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CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT to establish a ferry across Lake St. Croix at Hudson.

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

Exclusive right to establish ferry. SECTION 1. Francis Maguire, his successors and assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, for the term of ten years, from and after April 1st, 1905, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across Lake St. Croix, from the city of Hudson, in the state of Wisconsin, to Lakeland in the county of Washington, in the state of Minnesota, and no ferry charter shall be granted during the said period, within one mile below the said city of Hudson and the village of Lakeland, and above said city and village and below the railroad bridge over the Lake St. Croix. This grant, so far as it is exclusive, being, however, upon condition that the said Francis Maguire, his successors and assigns, shall, during said period, maintain and operate the said ferry so as to subserve the public interest and convenience, as herein provided.

Service defined. SECTION 2. There shall be kept at such ferry a good and sufficient boat or boats, propelled by steam or otherwise, for the use and accommodation of all persons wishing to cross said ferry; and said Francis Maguire, his successors, and assigns, shall give prompt and ready attendance to passengers desiring to cross said ferry either with or without teams and merchandise on all occasions; provided, that said boat or boats need not be run when serious injury would result thereto by contact with ice, or otherwise; and provided, further, that when crossing is demanded after eight o'clock at night, double the usual rates for ferrying may be charged; and provided further, that said Francis Maguire, his successors and assigns, shall not be obliged to run their boat or boats before the hour of seven A. M. nor after the hour of eight P. M. of each week day, nor before the hour of nine A. M. nor after the hour of six P. M. on Sunday; and provided further, that said Francis Maguire, his successors and assigns, shall forfeit and pay to every person or persons all damages which said person or persons shall suffer by reason of said Francis Maguire,

his successors and assigns, failing, neglecting or refusing to give prompt and due attendance upon such person or persons desiring to cross on said ferry, or for failing, neglecting or refusing to keep a good and sufficient boat or boats for the safe and speedy crossing of passengers or property.

Rates authorized; how reduced. SECTION 3. The rates for crossing at the said ferry shall not exceed the following: namely;—for each foot passenger, one way, ten cents; for round trip, fifteen cents; for each horse, mare, gelding, mule or ass, with or without rider, one way, twenty cents; for each vehicle drawn by two animals, loaded or unloaded, with a driver, one way, forty cents; and for a round trip, sixty-five cents; for each two horse or two ox team, with a driver and without a wagon, one way, thirty cents; for single horse and carriage, one way, thirty cents; and for a round trip, fifty cents; for each ox or cow, one way, fifteen cents; for each swine, or sheep, one way, five cents. All freight or merchandise or other articles, not with or on a wagon or team, at the rate of five cents per barrel, or five cents per hundred weight; lumber shall be ferried at the rate of thirty cents per thousand feet when delivered on board said boat or boats; provided, that the city council of the city of Hudson shall have authority to reduce said rates, whenever it shall deem proper.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 4. All acts or parts of acts which contravene the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after April 1, 1905.

Approved April 8, 1905.