

SEC. 2. This act shall be held to apply to the annual fairs of the year eighteen hundred ninety-seven (1897), and for all subsequent fairs.

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

. Approved April 2, 1897.

S. F. No. 193.

CHAPTER 87.

Reimburse-
ment for P.
O. Dosseth.

An act for the reimbursement and relief of P. O. Dosseth for moneys paid and to be paid to the State of Minnesota upon the purchase of a tract of state land in Wilkin county.

State land
sale.

Whereas, prior to the sale of state lands for Wilkin county in June, 1896, the auditor of state had declared forfeited for default in making payments thereon, the contract under which the se¹/₄ of section five (5), township one hundred and thirty-six (136), range forty-eight (48) (comprising 156.97 acres), had heretofore been sold, notwithstanding the fact that said original purchaser was still in possession and had sowed in the spring of 1896, about one hundred and ten (110) acres thereof to crop, which was in a good growing condition in June, 1896.

Bought by
Dosseth.

And, whereas, pursuant to his former cancellation of the contract held by said occupant, said auditor of state at the sale of the public lands in said Wilkin county, in June, 1896, offered said tract together with all crops then growing thereon for sale at public auction, and the said P. O. Dosseth, in accordance with said offer, believing he would by said purchase acquire title to both said land and crop, bid therefor (e) the sum of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per acre, and the same was struck off and sold by the state to him on said bid, and he thereupon paid thereon the sum of five hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-eight cents (513.68), and accepted a contract under which he obligated himself to pay to the state in the installments and manner provided by law the balance of said purchase price at seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per acre.

And, whereas, said P. O. Dosseth was unable to obtain said growing crop on said land the same immuring (inuring) under the law to the original defaulting purchaser who had sowed the same.

Excess of
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And, whereas, the land alone so sold, without the crop thereon, was at the time of said sale worth not more than twelve dollars (\$12.00) per acre, a sum of seven

hundred and eighty-four dollars and eighty-five cents (\$784.85) less than the price agreed to be paid for said land with the crop thereon, *therefore*;

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

SECTION 1. That the auditor of state is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the contracts of sale issued to said P. O. Dosseth on the sale of the se¼ of section five (5), township one hundred and thirty-six (136) of range forty-eight (48), upon demand of said Dosseth, and return to said Dosseth all sums paid by him on said purchase and resell said tract at the next sale of public lands for said Wilkin county. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any warrant drawn by said state auditor for the consummation of said cancellation of sale as herein provided.

Cancellation
of sale.

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

Approved April 2, 1897.

CHAPTER 88.

S. F. No. 373

An act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of uniform heights of water in the navigable lakes of this state, in order to improve navigation therein, or to promote the public health or welfare, and to that end to provide for acquiring and condemning property and doing all such other acts as may be necessary."

To establish
uniform
heights of
water in nav-
igable lakes.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of any county in this state in which all, or the major part, of any navigable lake is situated, is hereby authorized and empowered, in order to improve the navigation in such lake, or to promote the public health or welfare, to establish, as herein provided, a uniform height at which the water in such lake shall be maintained, and to raise said water to and to maintain it at said height, as nearly as practicable.

County com-
missioners to
establish.

SEC. 2. To carry out the purposes of this act, such board is hereby authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation any dam or dams on any stream af-

Authorized
to acquire
dams and
lands.