

CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY
OF CHIPPEWA TO ISSUE BONDS.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Chippewa are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of the county of Chippewa in a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), for the purpose of purchasing seed grain and loaning the same to parties whose crops have been destroyed by grasshoppers, and who are unable to procure seed grain. Said bonds to be issued in such denominations as said board of county commissioners shall determine.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest at the rate of not exceeding ten (10) per cent. per annum, and the principal of said bonds shall be payable in one year from the date of issuing the same.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the said board of county commissioners, and countersigned and sealed by the auditor of said county, and the auditor shall keep a record of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 4. The said board of commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be the best for the interest of said county; and it shall be the duty of said board to see that said bonds are appropriated and issued for the purpose herein specified; *Provided*, That none of said bonds shall be negotiated for less than their par value.

SEC. 5. The board of county commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase whenever they deem it desirable and necessary from the proceeds of the negotiations of said bonds, the seed grain requisite to provide for the wants of said county, and to distribute and loan the same to actual settlers of said county, in such quantities, on such terms and in such manner as they shall determine, and also to provide for the collection of the same in such manner as shall seem to them to give to the county the greatest amount of security for the re-payment of the cost of the grain furnished, with interest.

SEC. 6. In case of failure of the crops, said board and the proper authorities of said county shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said county, over and above and in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to pay the interest accruing on said bonds, as well as the principal of said bonds at maturity, which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes for county purposes are levied and collected.

SEC. 7. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to the electors of said county, for their approval or rejection, at the special election to be held on the twelfth (12th) day of March, *Anno Domini* one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), at the usual places of holding elections, of which election the same notice shall be given as required by law for special town meetings; and it shall be the duty of the county auditor, upon receipt of a certified copy of this act as approved, to order the several town clerks to give notice of such election; *Provided*, That the notice of election shall contain a statement of the proposition to be voted upon.

SEC. 8. The ballots of said election shall have written or printed thereon the following words: "For the issue of county bonds for purchasing seed grain," or "Against the issue of county bonds for purchasing seed grain."

SEC. 9. Said election shall be conducted in the same manner as general election for county officers, and if upon an official canvass of the votes cast at such election to be conducted in the same manner as it is required by law that the votes cast for county officers shall be canvassed, it is found that a majority of the legal voters of said county present and voting at such election have voted in favor thereof, of which certificate to that effect of the county auditor, filed in his office, shall be *prima facie* evidence; then, and in that case, the issue of said bonds shall be lawful, and said bonds so issued shall be valid to all intents and purposes; but if a majority of the legal voters of said county present and voting at such election shall have voted against the issuance of said bonds, then the same shall not be issued.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 21, 1878.

CHAPTER 109.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HENDERSON IN THE COUNTY OF SIBLEY, TO ISSUE BONDS TO BUILD A CITY HALL.

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

SECTION 1. The council of the borough of Henderson in the county of Sibley, in this State, are hereby authorized and empowered to issue at any time during the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight, (1878) the bonds of their borough to the amount of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof