

committed perjury and shall upon conviction suffer the pains and penalties of that crime. Upon the filing of said contract in the office of the register of deeds, and the sowing of the seed obtained therefor, the title and right of possession to the growing crop and to the grain produced from said seed shall be in the county which shall have furnished the seed until the debt incurred for said seed or feed, shall have been paid, and any seizure thereof or interference therewith except by the applicant and those in his employ, for the purpose of harvesting, threshing and marketing the same to pay the debt aforesaid, shall be deemed a conversion thereof and treble damages may be recovered against the person so converting the same by the county furnishing said seed and feed.

**Sec. 10. Duties of police officers.**—It shall be the duty of the constable and town clerks of the towns and the members of the county board, sheriffs and county attorneys of the counties furnishing seed or feed, having any knowledge of the violation of the provisions of this act, to make complaint thereof to a justice of the peace, and said justice shall thereupon issue a warrant for the arrest of the offender, and proceed to hear and determine the matter, or to bind the offender over to appear before the grand jury, as the case may be.

**Sec. 11. Pro rata distribution authorized.**—If more seed grain is applied for than can be supplied by the board, a pro rata distribution shall be made by them among those who shall have been found entitled to the benefits of this act. The board shall have the right to refuse any application which they may deem improper to grant, and they may revise their adjustment of applications at any time before final distribution.

**Sec. 12.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 14, 1917.

## CHAPTER 22—S. F. No. 216.

*An act to amend Section 4241, General Statutes 1913, relating to physical valuation of railroad properties.*

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

**Section 1. Detailed statement to be furnished on or before June 30 of each year and to cover period prior to December 31, preceding.**—That Section 4241, General Statutes 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4241. The railroad and warehouse commission, hereinafter called the commission, is hereby authorized, at all times, to keep up the physical valuation of the railroad properties of this state, and to that end all railroad corporations

under the supervision of the commission are required to furnish to the commission on *June 30th* of each year, unless further time be granted by the commission, and at such other times as the commission may require, a detailed statement showing changes in the physical conditions of its properties in this state and the elements of cost entering into such changes in both debits and credits of such property, and the distribution of the debits and credits, whether charged to operating or capital accounts, verified by the president, chief engineer, general auditor or comptroller, in such manner and form as the commission may prescribe, covering the year ending *December 31st* next preceding.

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

Approved February 14, 1917.

#### CHAPTER 23—S. F. No. 225.

*An act to amend Chapter 536 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1913, prescribing the maximum rate to be charged for the transportation of passengers and his or her ordinary baggage upon the railroads within the State of Minnesota, and providing for the enforcement of the same and the penalties for the violation thereof, eliminating from the first section thereof the provision giving the right to charge three cents (\$.03) per mile for a distance not exceeding five miles.*

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

Section 1. Repealing the law giving the right to certain railroad companies to charge 3 cents per mile for the first five miles of passenger traffic and fixing a flat rate of 2 cents per mile.—That Section 1 of Chapter 536 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so that said section shall read as follows:—

Section 1. No railroad company owning, operating, or using a line of railroad within, or partly within the state of Minnesota shall charge, collect or receive as compensation for transporting any passenger and his or her ordinary baggage, not exceeding in weight one hundred fifty (150) pounds any sum or amount in excess of the following prices, viz.: for all distances for all companies the gross earnings of whose passenger trains, as reported to the railroad and warehouse commission in the *then last report thereon*, equalled or exceeded the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars per mile for each mile of road operated by said company, on which regular passenger service is maintained, as hereinafter provided, two cents per mile, and for all companies whose earnings reported as aforesaid were less than one thousand two hundred dollars per mile of road