

the main track of the railroad first established, except for crossing, as hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 58. Whenever any commissioners appointed under any law of this state, for the purpose of appraising the value of any lands taken or required by a railroad company, and fixing the compensation to be made therefor to the owner or owners, shall be, by the law under which such commissioners have been appointed, limited to a time less than ninety days in which to perform their duties, such commissioners shall have the full time of ninety days from the time of their appointment in which to discharge the duties imposed upon them, any law of this state heretofore enacted to the contrary notwithstanding; and any commissioners appointed to appraise the value of any lands taken or required by a railroad company, and to fix the compensation therefor, which the owner or owners shall receive, are hereby authorized to make separate reports from time to time, of their proceedings in the matter of the appraisement of any piece of land appraised by them.

Time within which commissioners to discharge their duties.

SECTION 59. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 120.

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AN ACT to provide for the protection of the harbor of Superior, and for the removal of obstructions from the bay of Superior.

WHEREAS, The construction of a canal through Minnesota Point in the state of Minnesota has produced and will continue to result in serious injury to the harbor of Superior, and to the entry to the same at mouth of the St. Louis river, between Minnesota Point and Wisconsin Point, by diverting the current of said river from its natural outlet at said entry; and

WHEREAS, A dyke constructed across the bay of Superior, from Rice's Point to Minnesota Point, for th

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purpose of preventing such a diversion of the river current, or for any purpose whatever, is an unlawful obstruction of the navigable waters of said bay (over which this state has, with Minnesota, concurrent jurisdiction), and is subversive of the rights and privileges of the people of this state;

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Shall prevent injury, and remove obstructions.

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized and directed to take such measures as to him shall seem proper, for the prevention of such injury to said harbor and entry, and for the removal of any such dyke, or similar obstruction from the said bay, and for preventing any diversion of the current of said river from its natural mouth, to any other outlet, and for these purposes the governor may cause suits to be instituted in the name of the state, or otherwise, and may promote and carry on suits in the name of any individual or corporation, and may employ all necessary attorneys, counsel and agents, and may take any other means or measures that may be in his opinion proper, to effect the ends contemplated by this act.

Appropriation.

SECTION 2. For defraying the expenses of carrying out the provisions of the foregoing section, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as shall be necessary, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and the secretary of state is hereby authorized and required to audit and allow all accounts for such expenses, upon the certificate of the governor and attorney general to the correctness of the same.

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

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