

CHAPTER XXIII.

March 6, 1871. *An Act to provide for the disposal of unclaimed goods by Railroad Companies in this State.*

- SECTION 1. When Railroad Company may disposed of unclaimed goods—in case of perishable property, how to proceed.
2. Disposition of proceeds arising from such sale.
 3. Provisions of this act extended over property heretofore received.
 4. When act to take effect.

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

Disposition of unclaimed goods.

SECTION 1. Whenever any railroad company doing business in this state, shall have received personal property for transportation upon or over its road, and shall have transported the same in accordance with the terms upon which it was so received, and the same shall have remained in the possession of such company for one year thereafter, such company may sell the same at public auction, at its principal place of business in this state, upon a notice describing the property or packages to be sold, and specifying the time and place of sale, to be published at least once in each week for four successive weeks, immediately preceding the day of sale, in a newspaper printed in the county wherein such principal place of business of the company is situated, and to be posted at least two weeks prior to the day of sale, at the station to which the property was so transported as aforesaid. Provided, that if property so received and transported be perishable, or liable to speedy decay, the same, when necessary to avoid loss, may be sold by the company at any time without notice, and at private sale.

Disposal of proceeds arising from such sale.

SEC. 2. The proceeds of all sales made under the authority of this act, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied to the payment of all the reasonable charges of the company thereon, including the expenses of the sale; and the surplus, if any, shall be held and retained by the company subject to the order of the owner

of the property sold, and payable to him on demand and reasonable proof of such ownership.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this act shall extend as well to property heretofore received and transported by any railroad company in this state, as to property that may hereafter be so received and transported.

Have jurisdiction over goods heretofore received.

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

When act to take effect.

Approved March 6, 1871.

CHAPTER XXIV.

An Act to regulate the carrying of freight and passengers on all railroads in this State.

March 6, 1871

SECTION 1. Legal rates to be charged for the transportation of freight over the line of any railroad in this State.

1. On all grain, potatoes, flour, meal, beef, pork, and meats of all kinds.
2. Upon timber, lumber, laths, shingles, coal and salt.
3. Upon dry goods and other articles of merchandise.
4. Upon sugar in barrels and other articles of merchandise,
5. Upon wood.
2. Rate of passenger tariff.
3. No charge for handling or transferring freight—when authorized to charge for storage.
4. To receive freight of all kinds above mentioned when brought for transportation—to make no discrimination between warehouses of private individuals and those owned by the company.
5. Payments for passengers may be demanded in advance—for freight on delivery.
6. How to proceed in case freight passes over two or more lines of road.
7. To transport freight within a reasonable time, &c.
8. All lines of roads declared public highways—penalty for non-compliance with provisions of this act.
9. Declared to be maximum rates—when railroad deemed to have misused its power—duty of Attorney General.
10. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any railroad com-