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GENERAL STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MINNESOTA:

REVISED BY COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED UNDER AN ACT APPROVED FEBRUARY 17, 1863, AND

ACTS SUBSEQUENT THERETO, AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATURE,

AND PASSED AT THE SESSION OF 1866.

TO WHICH

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE ORGANIC ACT, THE ACT AUTHORIZING A STATE GOVERNMENT, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

ARE PREFIXED;

AND A LIST OF ACTS PREVIOUSLY REPEALED,

A GLOSSARY, AND INDEX, ARE ADDED.

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that the land on which the trespass was committed was his own, or that of the person in whose service, or by whose direction the act was done, judgment shall be given for only the single damages assessed in the action.

Cutting timber on highways.

Sec. 30. Nothing in the last two sections authorizes the recovery of more than the just value of the timber taken from uncultivated wood land for the repair of a public highway or bridge upon the land, or adjoining it.

Damages for forcible eviction.

If a person put out of real property in a forcible manner without lawful authority, or being so put out, is afterward kept out by force, recovers damages therefor, judgment may be entered for three times the amount at which the actual damages are assessed.

Rule of damages in case of forcible entry or detention.

SEC. 32. In case of forcible entry or forcible detention, if a person, claiming in good faith under color of title to be rightfully in possession, so put out, or kept out, recovers damages therefor, judgment may be entered in his favor for three times the amount at which the actual damages are assessed.

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Chapter embraces all corporations and associations.

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This chapter embraces all corporations, including in such SECTION 1. designation, all associations having any corporate rights, whether created by special acts or under general laws.

SEC. 2. A foreign corporation may prosecute in the courts of this state, in the same manner as corporations created under the laws thereof.

SEC. 3. A foreign corporation cannot maintain an action in this state upon an obligation or liability arising out of, or in consideration of an act which is contrary to the law or policy of the state, or which is thereby forbidden in respect to corporations or associations therein, whose general business is similar to that of such foreign corporation.

Actions against corporations, how commenced

Actions may be commenced against corporations whether created under the laws of this state or any other state or country, except as otherwise expressly provided, in the same manner as other civil actions, and where service of summons is made according to the statute, the

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plaintiff may proceed thereupon in the same manner as in civil actions against natural persons.

Upon a complaint filed under the direction of the attorney Corporation may Sec. 5. general in any district court, such court has power to restrain by injunc- be restrained by injunction. tion, any corporation from assuming or exercising any franchise, liberty, or privilege, or transacting any business not authorized by the act by or under which such corporation was created, and to restrain any individuals from exercising any corporate rights, privileges, or franchises not granted to them by law.

Such injunction may be issued before the coming in of the Injunction may Sec. 6. answer, upon satisfactory proof that the defendant complained of, has issue, when. usurped, exercised, or claimed any franchise, privilege, liberty, or corporate right not granted to it.

SEC. 7. The district court may compel the officers of any corporation, Power of district To account for their official conduct in the management and court over officers of corpora-

disposition of the funds and property committed to their charge;

Second. May decree and compel payment by them, to the corporation which they represent, and to its creditors of all sums of money, and of the value of all property which they have acquired to themselves, or transferred to others, or have lost or wasted by any violation of their duties as such officers;

Third. May suspend any such trustee, or other officer from exercising

his office whenever it appears that he has abused his trust;

Fourth. May remove any trustee, or officer from his office, upon proof

or conviction of gross misconduct;

May direct, if necessary, a new election to be held, by the body or board duly authorized for that purpose, to supply any vacancy created by such removal;

Sixth. May set aside all alienations of property made by the trustees, or other officers of any corporation, contrary to the provisions of law, or for purposes foreign to the lawful business and objects of such corporation, in cases where the person receiving such alienation knew the purpose . for which the same was made; and

Seventh. May restrain and prevent any such alienation in cases where it is threatened, or there is good reason to apprehend that it is intended.

SEC. 8. Whenever any visitorial powers over any corporation are Preceding secvested by statute in any corporate body or public officer, the provisions tion, how construed to impair the powers so of the preceding section shall not be construed to impair the powers so vested.

Whenever a judgment is obtained against any corporation stock, &c., of incorporated under the laws of this state, and an execution issued thereon sequestered, is returned unsatisfied in whole or in part, upon the complaint of the when person obtaining such judgment or his representatives, the district court within the proper county, may sequestrate the stock, property, things in action, and effects of such corporation, and appoint a receiver of the same.

Sec. 10. Upon a final judgment on any such complaint, the court Property how shall cause a just and fair distribution of the property of such corpora-distributed on final judgment. tion, and of the proceeds thereof, to be made among the fair and honest creditors of such corporation, in proportion to their debts respectively.

Whenever any incorporated company remains insolvent for when corporate one year, or for one year neglects or refuses to pay and discharge its tion may be adjudged disnotes, or other evidences of debt, or for one year suspends the ordinary solved. and lawful business of such corporation, it shall be deemed to have surrendered the rights, privileges, and franchises, granted by any act of 87/incorporation, or acquired under the laws of this state, and shall be adjudged to be dissolved.

Banking corporation enjoined, when.

Sec. 12. Whenever any corporation having banking powers, or the power to make loans on pledges or deposits, or authorized by law to make insurances, becomes insolvent, or unable to pay its debts, or neglects or refuses to pay its notes or evidences of debt on demand, or violates any of the provisions of its act or acts of incorporation, or of any other law binding on such corporation, the district court may, by injunction, restrain such corporation and its officers, from exercising any of its corporate rights, privileges, and franchises, and from collecting or receiving any debts or demands, and from paying out, or in any way transferring or delivering to any person, any of the moneys, property, or effects of such corporation, until such court shall otherwise order.

Injunction, how issued.

Sec. 13. Such injunction may be issued on the complaint of the attorney general, in behalf of the state, or on the complaint of any creditor or stockholder of such corporation. Whenever such injunction issues against any bank for any violation of its charter, on the complaint of any creditor, the court shall proceed to final judgment in such case, and adjudge a forfeiture, if the proof is sufficient, notwithstanding such creditor may settle with such corporation, and relinquish his claim against said corporation, and in all such cases, the attorney general, or any creditor, shall have the right to appear and pro-ecute such action; and such action shall not be discontinued, if either of them so appear and prosecute the same.

Receiver may be appointed.

Sec. 14. The court in any stage of the proceedings, may appoint one or more receivers to take charge of the property and effects of such corporation, and to collect, sue for, and recover the debts and demands that are due, and the property that belongs to such corporation, who shall in all respects be subject to the control of the court.

Who may be made parties. SEC. 15. If such application is made by a creditor of any corporation, whose directors or stockholders are made liable by law for the payment of such debts, in any event or contingency, such debtors or stockholders, or any of them, may be made parties to the action, either at the time of filing the complaint or in any subsequent stage of the proceedings, whenever it becomes necessary to enforce such liability.

Creditor may file supplemental complaint, when. Sec. 16 If any creditor of a corporation desires to make such directors or stockholders parties to the action, after a judgment therein against the corporation, he may do so on filing a supplemental complaint against them, founded upon such judgment; and if such decree was rendered in a proceeding instituted by the attorney general, such creditor may, on his application, be made complainant therein, and may in like manner make the directors and stockholders, sought to be charged, defendants in such action.

Action by creditor when brought.

Sec. 17. Whenever any creditor of a corporation seeks to charge the directors, trustees or other superintending officers of such corporation, or the stockholders thereof, on account of any liability created by law, he may file his complaint for that purpose, in any district court which possesses jurisdiction to enforce such liability.

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SEC. 19. If on the coming in of the answer, or upon the taking of any such account, it appears that such corporation is insolvent, and that it has no property or effects to satisfy such creditors, the court may proceed, without appointing any receiver, to ascertain the respective liabilities of such directors and stockholders, and enforce the same by its judgment as in other cases.

Proceedings on final judgment. Sec. 20. Upon a final judgment in any such action, to restrain a corporation, or against directors or stockholders, the court shall cause a just

and fair distribution of the property of such corporation, and of the proceeds thereof to be made among its creditors.

In all cases in which the directors or other officers of a cor- Stockholders liaporation, or the stockholders thereof, are made parties to an action in ble, when which a judgment is rendered, if the property of such corporation is insufficient to discharge its debts, the court shall proceed to compel each stockholder to pay in the amount due and remaining unpaid on the shares of stock held by him, or so much thereof as is necessary to satisfy the debts of the company.

Sec. 22. If the debts of the company remain unsatisfied, the court court to detershall proceed to ascertain the respective liabilities of the directors or other officers and stockofficers, and of the stockholders, and to adjudge the amount payable by holders. each, and enforce the judgment as in other cases.

Sec. 23. Whenever any action is brought against any corporation, its Court may order directors or other superintending officers or stockholders, according to the publication of notice to creditprovisions of this chapter, the court, whenever it appears necessary or ors, when proper, may order notice to be published, in such manner as it shall direct, requiring all the creditors of such corporation to exhibit their claims and become parties to the action within a reasonable time, not less than six months from the first publication of such order, and in default thereof to be precluded from all benefit of the judgment which shall be rendered in such action, and from any distribution which shall be made under such judgment.

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