

sixteen and thirty-six, in every township of public lands in this state, and where either of said sections, or any part thereof, has been sold or otherwise disposed of, other lands, equivalent thereto and as contiguous as may be, shall be granted to said state for the use of schools;" and

WHEREAS, The said Winnebago Indian reservation included twenty sections of said school lands which had been "surveyed under the direction of the general government of the United States, preparatory to bringing said lands into market," prior to their occupancy by the Winnebago Indians; and

WHEREAS, The government of the United States, by and through its officers and agents, has, contrary to the best interests of the state of Minnesota, since such survey, sold and conveyed the said school lands to diverse persons, and taken and received compensation therefor, to the great damage of the common school fund of this state; therefore

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That congress be requested to pass a law appropriating twenty sections of other government lands in this state, as nearly equivalent in value to the said Winnebago Indian reservation lands as possible.

Resolved further, That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress at as early a day as practicable; and that said senators and representatives be requested to press this just and reasonable claim upon the attention of the national legislature at an early day.

Approved March 5, 1874.

NUMBER XXVI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER AND LAKE ST. CROIX.

WHEREAS, The St. Croix river and lake form a continuous navigable stream from the village of Taylor's Falls, in the state of Minnesota, to the City of Prescott, in the State of Wisconsin, where said Lake St. Croix empties into the Mississippi river; and

WHEREAS, Said St. Croix river and lake form the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the unobstructed navigation of said lake and river is of great importance to the inhabitants of both of said states, and absolutely necessary to the agricultural and lumbering interests of the several counties bordering on said lake and river, whose commerce now aggregates millions of dollars per annum, and that railway connections with the navigation at the city of Hudson, in the state of Wisconsin, and at the city of Stillwater, in the state of Minnesota, render free navigation of said lake and river of great importance to the general commercial interests of the people of both the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, There are obstructions to the free navigation of said river and lake, consisting of a sand-bar in said lake near the village of Afton, in said state of Minnesota, and a sand-bar in said lake, known as Willow River Bar, near the city of Hudson, in the state of Wisconsin; and that the obstructions to the free navigation of said river consist of snags in and trees leaning over the water in the bends of said river; also, abandoned piers sunk in the channel of said river, as well as a number of sand-bars between the head of Lake St. Croix and Taylor's Falls in said river, as to make said river nearly impassable for a large portion of the year, when the free navigation of said river is very desirable to a large population in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, above the city of Stillwater, who have no other public facilities for transportation or travel than that offered by the said St. Croix river; and

WHEREAS, Said obstruction to the free navigation of said river and lake can be removed at a small cost to the general government, by the use of the dredge boat used in the removal of sand-bars in the Mississippi river, near the mouth of said Lake St. Croix, and by the use of the snag boat employed for the purpose of removing snags on the Upper Mississippi river; now therefore.

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

That the senators and representatives of this state in congress be requested to use their influence to secure, at the present session of congress, such legislation as will provide for the improvement of the navigation of said St. Croix river and lake, at as early a date as may be practicable.

Approved March 9, 1874.