

CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT TO TRANSFER A GRANT FROM THE CANNON RIVER IMPROVEMENT COMPANY TO THE CANNON RIVER MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, By an act entitled "An act to aid the Cannon River Improvement Company, in the construction of slack water navigation on the Cannon river, and from thence by way of Lake Elysian to the Minnesota river, at Mankato," approved March second (2d), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (1865), a grant of three hundred thousand (300,000) acres of swamp lands was made to the said Cannon River Improvement Company, to aid in the construction of slack water navigation on Cannon river.

AND WHEREAS, By an act entitled "An act to amend an act, section two (2) of chapter sixty-seven (67) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (1865), as amended by chapter one hundred and eighteen (118) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy (1870), relating to Cannon River Improvement Company," approved February twenty-seventh (27th), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (1875), the time for performing the conditions of said grant, were continued and extended until the first (1st) day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), and it was thereby provided, that in case said company should elect to apply the said grant to the building of a railroad, at least one-twelfth of said grant should be selected *pro rata*, and set apart for the purpose of developing and improving the water powers, and manufacturing resources of Cannon river, which lands shall never be diverted from that object, but that, whenever a corporation of the proprietors of the mills on said river shall be formed for that purpose, the same should be transferred by said Cannon River Improvement Company to said corporation, to be used and applied under its direction as aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS, Said corporation of the proprietors of mills on said river, has been formed under the general laws of this State;

AND WHEREAS, By reason of the great number of lakes and natural reservoirs on said river, and the peculiar character of said stream, extending from near the Minnesota river, at Mankato, to the Mississippi river at Red Wing, through the most fertile wheat growing regions of central Minnesota, the public interests will be greatly subserved and promoted by the development of said resources; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That as soon as there are any swamp lands certified to this State, applicable to said grant, an amount of lands equal to one-twelfth of said original grant shall be selected by the State Auditor, and set apart to the Cannon River Manufacturing Association, and the Governor is hereby authorized to convey the same to said company, taking back from the said company a bond in at least the penal sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), conditioned for the faithful application of the proceeds of said lands to the purposes aforesaid.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1877.

CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORWEGIAN DANISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN AUGSBURGH SEMINARY.

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

SECTION 1. That the election of trustees of the Norwegian Danish Evangelical Lutheran Augsburg Seminary, as the same have been elected heretofore by the conference of the Norwegian Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 2. All the official acts of said trustees heretofore done and performed in accordance with the articles of incorporation and the by-laws of said seminary, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, are ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 3. Article five (5) of the articles of incorporation of said seminary, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words: "The trustees aforesaid shall be elected by the Conference of the Norwegian Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1877.