

NUMBER 11.

MEMORIAL TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

Your memorialists, the legislature of the state of Minnesota, would respectfully but urgently represent:

That Big Stone Lake, which is but an enlargement of the Minnesota river, and Lake Traverse but five (5) miles distant therefrom, and which discharges its waters by way of the Bois de Sioux river into the Red River of the North at Breckenridge, are each about thirty-five (35) miles long, with a width of from one and a half (1½) to two (2) miles, and so situated in the great valley which extends from the northern boundary of the state to the mouth of the Minnesota river, that by embracing them in the "reservoir system" now being prosecuted by the government in this state, the excess of waters caused by the annual and disastrous spring floods in that region, could be permanently restrained, and so utilized as to render the Minnesota river navigable throughout its length, and also extend the navigation of the Red River of the North southward about one hundred (100) miles to the foot of said Big Stone Lake.

That preliminary surveys have shown the entire practicability of the project above foreshadowed, and at a comparatively small cost, while its immense advantages to the people of western Minnesota and eastern Dakota are too obvious to need repetition.

Wherefore, your memorialists respectfully urge upon Congress that you take such speedy and prompt action as will result in accomplishing the objects herein set forth.

Approved February 8, 1883.

NUMBER 12.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIGHT HOUSE AT GRAND MARAIS ON LAKE SUPERIOR.

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 necessity for a harbor of refuge on the north shore of Lake Superior has been heretofore recognized by your honorable body by appropriations which have been made for the par-