

## NUMBER VIII.

March 8, 1870.

*Joint Resolution relative to grant of lands to aid the construction of a railroad from some point on the Western Boundary of Minnesota to the Winnipeg District of British America.*

Preamble.

The committee on public lands of the senate of the United States having, on the eighteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, reported a bill, (S. F. No. 381) granting lands to the First Division of the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company to aid in the construction of a railroad from some point on the western boundary of Minnesota to the Winnipeg district of British America ;

*And whereas,* The development of that region, now so remote from markets and commercial centers as to be practically beyond the reach of immigrants and settlers, will be largely stimulated by the construction of said line of road, which is of prime importance to the State of Minnesota ;

*And whereas,* Also, by reason of recent events along Red River, in British America, the immediate completion of said line of railway affects directly the welfare, and concerns the interest of the people of the United States as well in respect to national expansion, as in regard to natural defences ; therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Relating to grant of lands to aid the construction of certain railroad.

That, believing the passage of the aforesaid measure will accomplish the important results hereinbefore indicated, we request our senators and representatives in congress to use their influence and best endeavors to secure the early passage of said bill as reported to the senate by its committee on public lands.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be, and he is hereby directed to send an authenticated copy of the fore-

going preamble and resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 5, 1870.

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NUMBER IX.

*A Joint Resolution relating to the Improvement of the Upper Mississippi and Fox and Wisconsin Rivers.*

March 3, 1870.

*Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives requested to use their influence in behalf of legislation favorable to the improvement of the Upper Mississippi river and its tributaries, and the construction of a ship canal by the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

Relative to the improvement of the Upper Mississippi, Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state is instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, March 3, 1870.