arrearages shall be collected in the same manner as contingent charges of the county are levied and collected. Such road tax, when collected, shall be paid to the town treasurer of the proper town, upon the certificate of the auditor of the county, and shall be applied by the supervisors of the town in the construction of roads and bridges, to be paid by the town treasurer, upon the order of the supervisors.

SEC. 2. All public highways now laid out, or hereafter laid out in this State, shall be deemed and held to be vacated, unless said highways are opened and worked within three years after the same were laid out.

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

Approved March 4, 1864.

## CHAPTER XLIX.

## An Act concerning the execution and acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments in the British Provinces in North America.

SECTION 1. All deeds and other instruments extended in the British provinces, intended for this Siste, may be acknowledged before any officer in such provinces so anthorized to do-mail officer to attach extificate thereto.

- In case before any officer not having a seal of office, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the Province to give certificate of the qualifications of such person.
- 3. All conveyances, so acknowledged, are hereby declared logal and valid.
- 4. When act to take effect.

Beitenacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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which may be executed in any of the British Provinces AD deeds, etc., in in North America, and which may be intended to have staded for this State, may be as effect within this State, may be acknowledged before knowledged before any officer in such provinces authorized to take the ac- used to do so-cerknowledgment of deeds, and the officer before whom tifents to be atany deed or other instrument shall be so acknowledged shall attach thereto a certificate, under his scal of office, which shall certify that such deed or other instrument has been executed in all respects according to the laws of the province wherein it was so executed.

SEC. 2. In case any acknowledgment shall be made, as provided in the preceding section, before any officer not having a seal of office, then, in that case, in case the officer there shall be attached to the deed or other instru- not having seal of ment so acknowledged, the certificate of the Governor of said or Secretary of the Province, or of some other proper province certifying officer, certifying that the officer taking the acknowledgment was duly authorized to take the same, and that the deed or other instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the Province wherein it is executed.

SEC. 3. That all conveyances of land in this State, or letters of attorncy to convey the same, heretofore conveyances so made in the district of Assinoboin, in the territory of declared legal the Hudson's Bay Company, in British America, and acknowledged before W. McTavish, Governor of said district, shall be, and are hereby declared to be legal and valid instruments, and entitled to record in the county where said land is situated, and such conveyance shall be sufficient in law to convey the title to the same.

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

Approved February 6, 1864.

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