge shall, after the period of thirty-five years, become the joint property of the counties of Ramsey and Hennepin, and shall thereafter be a free bridge, and shall be kept in repair by said counties; *Provided*, that if a railroad track shall be laid on said Bridge, previous to the expiration of said period, said railroad company or companies shall have control of so much of said Bridge as may be required for the business of said railroad company or companies.

Commence, and finish SEC. 13. The said Bridge shall be commenced within two years, and finished within four years from the passage hereof, on failure whereof, all the privileges conferred by this act shall be forfeited.

Rates of Toll SEC. 14. The rates charged for crossing said bridge shall not exceed the following for the first fifteen years after the same is completed:

For each foot passenger,	- - - - -	10 cents.
For each horse, mare, mule, with or without rider,	- - - - -	15 "
For each two horse, two mule or two ox team, loaded or unloaded, with driver,	- - - - -	25 "
For each single horse carriage,	- - - - -	25 "
For each additional cow or ox,	- - - - -	10 "
For each swine or sheep,	- - - - -	2 "

May regulate SEC. 15. The Legislature shall have the right of limiting the rates of toll, after the expiration of five years after the completion of said Bridge, so far as to admit of passage over it.

SEC. 16. The stockholders of the St. Paul and Falls City Bridge Company, shall be individually liable for any legal demands against said Company, to the amount of stock held by such stockholder.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February nineteen, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1857. }

I certify the above to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. J. McCULLOUGH,
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CHAPTER XVI.

An Act to Incorporate the Town of La Crescent.

- SECTION 1. Incorporation.
2. Change names of Streets.
 3. Elect Officers—Who shall be Town Council.
 4. Judges and Clerks of Election—Duties, &c.
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 13. Authorized to assess Tax— Notice to be given.
 14. How collected—Power to sell.
 15. Books and other property to be delivered to successor.
 16. Compensation of Officers.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That so much of the County of Houston and Territory of Minnesota as has been surveyed platted and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for said county, under the name and style of Manton, Gillett's First Addition to Manton, Moore and Peterson's Addition to Manton, and also so much thereof as has been surveyed, platted and recorded in said Register's office under the name of La Crescent, and all territory or lands adjoining and lying within one fourth of a mile of the above limits, except that lying north of Moore and Peterson's Addition, be, and the same is created and declared to be an incorporated town by the name of La Crescent.

Incorporation

SEC. 2. The names of certain streets in the above limits are hereby changed as follows:—The name of Main street to that of Mississippi Avenue; the name of Gillet street to that of Walnut street; the name of Mercer street to that of Chestnut; and the name of Lancaster street to that of Sycamore street.

Names of streets

SEC. 3. That for the good order and government of said town it shall be lawful for the male inhabitants thereof, hav-

Elect officers