ninety-seven (1897), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 8. All loans made under the provisions of this act shall bear interest at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum, payable annually; provided, that county drainage bonds bearing interest at not less than three (3) per cent per annum, issued under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter two hundred fifty-eight (258) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year nineteen hundred and one (1901), or any acts amendatory thereof, may be purchased direct from the county issuing the same.

Invested in county drainage bonds at 3 per cent, other bonds 4 per cent.

Principal and interest due July L.

All principal and interest shall fall due on the first day of July of the designated year, and no principal or interest shall be payable until such time shall elapse after making the loan for a tax to be levied and collected therefor.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

S. F. No. 75.

CHAPTER 184.

Schools.

An act to amend section nine (9) and section twenty-eight (28) of chapter three hundred and fifty-two (352) of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (1899), as amended by sections one (1) and five (5), respectively, of chapter one hundred and eighty-nine (189) of the laws of one thousand nine hundred and one (1901), relating to certain schools.

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

SECTION 1. That section nine (9) of chapter three hundred fifty-two (352) of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (1899), as amended by section one (1) of chapter one hundred and eighty-nine (189) of the laws of one thousand nine hundred and one (1901), be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Aid to certain schools, conditions. Section 9. The said high school board shall receive applications from such schools for state aid, and shall apportion to each of said schools which shall have fully com-

plied with the provisions of this act and the rules of the board relating to state high schools, and whose applications shall have been approved by the board, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500); provided, that the amount of state aid granted under the provisions of this act shall in no case exceed the amount expended for the maintenance of high school work, exclusive of the cost of buildings and repairs thereon; provided, further, however, that in case the amount appropriated and available under this act for the payment of aid to such schools shall, in any year, be insufficient to apportion each of such state high schools as are entitled thereto the full amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), then in such case such amount as is appropriated and available shall be apportioned pro rata among all the schools entitled thereto.

That section twenty-eight (28) of chapter SEC. 2. three hundred and fifty-two (352) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (1899). as amended by section five (5) of chapter one hundred eighty-nine (189) of the laws of one thousand nine hundred and one (1901), be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 28. For the purpose of carrying out the provitions. sions of this act the following sums are hereby appropriated annually, to be paid out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, viz: For aid to To high state high schools, the sum of two hundred and seventeen thousand (217,000) dollars.

For aid to state graded schools, the sum of seventy-nine Graded. thousand (79,000) dollars.

For the necessary expenses of the state high school Expenses of board and the salaries and traveling expenses of the high inspectors, school and graded school inspectors, in a sum not to exceed nine thousand five hundred (9,500) dollars, shall be drawn from the annual appropriations herein made for high and graded schools in proportion to the respective amounts appropriated to each, which sum shall become available on the first (1st) day of August, one thousand nine hundred and one (1901).

For aid to state semi-graded schools, the sum of sixty- Semi-graded. seven thousand (67,000) dollars.

For aid to state rural schools, the sum of one hundred Rural schools. thousand (100,000) dollars, which amounts, or so much

how paid.

thereof as shall be necessary shall be paid on the warrants of the superintendent of public instruction, drawn on the state auditor.

Provided, the first annual appropriation herein provided for shall become available August 1st, nineteen hundred and three (1903), for the school year ending July thirty-first (31st), nineteen hundred and three (1903).

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

5. F. No. 914.

CHAPTER 185.

Cities.

An act to authorize cities of not less than ten thousand and not more than fifty thousand population to provide water and light for public use of the inhabitants without owning the plant therefor.

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

Providing for water and light in cities of 10,000 to 50,000.

That all cities of the State of Minnesota. which now or at any time hereafter have more than ten thousand and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants, are hereby authorized to provide water, for use of such city for fire protection, or other public use, and for private use of its inhabitants, by contract with private individuals or private corporations, if such cities have no water system of their own; and for that purpose may contract for such water supply on such terms and conditions and for such period, not exceeding thirty years, as the city council of such cities, by an affirmative vote thereof, shall determine; and may from time to time alter, renew or extend any such contract that may now be in force, or hereafter made by like vote of said city council, and as a part of such contract may authorize the laying, maintaining, repairing and operation of all water mains, hydrants, connections and other appliances in the streets, alleys and other public places of said city, whether the same are now laid and in operation or hereafter established.

SEC. 2. That all cities in the State of Minnesota which now, or at any time hereafter, have more than ten thousand and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants,