

NUMBER XVI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO CONFER RELATIVE TO THE HARBOR AT WESTERN END OF LAKE SUPERIOR.

WHEREAS, The harbor formed by the Saint Louis river at the western end of Lake Superior is within the limits of both the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and both states are directly and equally interested in its proper improvement by the general government, to the end that it may be speedily fitted for use by the great commerce seeking that natural gateway to the northwest; and

WHEREAS, Unhappy differences have arisen between the state of Wisconsin and a municipality of this commonwealth as to the mode of such improvement, which tend to delay and defeat the realization of the result desired by both these communities, and to produce ill-feeling and misunderstandings between the sister states; and

WHEREAS, It will be in every way to the best interests of the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota to have an amicable arrangement of the pending differences and united efforts for the protection and improvement of our common harbor take the place of divided opinions and hostile movements; therefore

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That a committee of five, two from the senate and three from the house, be appointed to meet a similar committee, should one be appointed by the legislature of Wisconsin, and consider the questions at issue between the two states, making report to the legislature of their conclusions and recommendations in reference thereto.

Resolved, That the governor is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the governor of Wisconsin, with a request that it be laid before the legislature of that state.

Approved January 25, A. D. 1876.

 NUMBER XVII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TREASURER TO BORROW TEMPORARILY FROM THE GENERAL SCHOOL FUND TO PAY WARRANTS DRAWN ON THE REVENUE FUND.

WHEREAS, There are not now sufficient moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the revenue fund for expenses of the legislature; therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the state treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow temporarily from the general school fund, for the purpose of paying warrants drawn on the revenue fund for legislative, executive and judicial expenses, not exceeding sixty thousand dollars.

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NUMBER XVIII.

A MEMORIAL RELATIVE TO CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the legislature of the state of Minnesota, respectfully represent that the rapidly increasing agricultural products and other material developments in the northwest, demand greater facilities than now existing, in order that the products of this region may have a cheap, speedy and safe carriage, and transit during all seasons of the year, to the eastern Atlantic seaboard and the merchandise and other products of the east may be transported to the interior, without it being subjected to the exactions of private corporations, whose lines extending beyond the limits of this state, are not subject to proper legislative control and supervision.

That the state of Minnesota is now justly regarded as the greatest wheat producing state of the Union, and that with the portion of the territory of Dakota, lying west and extending northwardly of this state, the quantity of cereals, especially wheat soon to be produced will it is believed exceed in amount and quality that produced for market in the entire region lying southwardly of the territory described and eastwardly of the Rocky mountains.

That the great central route over which must pass a large proportion of the grain so produced lies near the Falls of St. Anthony, at which last named place and a few other points, a large proportion of all the vast grain products of this region is to be manufactured, from whence and from other points in this state south of the falls, wheat flour, and other products seeking transit should be transported cheaply to feed and supply the large populations of our eastern states, as well as for European shipments.

That wheat suitable for the manufacture of the "new process flour," which is acknowledged in all markets where it has been introduced, to be superior to any other manufactured, cannot be produced to any great extent south of the limits of this state and northern Iowa, and of this wheat the quantity is increased and quality improved as cultivation is extended northwardly.