

CHAPTER CLVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CROOKSTON TO ISSUE BONDS TO CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE ACROSS RED LAKE RIVER WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of constructing a bridge across Red Lake river within the limits of the city of Crookston, the municipal corporation of the said city of Crookston is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said city to the amount of one thousand dollars, in denominations of one hundred dollars each, with interest coupons attached, to bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, payable annually at the city of St. Paul; the principal payable ten years from the date of their issue. Said bonds shall not be sold for less than ninety cents on the dollar.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the common council of said city, if said bonds hereinbefore provided for are issued as prescribed in this act, to provide for the prompt payment of the interest thereon, and also to provide for a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal when the same becomes due.

SEC. 3. The common council shall, upon a petition signed by the actual citizens and property owners of said city, representing a majority of the taxable property therein, at any time within one year after the passage of this act, issue said bonds and negotiate the same, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
Approved March 3, 1879.

CHAPTER CLVIII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF STEARNS TO ISSUE BONDS IN AID OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN LINES OF RAILROAD.

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

SECTION 1. The county of Stearns is hereby authorized to issue in the manner herein provided, bonds to aid in the construction of lines of railroad located substantially as follows:

1. A line beginning at St. Cloud and running thence in a southerly direction towards Mankato.

2. A line beginning at St. Cloud and running thence in a westerly or southwesterly direction by way of Cold Springs to the southern or western boundary of the county.

3. A line beginning at some point on the northern boundary of the county, and running thence in a southwesterly direction by way of Sauk Centre toward the western line of the county.

4. A line beginning at the city of Minneapolis and running thence on the west side of the Mississippi river in a northwesterly direction to St. Cloud, and thence to some point on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad by way of the town of Holding in Stearns county.

SEC. 2. Bonds shall not be issued under the provisions of this act to an amount greater than will, together with the indebtedness of said county outstanding at the time of such issuance, which shall have been created for the purpose of aiding in the construction or equipment of any or all railroads, exceed five per centum of the value of the taxable property within the said county, the amount of such taxable property to be ascertained and determined by the last assessment of said property made for the purpose of state and county taxation, previous to the issuance of such bonds.

SEC. 3. Proceedings for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this act, shall be commenced by the presentation of a petition therefor to the board of county commissioners of the county, which petition shall be signed by not less than fifty resident freeholders of the county, and shall contain—

1. A designation of the company or companies, and of the lines of road proposed to be aided.

2. A statement of the amount of bonds proposed to be issued for each line.

3. A statement of the length of road, within the county, of each line, which must be built, equipped and put into operation, to entitle such company to the benefit of such bonds.

SEC. 4. Upon the presentation of any such petition to the board of county commissioner it shall be the duty of the board to appoint a day for an election by the legal voters of the said county, to decide whether or not bonds shall be issued, as in such petition prayed; which day shall be one at a sufficient distance in the future to permit the giving of notice of the holding thereof as herein provided.

Upon the appointing of such election day, the board shall cause notice of the time and places of holding such election, to be given by publication of a notice of the same in one or more newspapers published in the said county, at least once in each week, for the period of at least four weeks next before the day appointed for the holding of such election; and also by posting copies of such notice in three public places in such town in said county, at least four weeks prior to the day appointed for the holding of such election. Such notice shall state the time and places appointed for the holding of such election, and also a copy of the body of the petition aforesaid, without the signatures thereto.

SEC. 5. Such election shall be held on the day so appointed, at the usual polling places in said county, and the same shall be con-

ducted by the same officers, and in the same manner and the votes cast thereat shall be canvassed and returned in the same manner as provided by the laws of this state relating to the election of county officers.

SEC. 6. Those voting at such election in favor of issuing bonds as prayed in the petition aforesaid, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, upon their ballots the words: "In favor of issuing bonds to aid in the construction of railroads." Those voting at such election against the issuance of such bonds shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, upon their ballots the words: "Against issuing bonds to aid in the construction of railroads."

In case a majority of the legal voters voting at such election upon such proposition shall vote in favor of the issuing of such bonds, then the same shall be issued in accordance with the specifications and conditions set forth in such petition, and in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. In case any proposition to issue bonds under the provisions of this act shall be defeated at any election, such defeat thereof shall not be a bar to the subsequent submission of the same, or of a similar proposition the electors of said county, at an election held not less than sixty days after the holding of the election at which the same was defeated.

SEC. 8. Bonds shall not be issued under the provisions of this act, to an amount exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per mile of length within said county, of the line of road aided, if the same be of standard gauge, nor to an amount exceeding one thousand dollars per mile of length within said county of the line of road aided, if the same be of narrow gauge; nor shall any bonds be issued under the provisions of this act, as the perfected obligations of the said county, except as the line of railroad in aid of which the same are issued, is completed, equipped and put into operation, in sections of not less than ten miles each, starting at points specifically named herein.

SEC. 9. Bonds issued in pursuance of this act, shall be in such sums, exceeding one hundred dollars; as the company or corporation for whose benefit the same are issued shall direct; the same shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and be countersigned by the county auditor, and shall be payable in twenty years from the date of the issuance thereof, and shall bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per year, payable semi-annually, and shall have annexed to the same, coupons for such interest, in the usual form.

SEC. 10. In case the said county shall, in the manner herein provided, determine to issue bonds to any company or corporation, the board of county commissioners may, after the official ascertainment of the vote of the electors of said county in favor of the issue of such bonds, provide, by contract with such company or corporation, for the immediate execution of such bonds by the proper officers, and the placing of the same in the hands of some depository, to be held by the same in escrow, for delivery to the company or corporation for whose benefit the same are to be issued, upon full

compliance by the same with the conditions wherein such bonds are to be issued; and in any case, the bonds which said county shall determine to issue in pursuance with the provisions of this act, shall be issued to the proper company or corporation upon compliance by the same with the conditions on which the same were so determined to be issued, and with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 11. In case the said county shall issue any bonds under the provisions of this act, it shall cause to be levied and collected, at the proper periods, taxes for that purpose sufficient to pay the principal and interest of such bonds, when the same shall respectively fall due.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1879.

CHAPTER CLIX.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE OF JORDAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SCOTT, TO ORGANIZE AND MAINTAIN A FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO ISSUE THE BONDS OF THE VILLAGE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

SECTION 1. The village of Jordan, in the county of Scott, by the trustees of said village, in addition to the powers it now possesses, shall have full power to organize and maintain a fire department and provide the ways and means for the protection and safety of property within said village from the contingencies of damage and destruction by fire, and do all things necessary or proper to create and maintain an efficient fire department for said village.

SEC. 2. The said village of Jordan is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said village to the amount not exceeding two thousand dollars, at a rate of interest payable annually, not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, payable in not exceeding five years, for the purpose of purchasing fire engines and fire apparatus, and building and maintaining cisterns and reservoirs in said village.

SEC. 3. The bonds named in section one shall be resigned by the president of said village, and countersigned by the recorder of said village, who shall keep a record of all bonds thus issued under the provisions of this act, giving the numbers, dates, amounts, rates of interest, to whom issued, and when payable.