

NUMBER 23.

▲ JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONGRESS ASKING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST ROUTE FROM LAKE PARK TO CROOKSTON, IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their efforts to secure the establishment of a post route from Lake Park, in Becker county, viz.: Oleson's and Upper Wild Rice River, to Crookston, Polk county, Minnesota

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be requested to put service on said route, as soon as the route shall be duly authorized by act of Congress.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to forward copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Postmaster General.

Approved February 14, 1877.

NUMBER 24.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The St. Croix and St. Louis rivers form a portion of the boundaries between the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin;

AND WHEREAS, These rivers not being wholly in either of said States, have been overlooked by our Senators and Representatives in Congress, no appropriations having been by Congress, consequently there has been no legal survey or examination to prove the feasibility of the connecting of these waters by canal;

AND WHEREAS, The navigable waters of the St. Croix are one hundred (100) miles nearer to the bay of Superior, at the west end of Lake Superior, than that of any other river in Minnesota or Wisconsin;

AND WHEREAS, The proximity of the navigable waters of the St. Croix to the Bay of Superior is such as to render it feasible, and only a question of time when said waters will be connected by a canal;

AND WHEREAS, The great wheat growing region of Minnesota, Wis-

consin and Dakota, demand outlets or water communications to the great lakes, this is deemed an important undertaking ;

AND WHEREAS, The benefits which the government would derive from the improvement thus contemplated, in shortening the distance for the transportation of government troops and supplies from the northwestern States, via Lake Superior, St. Marie's river, and Lake Michigan, more than six hundred (600) miles, thus saving an enormous annual expenditure to the government, which would soon far exceed the amount required to connect the said waters by canal ; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to use their best endeavors to obtain a preliminary survey of said projected route.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward certified copies of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1877. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing joint resolutions have been carefully compared with the originals on file in this office, and that the same are true and correct copies thereof.

JOHN S. IRGENS,
Secretary of State.