

CHAPTER 221.

AN ACT GRANTING FERRY PRIVILEGES TO AMOS MCGEE, GEO. MCGEE, AND JOHN D. MCGEE, ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER OPPOSITE RICE'S STATION, ON THE BRAINARD BRANCH, IN STEARNS COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That Amos McGee, George McGee and John D. McGee, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, have the exclusive right and privilege, for a period of ten (10) years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Mississippi river opposite Rice's Station, in the county of Stearns, in this State, or at any point within five miles up and down said river where any public highway shall intersect it opposite Rice's Station.

SEC. 2. The said Amos McGee, George R. McGee and John D. McGee shall, within three (3) months after the passage of this act, place and maintain upon such ferry such good and sufficient boat or boats as may be necessary to carry across said river all teams, horses, cattle, and other property, and for the accommodation of foot passengers or teams on all occasions and at all hours of the day and night.

SEC. 3. The said Amos McGee, George R. McGee and John D. McGee, their heirs or assigns, may land their boats, passengers and property on any public highways which may terminate within the points above specified, or on the lands of any person owning the same, first having procured their permission to do so.

SEC. 4. The rates charged at said ferry shall not exceed the following: for each foot passenger, ten (10) cents; for each horse, mare or mule, with or without rider, fifteen (15) cents; for each two-horse, two-ox or two-mule team, loaded or unloaded, with driver, twenty-five (25) cents; for each swine, sheep or head of cattle, five (5) cents; all freight or merchandise not on teams, at the rate of ten (10) cents per one hundred (100) weight.

SEC. 5. If the said Amos McGee, George R. McGee and John D. McGee, their heirs or assigns, or any ferryman or other person employed by them, shall take, exact or require any greater or higher rates of ferrriage for transporting persons, teams, goods and chattels, or other things whatsoever than are allowed by this act, any person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of ten dollars (\$10), to be recovered with cost of suit, before any justice of the peace within the said county, and for the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

SEC. 6. If any other person or persons shall, after the establishment of the said ferry as aforesaid, set up, keep or maintain any ferry, or shall carry any person, goods or chattels for hire or

pay across said river from any place on either shore within the points above specified, every such person for every such offense shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars (\$10), to be recovered with costs of suit, in any court of this State having cognizance thereof, by any person who shall or may prosecute the same. That nothing in this act shall be deemed or construed to prevent any persons who reside within the limits aforesaid from the right of making use of their own boats in transporting themselves and their property across the said river at pleasure. *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with any ferry now or previously in operation within said five miles.

SEC. 7. If the said Amos McGee, George R. McGee and John D. McGee, their heirs or assigns, fail to fulfill any of the conditions of this act, then the Legislature may at any time alter or repeal the same.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 12, 1878.

CHAPTER 222.

AN ACT TO PREVENT FAST DRIVING ON THE STILLWATER BRIDGE.

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

SECTION 1. No person shall ride or drive any horse, ox, ass, mule or other animal over, upon or across the bridge extending from the city of Stillwater across Lake Saint Croix, to the Wisconsin shore, and known as the Stillwater bridge, faster than a walk, and any person violating the provisions of this act, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars, and not more than fifty (\$50) dollars.

SEC. 2. No person shall cross said lake upon said bridge, or pass the toll house or toll gate upon said bridge, except upon the payment of the toll as fixed and established by law, or the ordinance of the said city of Stillwater, and any person violating this act shall be subject to a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars, and not more than fifty (\$50) dollars.

SEC. 3. All fines collected for violations of this act shall be paid into the city treasury of the city of Stillwater.

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

Approved Feb. 28, 1878.