date and places of such posting, and there shall be attached to said affidavit, and made or referred to as a part thereof, a true copy of the matter or notice so posted, and said clerk shall thereupon file and keep such affidavit as one of the files in his office, nd such affidavit, or a certified copy thereof, shall be competent proof and evidence of the contents thereof, and the matter therein stated, and the same shall be received and read in all courts and places without further proof.

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

Approved April 8th, 1889.

CHAPTER 96.

[H. F. No. 1174.]

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN "ACT TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF AND ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH," APPROVED MARCH 2, 1887.

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

SECTION 1. That section two (2) of chapter two (2) of the act entitled "An act to define the boundaries of and establish a municipal government for the city of Duluth", approved March second (2d), eighteen hundred and eighty-seven (1887), be and the same is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words following, to wit:

"Provided, That a railroad commissioner of the city shall be appointed by the mayor at the time aforesaid, and shall hold his office for the term of two (2) years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified."

Sec. 2. Section ten (10) of chapter three (3) of said act is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words following,

to wit:

"It shall be the duty of the railroad commissioner of the city to investigate the interests of the city with reference to any and all railroads or other highways entering or proposing to enter the limits of the city; to conduct on behalf of the city any negotiations that may seem necessary with a view to the construction of new lines of railroad, or with a view to the enlargement or improvement of the terminal facilities or local service of roads already constructed in the city; to call to the attention of the several railroad companies doing business in the city any disregard on their part of their obligations to the city or to the public, with reference to the bridging of their tracks, or the adoption of other reasonable safeguards at street crossings within the limits of the city, and in case of the

failure of any such railroad company to fulfil such obligations when notified, to report such failure to the common council of the city; to see that all railroad companies heretofore or hereafter receiving aid from the city, whether by grant of right of way or by issue of bonds or otherwise, conform in all respects to the conditions subject to which such aid may have been granted, and to report to the common council all instances of nonconformity with such conditions coming to his knowledge; to compile and publish, from time to time, statistics respecting the railroad and commercial interests of the city; to report annually, and more frequently, as occasion may require, to the common council, upon the matters committed to his charge, embodying in such reports his views and recommendations concerning the policy of the city with respect to such matters, and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the common council of the city.

"He shall receive a salary of three thousand five hundred (\$3,500) dollars per annum, and shall be allowed his clerk hire and office and traveling expenses, not exceeding one thousand five hundred

(\$1,500) dollars per year."

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13th, 1889.

CHAPTER 97.

S. F. No. 341]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO (2) OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WINONA AND LACROSSE RAILROAD COMPANY, APPROVED FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIFTH (25th) EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX 1856), AS AMENDED BY SECTION TWO (2) OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND ONE (101) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO (1872)."

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

SECTION 1. That section two (2) of an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Winona and LaCrosse Railroad Company, approved February twenty-fith (25th) A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-six (1856), as amended by section two (2) of chapter one hundred and one (101) of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two (1872), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. That said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered and it is hereby declared that the objects and purposes thereof are to survey, locate, construct, complete, maintain, use and operate and at their pleasure to alter the line thereof a railway with all necessary and convenient tracks, turnouts, sidetracks, switches and other