

## MINNESOTA.

An act to provide for the destruction of grasshoppers and their eggs.

*Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. There shall be paid by this State, out of any moneys in the treasury thereof not otherwise appropriated, to any person or persons living within any of the counties in said State afflicted by grasshoppers, the following bounties for catching and destroying of the same, and the destruction of their eggs:

SEC. 2. The sum of one dollar per bushel for grasshoppers caught previous to the 25th day of May next; the sum of fifty cents per bushel from the said 25th day of May to the 10th day of June; the sum of twenty-five cents per bushel from the said 10th day of June to the 1st day of July, and twenty cents per bushel from the said 1st day of July to the 1st day of October next.

SEC. 3. There shall also be paid in the same manner the sum of fifty cents per gallon for any and all grasshopper eggs taken and destroyed by any person or persons.

SEC. 4. There shall be appointed by the governor a competent person in each township in the several counties so afflicted by grasshoppers, who shall be a resident of the township for which he shall be appointed, to receive, measure, and destroy the grasshoppers and their eggs delivered to him by any person or persons catching and taking the same, which said person so appointed shall take and subscribe an oath for the faithful discharge of his duties, which oath, together with the certificate of appointment, shall be filed in the office of the county auditor, and he shall receive as compensation for his services such sum as the county commissioner may determine, to be paid out of the funds of the county; and in case of necessity, when he can not perform the duties of his office, said measurer shall have authority and be empowered to appoint a suitable and competent person his assistant, which assistant shall be required to take and subscribe the same oath and be subject to the same penalties as the said measurer.

SEC. 5. The person receiving and measuring the grasshoppers and their eggs as aforesaid shall measure and immediately and effectually destroy the same, and keep an exact account of all the grasshoppers and their eggs received by him, and the names of the persons delivering the same, and shall issue a certificate for the amount of grasshoppers and their eggs to the person delivering the same. And he shall, at the end of each week, after commencing to receive and measure the same, and on the 2d day of June, on the 11th day of said month, on the 2d day of July, and on the 2d day of October next, make a report to the county auditor of all the grasshoppers and their eggs measured by him, the number of certificates issued, and the names of the persons to whom he issued the same; and the county auditor shall examine the same and file it in his office, which report shall be subject to public inspection; and the county auditor shall, at the end of each week, after he shall have received the first of said reports, transmit a copy of the said reports to the governor, who shall, as soon as the sum hereby appropriated shall have been expended in the payment of said bounties, notify all persons interested therein of such fact by a publication of such notice in some newspaper printed and published at the city of Saint Paul, in said State of Minnesota, for three successive days.

SEC. 6. For a failure on the part of said measurer to perform any of his duties under this act, or of any mismeasurement of such grasshoppers and their eggs, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to pay a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of not less than thirty nor more than ninety days, in a suit or proceeding to be prosecuted in the name of the State of Minnesota, in the same manner as is provided by law in other cases of misdemeanor.

SEC. 7. Upon the presentation of such certificate to the county auditor he shall issue a certificate to the person entitled thereto for the amount due him (a form of which certificate shall be furnished by the State auditor), and shall make an order