

CHAPTER CIII.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE BRANCH LINES OF THE MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. LOUIS RAILROAD [WAY] COMPANY.

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

SECTION 1. That the times for the commencement and completion of the branch lines of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway to Hutchinson in McLeod county, and to Sauk Centre in Stearns county or Alexandria or Evansville in Douglas county, be and the same are hereby extended for the period of five years from the times now limited by law, and the said branch line to Sauk Centre or Alexandria or Evansville is hereby authorized to be extended to Fergus Falls in Ottertail county, and thence to an intersection with the Saint Paul and Pacific and Northern Pacific railroads, and said branch lines may be constructed of such width of roadway as may be determined by the board of directors thereof, and if the said branch lines shall be commenced and completed within said five years, they shall be entitled to all the benefits of the acts relating thereto as fully as if the same had been commenced and completed within the times heretofore limited by law. *Provided*, That passengers and freight shall always be carried on said lines of railroad at such reasonable and equitable rates as may be from time to time fixed by law.

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

Approved March 3, 1874.

CHAPTER CIV.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MIDWAY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

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

SECTION 1. The Midway Improvement Company, a corporation

organized and existing under the laws of this state, is hereby authorized to remove obstacles from Midway Creek, in Carlton county, and to construct such dams, locks and other structures as may be necessary and proper in order to improve the navigability of said creek, and to facilitate the running of logs therein, and may construct, maintain and operate a boom or booms at such place or places in townships forty-eight and forty-nine, range sixteen west, in said Carlton county, as they may select. *Provided*, That said dams and booms shall be so constructed as not to hinder the free passage of rafts, boats or other watercrafts navigating said creek.

SEC. 2. The said company shall have power to acquire by purchase or otherwise title to any lands situated in the townships aforesaid, that may be deemed necessary for the improvements aforesaid, and in the conduct of its aforesaid business, and in case any part or parcel of said land not so purchased or leased, shall be necessary for the aforesaid purposes of said business, the said company shall have the right to enter upon and occupy such lands for the purpose of conducting the said business as in this act contemplated, upon proceeding in the manner prescribed by title one, of chapter thirty-four, of the general statutes, as amended for the condemnation of lands by the companies therein referred to; all of the provisions of which said title so far as they relate to the acquisition of the right of way are hereby made applicable to the said Improvement Company, for the purposes specified in this act. The said company is hereby authorized and required to receive and take into its custody all logs and timber which may run, come or be driven within the limits of the aforesaid township, and to boom, assort, secure and promptly deliver the same to their respective [several] owners. *Provided*, That all rafts of logs or timber made up above the limits of township forty-nine aforesaid, and destined for points south of township forty-eight aforesaid, shall be allowed free and unobstructed passage as is hereinbefore provided. As compensation for the improvement and boomage aforesaid, which shall also include the assorting and delivering of logs and timber, the said company shall be entitled to charge and collect sixty cents per thousand feet upon all logs and timber so borrowed [boomed] for the first five years, and until the legislature shall thereafter prescribe other reasonable rates for such service. *Provided*, That no logs or timber cut upon lands occupied by actual bona-fide settlers shall be subject to the operation of any of the provisions of this act.

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

Approved March 9, 1874.