

S. F. No. 677.

CHAPTER 219.

Relief for
flood
sufferers.
Red River of
the North.

An act to relieve certain persons from loss resulting from floods in the State of Minnesota:

Whereas, the Red River of the North has recently risen to a depth of thirty-nine (39) feet above the low water mark; and

Whereas, such a rise has been unprecedented in the history of this state and has resulted in rendering several hundred families homeless, or seriously injuring their property, and slipping from their foundations the homes of many others; therefore,

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

\$10,000 ap-
propriated.

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the treasury of the state of Minnesota, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars, to be used in relieving the distress and in restoring in part the damages suffered to property of persons residing along the Red River and its tributaries in Minnesota from the extraordinary overflow of water during March and April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Remaining
funds for
seed grain
loans
available.

Provided, that all of the money now in the state treasury appropriated by an act entitled "An act to provide seed grain loans to farmers in this state whose crops were destroyed by drought or storms in the season of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six (1896), and to appropriate the necessary moneys therefor and to provide for repayment of the same, and of amounts previously appropriated for seed grain loans," approved March first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897), "is hereby made available for the appropriation provided for in this act."

Governor to
appoint com-
mission.

SEC. 2. The governor of the state of Minnesota is hereby authorized to appoint a commission of five persons residing within the counties where such relief is to be distributed, and that the state treasurer is authorized to pay to said commission the said sum of money; and it is hereby made the duty of said commission acting as a relief committee to expend such sum in their discretion, for the use and benefit of such residents of said territory as are in distress and have suffered loss to their homes and property, caused by the overflow of the Red River of the North. The amounts so expended shall be paid out by orders drawn by said committee upon the state auditor, who shall thereupon draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the amount of

such order, not to exceed in aggregate the amount of the appropriation.

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

Approved April 22, 1897.

CHAPTER 220.

S. P. No. 387.

An act to designate the place for taxation of grain in elevators.

Taxation of grain in elevators.

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

SECTION 1. All grain in elevators, or railroad right of way, or elsewhere, shall be assessed and taxed against the owners in the assessment district where such elevator is situated.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

CHAPTER 221.

S. P. No. 475.

An act for the preservation, propagation, protection, taking, use and transportation of game and fish.

Preservation of game and fish.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a board to be known as the board of game and fish commissioners of the state of Minnesota, which board shall consist of five (5) members, to be appointed by the governor. They shall serve without compensation, but each shall be reimbursed his actual expenses, certified by him, with a statement of items to have been necessarily incurred in the performance of his official duties in the business of the board, not to exceed seventy-five (75.00) annually except as hereinafter provided.

Board of commissioners.

SEC. 2. The terms of the present members of the board of game and fish commissioners of the state of Minnesota shall continue the same as if this act had not been passed, and at the expirations of the terms of office of the present commissioners the governor shall appoint

Terms of commissioners.