

prices, and on such terms as to said board shall seem meet and proper, the following described lands, situate in the city of St. Peter in the county of Nicollet and state of Minnesota, to-wit: All of lots three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6), and the southerly two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of lots seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9) in block number one hundred and fifty-nine (159), and the southerly two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of lots one (1), two (2) and three (3) of block number one hundred and eighty-one (181), according to the amended plat of said St. Peter, as the same is of record in the office of the register of deeds within and for said Nicollet county, the said lands being no longer useful for hospital purposes.

By whom  
deeds to be  
executed.

SEC. 2. The contracts and deeds of conveyance for said lands may be executed in behalf of said board by its president, attested by its secretary; or the said board, by resolution, may appoint an agent for the sale and conveyance of such lands, and in such case the agent so appointed may execute for said board all contracts and deeds upon sales made by him under such authority, and all such contracts and deeds so executed by him shall have the same force and effect as if executed by the president and secretary of said board as aforesaid, and a copy of the resolution so appointing such agent duly certified by the secretary of said board may be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Nicollet county, Minnesota, where such lands are situate, and such resolution when so certified or a transcript of such record duly certified, may be used in evidence in the same manner and with like effect as a conveyance recorded in such county.

When act to  
take effect.

SEC. 3. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1885.

## CHAPTER 166.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES OF MINNESOTA HOSPITAL FOR INSANE TO REPAIR SECOND HOSPITAL AT ROCHESTER WITHOUT LETTING THE SAME BY CONTRACT.

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

Authorized to  
make repairs  
without letting  
the same by  
contract.

SECTION 1. The trustees of the Minnesota hospital for the insane are hereby authorized to make all repairs contemplated to the second hospital at Rochester, for which

appropriations are made by the legislature, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), without letting the same by contract, if, in their judgment, the work can be better done otherwise.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 3, 1885.

CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TAKING OF AN ANNUAL INVENTORY OF STATE PROPERTY IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the trustees, directors, inspectors or managers of each of the penal, reformatory, charitable and educational institutions maintained by the state of Minnesota, to cause to be taken, by such officers as they may designate, an annual inventory of all property of the state belonging to the several institutions under their charge, on the last day of each fiscal year.

When inventory to be taken.

SEC. 2. In such inventories, lands and buildings shall be listed at their actual cost to the state, as nearly as known, deducting losses by fire. Movable property shall be listed at its actual estimated value when the inventory is taken.

How inventoried.

SEC. 3. Said inventories shall be kept on file with the records of such trustees, directors, inspectors or managers, and an abstract of the same shall be published in their biennial reports.

To be kept on file—where.

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

When act to take effect.

Approved March 7, 1885.