

lars is hereby appropriated out of said fund, to aid in building a steel bridge across the Cannon river, in the town of Warsaw, at the outlet of Cannon lake, in section four (4), township one hundred and nine (109), range twenty-one (21), in Rice county, Minnesota. The work shall be done under the supervision of a committee consisting of Charles Hutchinson and W. C. Blodget, of the city of Faribault, and R. H. L. Jewett of Rice county, Minnesota, and two of said commissioners may act in the premises.

Provided that if the said commissioners find that the sum hereby appropriated is insufficient to build said bridge, they may expend the same in the improvement of the approaches to said bridge and of the road along the north shore of said Cannon lake.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 808.

CHAPTER 213.

*Cities of
over 50,000.*

An act entitled an act to empower cities now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants to replace old sidewalks with new walks without any petition therefor by owners of property fronting thereon, and to legalize assessments for the cost thereof heretofore or hereafter made.

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

*Authorized
to remove
and replace
sidewalks,
without
petitions.*

SECTION 1. That in cities of this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, when any sidewalk therein becomes old, decayed or worn, and unsafe for public travel thereon, the common council of such city may, by a four-fifths vote of all members elect thereof, and without petition of the owners of any property fronting thereon, order and cause the same to be removed and replaced by a new sidewalk of the same or different material, and cause the necessary cost and expense thereof to be assessed against property benefited by such improvement, the same as for the first and original construction of sidewalks upon any street.

*Cost as-
sessed against
property
benefited.*

*Heretofore
made
legalized.*

SEC. 2. That all assessments heretofore or hereafter made by any such city for the construction of new side-

walks, to take the place of walks previously on the same street or streets, which have been ordered without any petition therefor by the owners of property fronting or abutting thereon, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid and binding to the same extent as if a proper petition therefor had been presented; *provided* that nothing in this act shall affect any action or proceeding now pending wherein the validity of any such assessment is now being contested by any property owner affected thereby.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 214.

H. F. No. 898.

An act to provide for payment of expenses incurred in entertainment of President Roosevelt and Admiral Schley, and to appropriate money therefor.

State appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of two hundred (\$200), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay for decorations and expenses necessarily incurred in receiving and entertaining President Roosevelt and Admiral Schley.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 215.

H. F. No. 278.

An act to repeal the first proviso of section 6 of chapter 167 of the Laws of 1901, and also to authorize any and all municipal corporations of less than ten thousand inhabitants operating under a special law or special charter to avail itself of the provisions of chapter 167, Laws of 1901.

Villages.

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

SECTION 1. That the first proviso of section six (6) of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven (167) of the