

them sold and disposed of from time to time whenever said board are unanimously of the opinion that it would be advantageous so to do. Before any sale thereof the property shall be appraised by three (3) appraisers to be selected by said board. No lot or tract shall be sold for less than its appraised value. The payments shall be the same as is provided by law for the sale of school lands. All the proceeds of such sales shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the state. And the said board are hereby empowered to enter into an agreement with the City of St. Paul to establish a house line on the lots in said tract fronting on Lexington avenue, thirty (30) feet back from said avenue, within (between) which line and said avenue no houses or other structures shall be built, in order to aid in beautifying said avenue, if in the opinion of said board this arrangement will increase the saleable value of said lots.

SEC. 5. The said board by section four (4) of this act created are hereby authorized and empowered to redeem, pay and cancel the said loan certificates at any time after the same become payable, or to pay off or issue new certificates for or continue and extend the time of payment of the same at a reduced rate of interest, not exceeding four (4) per cent per annum, as in their judgment may seem best for the state. These certificates are hereby declared to be a proper investment for the permanent school fund, and the board of investment created by section ten (10), chapter one hundred and sixty-three (163), General Laws eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), is authorized to make such investment, if it is deemed advisable, at a rate of not less than three (3) per cent interest.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1899.

## CHAPTER 282.

H. F. No. 640.

*An act to appropriate the sum of seven hundred and sixty-two and eighty-eight one-hundredths (762 88-100) dollars, to reimburse Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen, their successors or assigns, for interest due and damages sustained by reason of an illegal sale by the state of certain school lands in St. Louis county.*

Board empowered to pay and cancel loan certificates.

School lands. Reimbursement of Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen for illegal sale of.

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

SECTION 1. That whereas, under the provisions contained in title one (1) of chapter thirty-eight (38) of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), entitled, "An act for the protection and management of public lands and to provide for the punishment of trespassers thereon," and acts amendatory thereto, the commissioner of the state land office did, on the fifteenth (15th) day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-one (1891), issue and deliver to said Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen, purchasers at a public sale of school lands held in the county of St. Louis in accordance with the provisions of the laws of this state, his certain commissioner's certificate to lot number one (1) of section numbered thirty-six (36), in township numbered forty-nine (49), range numbered fifteen (15), St. Louis county, Minnesota, upon the payment to said commissioner by the said Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen of the sum of four hundred and fifty-six and fifty one-hundredths (456 50-100) dollars, upon the principal sum and bid at said sale of the said Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen of three thousand and thirty-seven (3,037) dollars, and the further sum of one hundred and twenty four and four one-hundredths (124 4-100) dollars, as interest on said principal sum and bid;

And, whereas, it appears that said sale was invalid, and that the state was unable to convey a sufficient title to the said land by reason of certain condemnation proceedings had by the Duluth Boom Company; that thereafter the said commissioner, under and by virtue of the provisions of section three thousand nine hundred and eighty-six (3986) of the General Statutes of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894), did refund to the said Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen, or their assigns, the said sum of four hundred and fifty-six and fifty one-hundredths (456 50-100) dollars, paid upon the principal sum and bid, and the sum of one hundred and twenty-four and four one-hundredths (124 4-100) dollars, paid as interest, and the said Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen claim the further sum of two hundred and seventy-two and thirteen one-hundredths (272 13-100) dollars as interest on the amount of four hundred and fifty-six and fifty one-hundredths (456 50-100) dollars, and the amount of one hundred and twenty-four and four one-hundredths (124 4-100) dollars, paid by them as

aforesaid, and the sum of four hundred and ninety and seventy-five one-hundredths (490 75-100) dollars as damages sustained by them by reason of the expenditure of funds by them for the improvement of said land; now, therefore,

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

SEC. 2. That the sum of seven hundred and sixty-two and eighty-eight one-hundredths (762 88-100) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the relief and reimbursement of the said Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen, their successors or assigns, as their interest may be made to appear under the proper assignments on said land commissioner's certificate, and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for said sum in favor of the said Albert Swenson, Tharald Hobe, F. Gabrielson and Freeman Keen, or their proper successors or assigns.

\$702.88 appropriated.

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

Approved April 19, 1899.

## CHAPTER 283.

H. F. No. 632.

*An act to appropriate money for the general expenses of the state government and for other purposes.*

General appropriation act.

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

SECTION 1. That the sums of money hereinafter named, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes named in the following sections of this act.

SEC. 2. Miscellaneous appropriations for the fiscal year ending July thirty-first (31st), nineteen hundred (1900), and for the fiscal year ending July thirty-first (31st), nineteen hundred and one (1901).

Miscellaneous for fiscal years ending July 31, 1900, and 1901.

First—For expenses examining, appraising and selling state lands, estimating and scaling pine timber, detecting trespass upon and caring for the public lands belonging to the state; for inspecting the output of iron ore and other minerals on state lands, and for expenses

Expenses sale state lands, \$12,000, 1900.