

years from date thereof, as it may determine, the interest thereon not to exceed four per cent per annum, with interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually. Provided, that in aid of the purchase or erection of such armory, any city, village or town may receive and accept grants or donations of a site or other property, and fulfill the conditions therein imposed when not inconsistent with the proper use of such armory by the national guard."

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

Approved March 11, 1902.

CHAPTER 34.

H. F. No. 51.

An act to amend section 1, chapter 162, General Laws of 1901, by adding the staff of the commander-in-chief to the national guard.

National
Guard.

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

SECTION 1. That section fourteen (14) of the Military Code, as amended by section 1, chapter 162, General Laws of 1901, be and the same is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. National Guard—How Constituted.—In time of peace the national guard of the State of Minnesota shall consist of the commander-in-chief, the adjutant general as chief of staff, and the other staff officers mentioned in the two preceding sections, and one chaplain with the rank of colonel, one medical corps, and one brigade to consist of one brigadier general, and staff, three regiments of infantry and one battalion of artillery, the latter to include two batteries of artillery and one company of engineers. Provided, that appointment on the staff of the commander-in-chief shall not thereby qualify the officer for the actual command of troops or for any office or commission in the national guard other than to which he has been appointed, without the examination and other qualifications prescribed by law.

How constituted. Staff officers a part of the guard.

The brigade commander may appoint the following staff officers, who shall hold office during his pleasure: One assistant adjutant general, one assistant inspector general, one brigade quartermaster, one brigade judge advocate, one commissary of subsistence, one inspector of small arms practice and one aide-de-camp, each with the rank of captain.

Brigade appointments.

Commander-in-chief may fix grades.

"The commander-in-chief may, from time to time fix the number and grade of brigade staff officers, regimental and company officers, non-commissioned officers and other enlisted men which shall constitute each organization of the national guard, now or hereafter authorized by law. Provided, the change is made to conform more closely to the number and grade of officers and enlisted men allowed by law, in time of peace, to similar organizations in the army of the United States; and, provided further, that unless so changed, said organization shall remain as now constituted under this act and the provisions of the Military Code."

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

Approved March 6, 1902.

H. F. No. 107.

CHAPTER 35.

Seed grain loans.

An act to provide for extending the time of payment of seed grain loans obtained by farmers under and by virtue of chapter forty-two (42) of the General Laws of Nineteen Hundred One (1901).

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

Delinquent payments of loans of 1901.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the county auditor of each county wherein the crop of the year 1901 was partially or wholly destroyed by drouth, storms, floods or otherwise, and before the 20th day of March, A. D. 1902, to give notice to the respective persons who availed themselves of the benefits of chapter forty-two (42) of the General Laws of Nineteen Hundred One (1901), and who having failed to make payment of the amount due the county, and the persons receiving such notice, shall, on or before the first day of April, A. D. 1902, make out in duplicate an application duly subscribed and sworn to by him, and attested by two witnesses. Said application shall contain a true statement of the following facts: First, the number of acres seeded by him in the year 1901, and the number of bushels of each kind of grain raised by him during said year; second, the number of acres the applicant has plowed and prepared for seeding, the number of acres the applicant intends to have plowed and prepared for seeding before seeding time; third, that said applicant's crop was, in the year 1901, entirely or partially

Application for extension of loan.