

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
St. Paul, March 30, 1854. }

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J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER 40.

An Act to Incorporate the Saint Croix Bridge Company.

March 4, 1854.

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That W. H. Folsom, Patrick Fox, J. L. Taylor, W. S. Hungerford, William Kent, Nelson McCarty, John Dobney, William Colby, Orange Walker, F. W. Lammers and N. C. D. Taylor, and such other persons as may be associated with them, are hereby created a body corporate in law by the name of the St. Croix Bridge Company, for the purpose of constructing a bridge, across the St. Croix River, at a point called the Narrows or Taylor's Falls; and the Company, or their assigns, may in their corporate capacity and name, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and defend, in any court of record in this Territory, or elsewhere, and may have a common seal and change the same at pleasure.

Corporators' names.

SEC. 2. The corporator's names in the first section of this act or such other persons as they may name, are hereby appointed commissioners to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, and shall open books at such times and places as the majority of the said commissioners appoint, until the capital stock of said Company is taken.

Commissioners appointed.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said Company shall be thirty-five hundred dollars, with power to increase the same to five thousand dollars, and be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, and each share shall be entitled to one vote in the election of officers, and in the business of said Company, when votes are necessary to be taken.

Capital stock.

SEC. 4. The Company shall have power to build a bridge at the point mentioned in the first section of this Bill and to take as

Powers of company.

much land as may be necessary for that purpose. *Provided*, however, that no unnecessary damage shall be done thereby, and in case the said Company and the owners of the land cannot agree upon the price of the said lands so taken, the said Company shall choose one appraiser, and the owners of the land another; and the persons so chosen, shall proceed to appraise the land; and in case the appraisers cannot agree, they shall choose another person to act with them in the appraisal, and the price at which the said appraisers shall appraise the said land, shall be paid by said Company to the owners thereof.

Width of bridge. SEC. 5. The said Bridge shall not be less than sixteen feet wide and sufficiently high as not to impede navigation, and sufficiently strong for a team to pass over with a load of two tons.

Tolls. SEC. 6. The said Company shall have power after the completion of said bridge to demand and collect toll for passing the same as follows:

For any vehicle drawn by four horses, oxen or mules, thirty cents;

For any vehicle drawn by two horses, oxen or mules, twenty-five cents, and for each additional horse or mule, five cents;

For horses, cattle or mules in droves of twelve and upwards, three cents each;

For each sheep and swine one cent each, and for each foot passenger, five cents.

By-laws. SEC. 7. The said Company shall have power to make such by-laws for the government and regulation of its concerns, as they may deem best. *Provided*, that such by-laws shall in no way contravene the laws of the United States, or of this Territory.

Rates of toll. SEC. 8. The said Company shall keep posted up in some conspicuous place on said Bridge, a list of the rates of toll to be charged for crossing the same.

Provision for a free bridge. SEC. 9. It is hereby provided that, if the county of Chicago, in this Territory, and the county of Polk, in the State of Wisconsin, shall see fit, they may pay to the said stockholders the amount of the cost of said Bridge, and fifteen per cent. in addition; and the said counties shall maintain the same as a free bridge. *Provided*, however, the stockholders of said Bridge may contract with said counties for a less sum or amount.

When to take effect. SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Amending clause. SEC. 11. This Act may be altered or amended by the Legislature after the expiration of ten years.

N. C. D. TAYLOR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. B. OLMSTEAD,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—March fourth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
St. Paul, April 3d, 1854. }

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