

SEC. 2. That subdivision twenty (20) of section ten (10) of chapter seven (7) of the General Statutes of A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Subdivision 20,  
Sec. 10, c. 7,  
G. S. 1878,  
amended.

20th. For salary of the deputy treasurer, two thousand (2,000) dollars.

SEC. 3. That chapter forty-seven (47) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), extra session, be and the same is hereby repealed.

C. 47. Ex.  
Laws 1881, re-  
pealed.

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

Approved April 20th, 1899.

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### CHAPTER 303.

H. F. No. 321.

*An act to facilitate the purchase and condemnation of lands within the limits of Itasca State Park and to appropriate money therefor.*

Itasca state  
park.

Whereas, with a view to preserve in its natural beauty for the benefit of this and future generations the source of the Mississippi river and a tract of timbered land containing thirty-five (35) square miles surrounding the same, the legislature of this state in the year (1891) established Itasca Park; and

Whereas, upon representation that this state would maintain inviolate for park purposes all the land within the limits of said park, the government of the United States, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two (1892) generously granted to the State of Minnesota all that it possessed therein, comprising about one-half the entire area; and

Whereas, during all the time since elapsed, no adequate measures have been taken to acquire the lands owned by private parties within the limits of said park, there still being more than eight thousand (8,000) acres over which the state has no control; and

Whereas, there is constant and increasing danger that these lands, which are intricately intermingled with the rest, will be cut over by lumbermen and denuded of their natural growth of forest, thus marring the beauty of the whole and inviting fires that would destroy every green thing and entirely defeat the objects for which said park was established; therefore

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

\$20,000 appropriated to acquire lands therefor by purchase or condemnation.

SECTION 1. That the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be found necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of section seven (7) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), and to pay for any and all lands, other than school lands, that may be acquired by purchase or condemnation, according to the provisions of said chapter, and to pay all expenses connected with such purchase and condemnation.

\$10,000 available for year 1900.

Of the foregoing appropriation ten thousand (10,000) dollars shall be available for the fiscal year ending July thirty-first (31st), eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899), and ten thousand dollars (10,000) for the fiscal [year] ending July thirty-first (31st), nineteen hundred (1900).

Purchase and condemnation, how effected.

SEC. 2. As soon as any moneys shall become available for carrying out the provisions of said section seven (7) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), the governor shall direct the attorney general to enter upon and prosecute proceedings for the purchase and condemnation of such lands as are not already owned by the state within the limits of said park as the same were established by chapter fifty-six (56) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one (1891), as amended by chapter one hundred and six (106) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895); and the attorney general shall thereupon commence such proceedings and prosecute the same with all reasonable diligence.

He shall first endeavor to acquire such parcels as shall seem to him to be in most imminent danger of being denuded of timber.

Attorney general empowered to secure options on land.

SEC. 3. In case the appropriation herein made in section two (2) for the purchase and condemnation of land shall become exhausted, or shall, in whole or in part, be unavailable when needed, and it shall transpire that the timber is liable to be cut from any land within the limits of said park, the attorney general shall endeavor to secure from the owner of such land an option to purchase the same, for a term not exceeding two years, which shall contain an agreement that the timber thereon shall remain undisturbed during said term. He may pay for said option, if secured, a sum not exceeding four per centum per annum of such term upon the value of said [land] as the same may be estimated by him.

SEC. 4. The sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be found necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the preceding section.

\$1,000 appropriated to carry act into effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20th, 1899.

## CHAPTER 304.

H. F. No. 618.

*An act to amend chapter one hundred eighty-one (181) of the Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887), as amended by chapter two hundred twenty-five (225) of the Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897), entitled, "An act to reorganize the State Agricultural Society and confer police powers upon the board."*

State agricultural society, reorganization of.

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of chapter one hundred eighty-one (181) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven (1887), as amended by chapter two hundred twenty-five (225) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven (1897), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1, c. 181, Laws 1887, amended by c. 225, Laws 1897, amend.-1

Sec. 1. That hereafter the state agricultural society shall be composed of the following members:

Composition of society

First—Three (3) delegates to be chosen and appointed by each of the county and district agricultural societies in this state, and in case any such society shall fail or neglect to choose and appoint such delegates, then and in that event the president, secretary and treasurer of such society shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the State Agricultural society.

*Provided*, that a county agricultural society does not exist and hold annual fairs in any county, and any city shall maintain a street fair annually, when devoted to agricultural interests, then three (3) delegates to be chosen, appointed by such street fair association, and in case such society fails or neglects to choose and appoint such delegates, then the president, secretary and treasurer of such society shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the State Agricultural society.

*Provided, further*, when more than one street fair association or society shall hold its meetings in any county,