Not applicable to villages of less than 10,000, under special charter. Laws of 1901, which proviso reads as follows: "Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to any city or village of this state having a population of less than ten thousand operating under a special law or special charter," be and the same hereby is repealed.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 258.

CHAPTER 216.

Legalizing defective acknowledgments. An act to legalize and validate the defective acknowledgment of deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney and other instruments and the record thereof.

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

Section 1. Any acknowledgment to any deed, mortgage, power of attorney or other instrument heretofore taken before a deputy auditor of any county in this state, under the seal of the county auditor is, together with the record of said deed, mortgage, power of attorney or other instrument, hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, and of the same force and effect in all respects for the purposes of notice, evidence, or otherwise as though said deputy auditor was at the time of taking said acknowledgments expressly authorized by law so to do.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this act shall not affect any action now pending in any court in this state.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 562.

CHAPTER 217.

Drainage.

An act to amend the title of chapter 318 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota, for the year 1897, entitled "An act entitled, an act to create a board of state drainage commissioners and prescribe its duties."

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

Amends title of ch. 318, 1897. SECTION 1. That the title of chapter 318 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1897 be and the