

No. 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Canal and Harbor of Refuge.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the school land commissioners are hereby authorized and directed whenever application is made to them by said Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship Canal and Harbor Company, so to adjust all differences now existing respective of a division of the land grant and the delivery of a deed of one quarter in value of the same to said company, as will substantially do justice both to the state and the canal company, and to that end to name a commissioner to appraise said land in connection with a commissioner to be named by the canal company; which commissioners thus named shall fix a value to all of said lands by sections and fractional sections, from the best evidence to be obtained without a personal examination of the land, and from such evidence the commissioners so appointed shall classify the lands into four classes as to the value, and after such classification shall have been made, the canal company shall have the right to select from any or all of the four classes, an amount of land equal to one quarter of the value of the whole amount as thus valued, and in case the two commissioners so appointed shall fail to agree upon the value of any of the land, the school land commissioners shall decide the disputed question. And when the commissioners shall have so appraised the lands and so classified the same, and the canal company have made such selection and certified the same to said school land commissioners, then the school land commissioners shall deed to said canal company the said land so selected by it. The compensation of the examining commissioners shall be determined and paid by said canal company.

Approved March 7, 1874.

No. 7.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the senators and members in the house of representatives, from the state of Wisconsin, to secure the return of the rebel battle flags and other trophies captured by Wisconsin soldiers during the late war, same to be placed in the historical rooms of the state capitol, at Madison, Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The soldiers of Wisconsin have during the late war proven that they were not recreant in any of the duties on the tented field or in battle, to the trust reposed in them; and

WHEREAS, They have made many captures of rebel battle flags, and other trophies, by their valor; and

WHEREAS, These trophies are now in Washington, under the control of the war department; and

WHEREAS, The survivors of Wisconsin's bravest sons request that these said trophies so captured by any officer or soldier of any Wisconsin regiment be sent to the state capitol, at Madison, Wisconsin, and placed in the state historical rooms thereof; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our senators and members of the house of representatives in our national legislature be, and are hereby requested, to secure the ends indicated in the above preamble, and the good people of the state of Wisconsin will ever pray, etc.

Resolved, further, That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and members in congress, and to the secretary of war.

Approved March 10, 1874.

No. 8.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting our senators and members in congress to secure an appropriation to complete the canal around the lower rapids of the Mississippi river.

WHEREAS, The navigation of the Mississippi river interests the people of the whole United States, by cheapening transportation and facilitating travel; and

WHEREAS, Congress has appropriated money to construct a canal around the lower rapids of said river, to facilitate the passage of steamboats, rafts, and other crafts, during low water; and

WHEREAS, Said canal and improvements are only partially completed, and of no help to navigation in their present unfinished condition; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators and members in congress be, and are hereby instructed to request congress to make a sufficient appropriation to complete the said improvements.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our members and senators in congress.

Approved March 11, 1874.