

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

Section 1. Consolidation of banks and trust companies.—Upon the consolidation of a Trust Company with a National Banking Corporation into a consolidated Banking Corporation as provided by any existing Act of Congress of the United States, the corporate existence of such Trust Company shall be merged into that of the consolidated Banking Corporation to the same extent and with the same effect provided in Section 7699-9 Mason's Statutes of Minnesota for 1927 relating to the consolidation of two or more State Banks or Trust Companies.

Approved April 25, 1931.

CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 498

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4345, as amended by laws 1929, Chapter 333, relating to admission of persons to the Minnesota Soldiers' Home.

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

Section 1. Admission to soldiers home.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4345, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 333, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"4345. The object of the soldiers' home shall be to provide a home for all honorably discharged ex-soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the army or navy of the United States during the War of the Rebellion, or the Mexican War, or in the war begun in the year 1898 between the Kingdom of Spain and the United States or the Philippine Insurrection, or the Boxer Rebellion, or members of the Minnesota National Guard mustered into Federal service in 1916 and served on the Mexican Border, or the war of 1917 and 1918 commonly called 'The World War,' who now are or may hereafter become citizens of the State of Minnesota. All persons who are otherwise entitled under the provisions unable to earn their living, who, by reason of wounds, disease, or old age or infirmities are unable to earn their living, and who have no adequate means of support. No applicant shall be admitted to the soldiers' home who has not been a resident of the State of Minnesota for three years next preceding the time of having his application, unless he

served in a Minnesota regiment or was accredited to the State of Minnesota. All persons who are otherwise entitled under the provisions of this section to admission to said soldiers' home who actually served in any campaign against the Indians *within the United States* shall be entitled to admission to such soldiers' home, notwithstanding such person was not regularly enlisted, mustered into or discharged from the military service of the United States.

The board of trustees are hereby authorized to admit wives with their husbands, and the widows or mothers to those who are, or if living, would be, eligible to admission under this act, but no wife or widow of a soldier of the war of the Rebellion, or of a soldier who actually served in any campaign against the Indians *within the United States* shall be admitted unless she shall have been married to her soldier husband prior to the year 1905 and no wife or widow of an honorably discharged ex-soldier, sailor or marine, who served in the army or navy of the United States in the war begun in the year 1898 between the Kingdom of Spain and the United States or the Philippine Insurrection, or the Boxer Rebellion, or members of the Minnesota National Guard mustered into Federal service in 1916 and served on the Mexican Border, shall be admitted unless she shall have been married to her soldier husband prior to the year September 1, 1922 and then only in the event that by reason of physical disabilities, infirmities or old age she is unable to support herself and has no other adequate means of support; and no wife, widow or mother shall be admitted unless she shall have been a resident of the State of Minnesota no less than five (5) years next preceding the date of her application, and no wife, widow or mother shall be admitted unless she shall have attained the age of fifty-five (55) years at the time of making such application, provided however that a widow eligible to admission, except that her soldier husband did not serve in a Minnesota regiment or was not a resident of Minnesota at time of his death, may be admitted, who has resided in this state not less than 15 years next preceding the date of her application for admission.

Provided, however, that in case such wife, widow or mother who had previously been a resident of Minnesota for not less than ten years, and who has lost her residence in this state by removal therefrom for the benefit of her health or the health of her husband or son and who has returned to this state for the purpose of making it her home, may be admitted to said soldiers' home after having been a resident of this state not less than one year next preceding the date of her application, provided such applicant is otherwise eligible to admission under the provisions of this section, and provided further, that all soldiers of the Minnesota National Guard and who heretofore have lost or hereafter may lose an arm or leg or his sight or may become permanently disabled from any

cause while in the line and discharge of duty and are not able to support themselves, may be admitted to the home under such rules and regulations as the board of trustees may adopt, and any soldier of the Minnesota National Guard suffering from illness or injury sustained from any cause in the line and discharge of military duty shall be admitted to the soldiers' home hospital for medical treatment and hospital service until recovery from such illness or injury under such rules and regulations as the board of trustees may adopt."

Approved April 25, 1931.

CHAPTER 350—S. F. No. 523

An act amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6635, relating to the powers and duties of the commissioner of drainage and waters.

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

Section 1. **Powers of commissioner of drainage and waters.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6635, be amended to read as follows:

"6635. *Subd. (a).* The commissioner of drainage and waters established by this act, shall have power to construct as hereinafter provided, any ditch, drain or other watercourse within the State of Minnesota, and such ditch, drain or other watercourse may in whole or in part follow and consist of the bed of any creek, stream or river, whether meandered or not, and he may widen, deepen, straighten, change, lower or drain the channel or bed of any creek, river, lake or other natural watercourse, whether navigable or whether meandered or not, and may construct new and additional outlets to any marshy, shallow or meandered lake for the purpose of draining the same, and may follow and extend the same into or through any city or village within the state far enough to secure a sufficient fall and flow of water to reasonably effectuate the purpose for which the work is extended, and may confine any such creek, river or other natural watercourse by means of dykes, levees and embankments to its natural or artificial bed, as laid out, and shall also, whenever it shall appear to *his* satisfaction that the drainage of any territory may be made more effective by the con-