

such county for clerk hire in the office of such county auditor such sum as they shall deem expedient, not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars per annum.

SEC. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

H. F. No. 300.

## CHAPTER 230.

Tree  
bounty.

*An act to amend section seven thousand eight hundred fifty-nine (7859), General Statutes of Minnesota, eighteen hundred ninety-four, relating to paying bounty for tree planting.*

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

SECTION 1. That section seven thousand eight hundred fifty-nine, General Statutes of eighteen hundred ninety-four, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Who en-  
titled to  
bounty.

SEC. 2. That any person who has heretofore or shall hereafter plant, cultivate and keep in a growing, thrifty condition one acre and not more than ten acres of prairie land with any kind of forest trees, except black locust, and shall plant, or have planted, said trees not more than twelve feet apart each way, and maintain them at that distance by replanting each year any that may die, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per acre for a period of six years. *Provided*, that this act shall not apply to any railroad company planting trees within two hundred feet of its track, nor to any person planting trees in compliance with an act of congress entitled: "An act to encourage the growth of timber on Western prairies," approved March three, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, or any act amendatory thereto; *provided, further*, that this act shall not apply to any person who has received bounty under said section seventy.

Not railroad  
companies  
nor under  
U. S. tree  
claim  
entry.

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

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