

receive as annual compensation for his services as such treasurer the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars per annum, beginning with February first (1st), eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), to be paid in the manner and at the times fixed and provided by the general laws of said state relating to the compensation of county treasurers. The county auditor of said county shall receive as annual compensation for his services as such auditor, the sum of three thousand five hundred (3,500) dollars per annum, beginning with February first (1st), eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889), to be paid in the manner and at the times fixed and provided for by the general laws of the state relating to the compensation of county auditors.

SEC. 2. The board of county commissioners of said county is hereby authorized to appropriate out of the general funds of said county for clerk hire in the office of such county treasurer such sum as they deem expedient, not exceeding in amount the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars per annum. They are also hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate out of the general funds of said county for clerk hire in the office of the county auditor of said county, such sum as they may deem expedient, not exceeding in amount the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars per annum.

SEC. 3. All special acts or parts of special acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved February 12, 1889.

CHAPTER 350.

[S. F. No. 14.]

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED AND ORGANIZED UNDER CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX (376), OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE (1881), IN RELATION TO THE ERECTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR THE USE OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL AND THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY, AND THE MANNER OF PROSECUTING THEIR WORK AND EXERCISING THEIR DUTIES AND POWERS IMPOSED AND CONFERED BY SAID ACT, AND THE SEVERAL ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF SAID STATE AMENDATORY THEREOF AND SUPPLEMENTARY THERETO.

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

SECTION 1. That the special commissioners appointed and organized under and pursuant to an act of the legislature of the state of Minnesota entitled "an act in relation to the erection of public buildings for the use of the city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey,

upon block twenty (20) of Saint Paul proper, known as court house square in said city of Saint Paul," approved March eighth (8th), eighteen hundred and eighty-one (1881), and who since said appointment and organization, have been engaged in the erection of the building contemplated in said act, on said block twenty (20), and in the performance of the duties devolved upon them in said act and the further acts of said legislature amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized to take down and remove or dispose of and cause to be removed, the building at the northwesterly corner of said block at the intersection of Wabasha and fifth (5th) streets, known as the court house, as soon as the necessity for its present use terminates and the same can be vacated, and to do all such excavating, grading, filling and surfacing on said entire block as may be necessary for the convenient use and ornamentation of said entire grounds, and to put said grounds in complete and finished order and condition for permanent use, and also to fully complete and finish said court house and city hall building and furnish the same ready for occupancy in the most expeditious manner consistent with the public interest, and to that end and for all and every of said purposes, the said commissioners and their successors in office, are hereby fully empowered and authorized to enter into, make and execute agreements and contracts on the part of said city and county, for all or any material and work required for said purposes or any of them, either with or without advertisement for proposals or bids, and either with or without special contracts or bonds to secure the execution of special contracts, and to complete any of the work remaining to be done under said acts, without written contracts, and in such manner, by the day or otherwise, as in their judgment shall be most practical and for the best interest of said city and county, and in every case where the final approval of the completion of any contract or the allowance of any final estimate under any contract, is necessary or required, to make such final approval and allow such final estimate, and to make final approval of all contracts and of the bonds to secure the execution of the same where any such final approval is required. And payments shall be made out of said court house and city hall building fund provided in said several acts for all said work and material on the allowance thereof by said commissioners.

SEC. 2. All contracts for material or work on said court house and city hall, or for furnishing the same, now pending and not fully made on the part of said city and county, may be entered into, made and executed by said commissioners on the part of said city and county under the provisions of this act, and all payments under all incomplete and existing contracts heretofore made for such material and work, and final estimates thereon, and approvals of the final completion thereof, shall be made and done by said commissioners under this act.

SEC. 3. All parts of said acts, or of any or either of them inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

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

Approved January 30, 1889.