

said lake and taking ice therefrom to build a fence around such hole or place where ice is so taken out as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. That section one of chapter two of said act, be and the same is hereby amended by inserting therein the following: 26. To provide by ordinance for the prevention and extinguishing of fires and to organize and establish fire companies, to erect water works and cisterns, and do all things necessary to prevent the destruction of property by fire the amount to be expended not to exceed twelve hundred dollars.

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

Approved February 25, 1876.

CHAPTER L.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNS IN McLEOD, MEEKER AND WRIGHT COUNTIES TO ISSUE BONDS, TO AID IN BUILDING A RAILROAD FROM A POINT ON THE MAIN LINE OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD, IN THE COUNTY OF MEEKER OR WRIGHT TO THE VILLAGE OF HUTCHINSON, IN McLEOD COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. The several towns in the counties of McLeod, Meeker and Wright, or any of them are hereby authorized by a vote of a majority of the supervisors in each of said towns subject to the approval and ratification of the legal voters of each of said towns as hereinafter provided to create and issue bonds with interest coupons attached thereto, to an amount not exceeding six per cent. of the assessed valuation of each of said towns, bearing interest at a rate of interest not to exceed eight per cent. per annum, payable either annually or semi-annually, which bonds shall be payable at such place and at such time or times as shall be therein named, not exceeding ten years, and to pledge the faith of each of said towns for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds. The bonds hereby authorized, or the proceeds thereof shall be used to aid in the construction of a railway from some point on the main line of the St. Paul and Pacific railroad in the county of Meeker or Wright to the village of Hutchinson in McLeod county.

SEC. 2. Before said bonds are issued the question of issuing them shall be submitted to the legal voters of each of the said towns at any general or special election, twenty days' notice to be given previous to said election by publication in some newspaper published in the same county, and by notices posted in three of the most public places in each of said towns, and the supervisors of each of said towns are hereby authorized to appoint and call a special election for such purpose,

and they shall appoint and call such election when requested in writing so to do by a petition signed by not less than twenty legal voters or freeholders of the town, specifying the amount of bonds to be voted for; said elections shall be conducted in manner and form as elections are usually conducted in said towns. The voters at such election shall use ballots upon which shall be printed or written, or partly printed and partly written the words, "for railway bonds," or the words, "against railway bonds," as the voters shall choose. If a majority of the ballots so cast at such election shall have upon them the words, "for railway bonds," then the said bonds shall be issued; *provided, however,* that none of said bonds shall be delivered until the portion of the road for which they have been issued, has been constructed and completed, and the cars running thereon; and the supervisors of the said towns may make any and all such agreements as they may deem proper with the St. Paul & Pacific railroad company, or other corporation or any individual, for or relating to the disposal of said bonds or the proceeds thereof, to aid in building the aforesaid railway. *Provided, however* that none of said bonds shall be negotiated or sold for less than the par value; but if a majority of said ballots shall have the words, "against railway bonds," upon them, then the said bonds shall not be issued; *provided,* that the question of the issuing of such bonds may again at any time during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six (1876) in like manner be submitted to said legal voters, and the result thereof declared.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds, an annual tax shall be assessed and levied upon the taxable property of the town or towns which shall have issued the said bonds, in amount sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds so issued, and when the principal or any part of the principal is about to become due a sufficient amount to pay such principal, and the payment of the principal and interest may be apportioned upon such years, as the supervisors may deem expedient, or they may annually levy upon such taxable property, and cause to be set apart as a sinking fund, such sums as with the accrued interest thereon shall amount to an equal proportion of the whole amount of bonds issued, which shall be applied to the punctual payment of said bonds at maturity. Said taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected.

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

Approved March 1, 1876.