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PREFACE

By Laws 1911, c. 299, the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General of the State were constituted a commission named the Minnesota statutes compilation commission, and were empowered to enter into a contract on behalf of the State for the preparation, compilation, and publication of the general statutes of the State, such compilation to include all the general laws in force at the time of its publication, including the Session Laws of 1913, together with the Constitution, Organic Act, Enabling Act, and Act of Admission of the State of Minnesota, and the Constitution of the United States, and to be published in one volume and entitled, General Statutes, 1913. The commission entered into a contract accordingly with the publishers of this volume, and in the contract designated the undersigned as editor. The compilation is believed to include all the laws, general and permanent in character and now in force, which are contained in Revised Laws 1905, or which were enacted at the sessions of 1905 to 1913, inclusive.

The arrangement of Revised Laws 1905 has been retained so far as possible. New laws dealing with subjects within the scope of that revision are inserted in the chapters dealing with those subjects respectively, but some new laws which do not relate to the subject matter of any chapter in the Revised Laws are made the subject of new chapters. A new chapter number is indicated by placing a letter after the number; for example: Chapter 65A. The sections have been numbered consecutively throughout the volume. All references to section numbers in the text or notes refer to sections of this compilation, except where otherwise specified, and numbers in brackets also refer to sections of this compilation. The references in parentheses at the end of the sections are to the sections of Revised Laws 1905 and to the subsequent session laws, thus showing the history of the sections. Where an act contains a section repealing acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith, the section, when not printed in the text, is referred to in a note.

Revised Laws 1905 took effect March 1, 1906; but by section 5504 thereof it was enacted that the Revised Laws "shall not be construed as abrogating any act passed at the session of 1905, all of which, so far as they differ from the Revised Laws, shall be construed as amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto." Many of the acts passed at the session of 1905, as well as some acts passed at later sessions, in terms amended acts which were expressly repealed by chapter 108 of the Revised Laws. Such amendatory acts have been inserted immediately following the sections of the Revised Laws in which were incorporated the provisions of the acts so repealed and amended, and historical and explanatory notes and cross-references are added. In some cases, however, the corresponding section of the Revised Laws has been omitted for the reason that it is clearly superseded by the amendatory act, that fact being mentioned in the note.

The compilation has been annotated with citations of Minnesota decisions and of federal decisions in which the laws have been construed. The notes of decisions contained in Revised Laws 1905 have been substantially followed, with necessary changes, any fuller statement of the decisions being incompatible with the requirement that the compilation shall be published in one volume. These notes have been brought down so as to cover 140 Northwestern Reporter, 33 Supreme Court Reporter, and 202 Federal Reporter. In the references to cases the sign — stands for the Minnesota Reports; and the † sign for the Northwestern Reporter. In references to the first twenty vol-

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umes of the Minnesota Reports the first page-number refers to the official edition, and the second to the Gilfillan edition.

Directly preceding the index will be found a Table prepared by the publishers, of the Session Laws of 1905 to 1913 inclusive, showing the sections of this compilation under which the various acts may be found.

An exhaustive index has been prepared by Mr. A. C. Wandrei, of the West Publishing Company's Editorial Staff, who was designated by the commission for that purpose.

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