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TERRITORIAL LAWS OF MINNESOTA,

1855 - 1856

CHAPTER Forty-five.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ST. PETER COMPANY.

- Section 1. Names and Powers of Incorporators.
2. Officers.
3. Terms of office, and meetings of Company.
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10. General Incorporation Act.
11. Inconsistent Acts Repealed.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

Section 1. That A. F. Howes, Henry A. Swift, George Hezlep, T. B. Winston, H. L. Moss, Wm. L. Ames, George W. Farrington, William B. Dodd and Joseph Dailley, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby created a body politic with perpetual succession under the name and style of the Saint Peter Company, and by that name and style shall be and are hereby made capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, sell, convey and enjoy real and personal estate, and retain to them their successors and assigns all such real and personal estate, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in courts of record and elsewhere, and to do any and all acts that the members thereof might or could lawfully do as individuals, and shall have and enjoy all proper remedies at law and equity, to secure and protect them in the exercise and use of the rights and privileges, and in the performance of the duties herein granted and enjoined, and to

prevent all invasion thereof or interruption in exercising and performing the same, to make such by-laws as they may deem proper, and also to have, make and use a common seal, and to alter, renew or change the same at pleasure.

Section 2. The officers of said Company shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as many Directors as may be prescribed by the By-laws of said Company, who shall be elected at such times and in such manner, and shall be organized and perform such duties as said By-laws shall direct.

Section 3. The term of office of each of the officers of said Company shall be one year, and until their successors in office shall be elected and qualified. That Henry L. Moss shall call the first meeting of said Company by giving personal or written notice to each of said corporators, designating the time and place of holding the same, at which time and place he shall call said meeting to order, and be President pro tempore thereof. The said meeting shall then proceed to elect by ballot from among their number a President, Secretary and Treasurer and the corporators herein named, including the officers so elected shall be directors for the first ensuing year. The Company being thus organized may then proceed to the transaction of business. At all succeeding meetings of said Company the elections of officers and all questions requiring the votes of said Company shall be determined by a majority of the shares of the capital stock represented at such meeting, each stockholder having the right either in person or by proxy to cast as many votes as he may own shares of the capital stock therein.

Section 4. If an election of officers shall not be made on the day specified in the by-laws for that purpose, said corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but such election may be made on any other day in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-laws of said corporation.

Section 5. When said Company is organized as aforesaid, at any annual or special meeting thereof, the said Company may by vote of a majority of the stockholders voting by shares as aforesaid, elect for a term of one or more years an agent or agents for the transaction of the business of said company, who shall have such power and authority to transact the business of said Company as the said Company by vote as aforesaid shall delegate and authorize; and no agent elected as aforesaid shall enter upon the duties of his office, or transact any business in behalf of or for said company until the President and Directors thereof shall make and execute a Power of Attorney in due form and acknowledge the same before an officer empowered to take acknowledgments of deeds within this Territory, which Power of Attorney shall clearly and specifically set forth what business and to what extent the said agent or agents are authorized to transact business in behalf of said Company, unless the Power of Attorney as aforesaid be general, in which case the said Company shall be bound by the acts of said agent to whatever extent the said agent assumes to act, and the said Power of Attorney shall be recorded in all counties within this Territory where said Company holds real estate; and all of the acts of said agent in any matter relating to conveyances of real estate shall be signed by the agent as the agent of the Saint Peter Company, and be acknowledged by him as the act of said Company, and be sealed by the common seal of the same.

Section 6. The capital stock of said Company shall be One Hundred Thousand Dollars and be divided into shares of One Hundred Dollars each, and in lieu of the capital stock being paid in in money the said corporators, their associates, successors and assigns, may substitute all the real and personal estate and property owned jointly by them, and when so substituted the said real and personal estate and property shall be held by said Company as the capital stock thereof, and each corporator shall own of the whole capital stock the same proportion and ratio as he owned of the property constituting the same.

SECTION 7. The stock of said Company shall not be liable to taxation against the individual stockholders of the Company, but the property constituting said capital stock shall be taxed against the corporation in the same manner as other property in this Territory.

SECTION 8. Each of the Stockholders of said Company shall be personally liable for the debts of said Company to an amount equal to the amount of the capital stock held by said stockholder and no more; and the same Company may by a majority vote, voting by shares as aforesaid, increase the said capital stock at any annual or special meeting of said Company regularly called according to the By-laws of said Company.

SECTION 9. The said Company is hereby authorized to erect in the Counties of Nicollet and Le Sueur, buildings, mills and other structures, together with steam engines and all the machinery necessary for the manufacturing of lumber, flour, machinery, tools, agricultural implements, cotton and woolen goods, paper and all such articles adapted to the wants of the country, as shall be deemed best by the stockholders of said Company, and to improve for the purposes aforesaid any water power owned or possessed by said Company in said Counties in such manner and to such extent as shall be authorized by the Directors of said Company. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize said corporation to interfere with the rights or property of any other person or persons whatever.

SECTION 10. That any articles of incorporation of the Saint Peter Company filed under the provisions of the general incorporation act of this Territory are null and void after the organization of said Company under this act; provided that the corporation hereby created shall succeed to all the rights, privileges and liabilities which may belong to the Saint Peter Company or any member thereof under any prior articles of incorporation. The By-laws of the said Saint Peter Company heretofore organized under the general act shall be the By-laws of the corporation hereby created until amended or changed by the stockholders.

Section 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Charles Gardner,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

John B. Brisbin,
President of the Council.

Approved - March first, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. Gorman

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. Travis Rosser,

Secretary of Minnesota Territo

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St Paul Minnesota Territory Aug 1/56

My Dear Grandmother

It is with a feeling of the greatest pleasure that I undertake to keep my bond with you by writing as soon as I was settled after I left Canada I went direct to New York and there I had a slight mishap which caused no injury & I capt a pecuniary one After leaving New York I went to Philadelphia Baltimore Charleston Savannah and Pittsburgh spending a good deal of both time and money and afterwards I came back to New York I took a picture to go and see St Paul so on the 14th of July I left and on the morning of the 18th I was coming into Toronto on board the steamer Europa After I landed in Toronto the cars were just going to Guelph and I could hardly refrain from going up but I thought if I went I should stay being a little homesick at the time so on I went and at Blount the train stopped and Thos McLaughlan got on I was so tired and travel worn that he scarcely knew me at Woodstock I saw Thomas Curran and his lodge meeting at the station for another lodge to come up and he was the last man I saw since I left Canada that I knew but there one of which is Mr Borlides from Guelph he being on his way

to Saint Paul I overtook him in the City of Chicago
quite accidentally but he was good Companion
for me up the River we both being Perfect Strangers
I like this Country very well and I think I shall
like it still better the longer I live here I am in
the Commission and Shipping Business my
Salary is twice as much as I could get in Canada
and work is easy all done in an office I have
from 6 o'clock Every Evening to walk around and
enjoy myself I intend to go and see you this
Winter or next fall and I hope to find you all in
good health the greater of Gods Blessings I should
like to hear from you Dear Ellen and let me know
what Cousin Mary mother is pursuing and what my
Brother is about also what ~~Robert~~ Dimbar is doing
if he is still keep Alexander at his place at work
give my love to Uncle Alex^r and his family
and to Uncle John and Aunt Agnes and a cap
a large portion for yourself in the meantime believe
me to be

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See:

Voucher number 10126 (L.W.Hill special account) and attached copies of letters of M.J.Hall (Mrs. Mary J.Hall) to Louis Hill, August 15, 1930; and Louis W.Hill to Mrs. Mary J.Hall, August 23, 1930.

Also see:

Original letter from Mrs. Mary J. Hall of Milden, Sask., Canada to Louis Hill, August 15, 1930, filed under date in L.W.Hill Personal Papers. Also copy of letter from Ivan A. Coppe to Mrs. Mary J. Hall, Sept. 22, 1930, filed in L.W.Hill Personal Papers. Also see original letter of Mary J. Hall to L.W.Hill, September 2, 1930, filed in L.W.Hill Personal Papers.

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ROSEBURY RA.

St. Paul, Minnesota, Territory Aug. 1st /56

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see you this winter or next fall and I hope to find
you all in good health the greatest of God's Blessings.
I should like to hear from you very often and let me
know what course my mother is pursuing and what my
Brother is about also what Robt. Dunbar is doing if
he is still keep Alexander at his place at work. Give
my love to Uncle Alex and his family and to uncle John
and Aunt Agnes and accept a large portion for yourself
in the meantime believe me to be

Your Afft. Grandson

(signed) James Hill

Direct:

James Hill

Care J. W. Bap & Co.

St. Paul, Minn. Terr.

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