

CHAPTER XLV.

An Act to Incorporate the St. Peter Company.

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That A. F. Howes, Henry A. Swift, George Hazlep, T. B. Winston, H. L. Moss, Wm. L. Ames, George W. Farrington, William B. Dodd and Joseph Dailley, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby created a body politic with perpetual succession under the name and style of the Saint Peter Company, and by that name and style shall be and are hereby made capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, sell, convey, and enjoy real and personal estate, and retain to them their successors and assigns all such real and personal estate, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in courts of record and elsewhere, and to do any and all acts that the members thereof might or could lawfully do as individuals, and shall have and enjoy all proper remedies at law and equity, to secure and protect them in the exercise and use of the rights and privileges, and in the performance of the duties herein granted and enjoined, and to prevent all invasion thereof or interruption in exercising and performing the same, to make such by-laws as they may deem proper, and also to have, make and use a common seal, and to alter, renew or change the same at pleasure.

Names.

SEC. 2. The officers of said Company shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Directors as may be prescribed by the By-Laws of said Company, who shall be elected at such times and in such manner, and shall be organized and perform such duties as said By-Laws shall direct.

Officers.

SEC. 3. The term of office of each of the officers of said Company shall be one year, and until their successors in office shall be elected and qualified. That Henry L. Moss shall call the first meeting of said Company by giving personal or written notice to each of said Corporators, designating the time and place of holding the same, at which time and place he shall call said meeting to order, and be President *pro tempore* thereof. The said meeting shall then proceed to elect by ballot from among their number a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Corporators herein named, including the officers so elected shall be Directors for the first ensuing year. The Company being thus organized may then proceed to the transaction of business. At all succeeding meetings of said Company the elections of officers and all questions requiring the votes of said Company shall be determined by a majority of the shares of the capital stock represented at such meeting, each stockholder having the right either in person or by proxy to cast as many votes as he may own shares of the capital stock therein.

Meetings.

SEC. 4. If an election of officers shall not be made on the day specified S. L.—10.

Elections.

fied in the By-Laws for that purpose, said Corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but such election may be made on any other day in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws of said Corporation.

Agents.

SEC. 5. When said Company is organized as aforesaid, at any annual or special meeting thereof, the said Company may by vote of a majority of the stockholders voting by shares as aforesaid, elect for a term of one or more years an agent or agents for the transaction of the business of said Company, who shall have such power and authority to transact the business of said Company as the said Company by vote as aforesaid shall delegate and authorize; and no agent elected as aforesaid shall enter upon the duties of his office, or transact any business in behalf of or for said Company until the President and Directors thereof shall make and execute a Power of Attorney in due form, and acknowledge the same before an officer empowered to take acknowledgements of deeds within this Territory, which Power of Attorney shall clearly and specifically set forth what business and to what extent the said agent or agents are authorized to transact business in behalf of said Company, unless the Power of Attorney as aforesaid be general, in which case the said Company shall be bound by the acts of said agent to whatever extent the said agent assumes to act, and the said Power of Attorney shall be recorded in all Counties within this Territory where said Company hold real estate; and all of the acts of said agent in any matter relating to conveyances of real estate shall be signed by the agent as the agent of the Saint Peter Company, and be acknowledged by him as the agent of said Company, and be sealed by the common seal of the same.

Capital Stock.

SEC. 6. The capital stock of said Company shall be one hundred thousand dollars, and be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and in lieu of the capital stock being paid in in money the said Corporators, their associates, successors and assigns, may substitute all the real and personal estate and property owned jointly by them, and when so substituted the said real and personal estate and property shall be held by said Company as the Capital Stock thereof, and each Corporator shall own of the whole capital stock the same proportion and ratio as he owned of the property constituting the same.

Taxation.

SEC. 7. The Stock of said Company shall not be liable to taxation against the individual stockholders or the Company, but the property constituting said capital stock shall be taxed against the Corporation in the same manner as other property in this Territory.

Individual Liability.

SEC. 8. Each of the stockholders of said Company shall be personally liable for the debts of said Company to an amount equal to the amount of the capital stock held by said stockholder and no more; and the said Company may by a majority vote, voting by shares as aforesaid, increase the said capital stock at any annual or special meeting of said Company regularly called according to the By-Laws of said Company.

Powers.

SEC. 9. The said Company is hereby authorized to erect in the counties of Nicollet and LeSeur, buildings, mills and other structures, together with steam engines and all the machinery necessary for the manufacturing of lumber, flour, machinery, tools, agricultural implements, cotton and woolen goods, paper and all such articles adapted to the wants of the country, as shall be deemed best by the stockholders of said Company, and to improve for the purposes aforesaid any water power owned or possessed by said Company in said counties in such manner and to such extent as shall be authorized by the Directors of said Company. Provided that nothing

herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize said corporation to interfere with the rights or property of any other person or persons whatever.

SEC. 10. That any articles of incorporation of the Saint Peter Company filed under the provisions of the general incorporation act of this Territory are null and void after the organization of said Company under this Act; Provided that the corporation hereby created shall succeed to all the rights, privileges and liabilities which may belong to the Saint Peter Company or any member thereof under any prior articles of incorporation. The By-Laws of the said Saint Peter Company heretofore organized under the general act, shall be the by-laws of the corporation hereby created until amended or changed by the stockholders.

General
Incorporation
Act.

SEC. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Acts repealed.

CHARLES GARDNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN B. BRISBIN,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—March first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.
W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSEK,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER XLVI.

*An act to amend "an act to incorporate the St. Paul Bridge Company,"
Approved March 4, 1854.*

- SECTION 1. Time extended.
2. Rights forfeited unless this Act complied with.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SEC. 1. That the time is hereby extended from April 4th, 1856, to Time Extended. July 1st of same year, for the commencement, by the St. Paul Bridge Company, of a Bridge, which shall be erected upon any place of construction approved by the Directors of the Company; Provided, that the same shall not interfere with navigation or the rights of any other parties.

SEC. 2. All the rights and privileges granted by this act, and the act to which this is an amendment, shall be forfeited unless said bridge shall be constructed within four years from the passage of this act. When Forfeited

CHARLES GARDNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
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