seventy-eight (178) of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

Approved February 21, 1873.

CHAPTER XLVIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT TO ENABLE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RAMSEY COUNTY TO LAY OUT CERTAIN AVENUES, AND TO REGULATE THE PROCEEDINGS THEREIN.

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

SECTION 1.   That the first section of an act entitled "An act to enable the commissioners of Ramsey county to lay out certain avenues, and to regulate the proceedings therein," approved February twenty six, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and numbered chapter nineteen of the special laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Section 1.   That whenever the owners of more than one-half the frontage along any section or quarter section line in Ramsey county shall petition the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county in writing, with the names of such owners signed thereto, open, lay out and establish an avenue as a public highway, not less than eighty or more than one hundred feet in width along such section or quarter section line, and whenever the owners of more than one-half the frontage along any public road now in existence or that may be hereafter established, less than eighty feet in width, shall in like manner petition the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county to widen, and if necessary to straighten such public road, and to open, lay out and establish the same as an avenue and public highway, not less than eighty nor more than one hundred feet in width, said board of county commissioners shall cause any such avenue so petitioned for to be surveyed and dedicated as a public highway, and shall proceed to open and widen and straighten the same, in accordance with the following provisions.

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

Approved March 10, 1873.

CHAPTER XLIX.

AN ACT ENTITLED A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEVERAL ACTS PROVIDING FOR THE OPENING OF SUMMIT AVENUE TO MISSISSIPPI AVENUE.

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

SECTION 1. That all that portion of the first section of the act entitled " An act to establish Summit avenue, in Ramsey county," approved March sixth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, following after the words " section four," be and the same is hereby stricken out, and the following inserted in its place and stead, viz. : And thence, by the most direct and feasible route, along the eastern bluff of the Mississippi river, till it connects in section thirty-one, town twenty-nine, and range twenty-three, with the road originally laid out by B. B. Meeker, and known as Mississippi avenue.

SEC. 2. That as soon as the damages and benefits arising from the opening of said Summit avenue, as aforesaid, shall have been assessed and determined, as provided in the act approved February twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish Summit avenue, in Ramsey county," approved March sixth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the counties in which said avenue shall be so established, as aforesaid, and they are hereby required to forthwith proceed to the opening and grading of the same to its full width, from the limits of the city of St. Paul to where it connects as aforesaid with said Mississippi avenue; and also to build such bridges and culverts as may be necessary to put said avenue in a suitable condition for public use. And should there not be sufficient funds appropriated by the county commissioners for that purpose, and to defray all necessary expenses connected with the opening and improving of said avenue, as aforesaid, the said county commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to raise the deficiency by assessing the same upon the property fronting on said avenue, between the points afore-