

exists why such company should not be closed, said company shall be enjoined from carrying on any further business, and some person shall be appointed receiver of such company and shall proceed at once to take possession of the books, papers, moneys, and other assets of the company and shall forthwith, under the direction of the court, proceed to close the affairs of the company and to distribute its funds to those entitled thereto.

Fraudulent statements.—Sec. 27. Any person, officer or member who shall knowingly or wilfully make any false or fraudulent statement or representation in reference to any application for membership under this act, or any false or fraudulent statement as to the transaction or condition of the company of which he is a member or officer shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days, in the discretion of the court.

Any officer of any such company, or employe thereof, who shall neglect or refuse to comply with, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 28. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 29. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 412—S. F. No. 321.

An Act to amend section 38, chapter 344, of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for 1905, as amended by chapter 469 of the General Laws of 1907, relating to mink, muskrat and beaver.

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

Destruction of beavers prohibited.—Section 1. That section 38, chapter 344, General Laws of Minnesota for 1905, as amended by chapter 469 of the General Laws of 1907 be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 38. Mink, muskrat and beaver—No person shall take, catch or kill any beaver at any time or any mink or muskrat between the fifteenth day of April and the fifteenth day of November following, and no person shall molest, injure or de-

stroy any muskrat house at any time. *Provided*, that when any of the animals mentioned in this section are doing damage to or destroying any property, the person whose property is being damaged or destroyed may kill them at any time."

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

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 413—S. F. No. 328.

An Act to amend section four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine (4539) of the Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, relating to actions on bonds of public contractors.

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

Limit of time to bring action.—Section 1. That section four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine (4539) of the Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"4539. **Limit of time to bring action**—No action shall be maintained on any such bond unless within ninety days after the completion of the contract and acceptance of the building by the proper public authorities, the plaintiff shall serve upon the principal and his sureties a written notice specifying the nature and amount of his claim and the date of furnishing the last item thereof, nor unless the action is begun within one year after the service of such notice."

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

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 414—S. F. No. 434.

An Act relating to bills of lading.

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

Order bill of lading defined.—Section 1. That whenever any common carrier, railroad or transportation company (hereinafter termed carrier) shall issue a bill of lading for the transportation of property from one place to another within this state, or between places one of which is within this state, which bill shall be, or purport to be, drawn to the order of the shipper or