the probate court shall receive a salary of $1,800 per annum; the sheriff shall receive a salary of $1,800 per annum.

Sec. 3. **Clerk hire.**—The clerk hire for each office is hereby fixed as follows: For county auditor's office, $1,800 per annum; for county treasurer's office, $1,000 per annum. Provided, however, that upon petition of any of the county officers the county board may allow such additional amounts for clerk hire as it shall deem necessary.

Sec. 4. **Payment of salaries and clerk hire.**—The salaries and clerk hire hereinbefore provided for shall be paid in equal monthly installments upon the warrant of the county auditor. Provided, however, that no clerk hire shall be paid except upon the certificate of the county officer that the service was necessary and had been rendered.

Approved March 26, 1943.

CHAPTER 187—S. F. No. 713.

An act authorizing the conveyance of certain real estate owned by the state to the City of Benson, Swift County, Minnesota.

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

Section 1. **Governor and state auditor to convey certain property to City of Benson.**—The governor and the state auditor are hereby authorized and directed to convey to the City of Benson in the County of Swift, State of Minnesota, the real estate heretofore acquired by the state in or adjacent to said city for a public park and recreation project, and to execute and deliver to the city a proper deed of conveyance thereof in the name and behalf of the state, upon condition that the city shall use the premises for public park, public recreation, and other public purposes, and that the title shall revert to the state in case such use shall be discontinued or abandoned.

Approved March 26, 1943.

CHAPTER 188—S. F. No. 775.

(AMENDING SECTION 215.20 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to examination of the books, records, accounts and affairs of cities, villages, towns or school districts; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3286-2.

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

Section 1. **Law. amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3286-2, is amended to read as follows:

3286-2. **Examination made upon written request.**—Upon a written request signed by a majority of the members of the governing body of any city, village, town or school district, the comptroller shall examine the books, records, accounts and affairs of the same, but such written request shall be presented to the clerk or recording officer of such city, village, town or school district, before being presented to the comptroller, who shall determine whether the same is signed by a majority of the members of such governing body and, if found to be so signed, shall certify such fact, which certificate shall be conclusive evidence thereof in any action or proceeding for the recovery of the costs, charges and expense of any examination made pursuant to such request; *provided, that nothing herein contained, or in any of the other laws of the state relating to the public examiner, shall be so construed as to prevent any city, village, town or school district from employing a certified public accountant to examine its books, records, accounts and affairs.*

Approved March 26, 1943.

CHAPTER 189—H. F. No. 82.

An act relating to public lands and property, conferring power and authority to grant and convey; and amending Laws 1941, Chapter 61, Section 1.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Laws 1941, Chapter 61, Section 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. **Commissioner of Conservation to sell Redby Fish Hatchery.**—The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to grant and convey the state fisheries plant and equipment, the state fish hatchery and equipment and appurtenant buildings *and all its interest in the real estate occupied thereby* located at Redby, Minnesota to the United States or to any proper authorized agency thereof or to the Red Lake Band of the Chippewa Indian Nation. Provided that all deeds of conveyance shall