

CONFERRED THROUGH DULUTH STATUS OF THE ST. PAUL & DULUTH AN N. P. FEEDER

LAND GRANT IS DELIVERED Railroad Commissioners' Conference at Milwaukee is Postponed Until May 25 on Account of Dewey Crowds.

The Northern Pacific has taken over the land department of the St. Paul & Duluth, and after Monday will operate the entire line. Land Commissioner Phelps, who returned to the city Wednesday, after an absence of ten days in New York, during which he conferred with President C. S. Mellen and others of his staff, came back under instructions to secure the department at once and administer its business. His official statement concerning the Duluth's land indicates that many of the employees of the department are to be dispensed with. Said he: "I was instructed in New York to absorb the land department of the St. Paul & Duluth for the Northern Pacific. This carried with it the entire land grant of the road, including more than a million acres of land. It has been intimated to me that the Duluth's land department is to be operated in connection with our own."

"In a discussion of a means of operating the acquisition I stated that it is possible to carry on the business of the Duluth through our own department without an increase in force. I suppose, as far as general business is concerned, we can handle the work without trouble. Employees of the Duluth will without doubt be retained in the land department, since they will be needed as entirely familiar with the details of his work."

A. B. Plough, recently retired as vice president and general manager of the Duluth, returned yesterday from New York, where he has been in conference with President Mellen and other officials of the Northern Pacific who will direct the policy of the Duluth in future. Mr. Plough confirmed the report of the Duluth, and the statement that Vice President Kendrick, of the Northern Pacific, will assume the duties of general manager.

"The report was entirely correct," said he. "I have resigned, and Daniel S. Leonard, of New York, prominent in Northern Pacific interests, has been elected as a director and vice president of the Duluth. Vice President Kendrick, of the Northern Pacific, and I will have a conference, following which the latter road will assume the active control and operation of our line. This will occur on an effective Monday morning."

Mr. Plough states that a syndicate operating under the title of Northwestern Improvement Company, which has had direct control of the Northern Pacific, will take charge of the Duluth land grant. Land Commissioner Phelps, of the Northern Pacific, conferred with General Land Commissioner Emery, of the Northern Pacific, yesterday afternoon, at which the transfer of the department was arranged.

The legal department of the road will come under the direction of the Northern Pacific, in pursuance of the policy of President Mellen, outlined in dispatches from New York, to make the Duluth in reality a branch line of the main trunk line. He is conceded to be a very able official, and was previously associated with General Counsel Emery, of the Northern Pacific. Details with reference to the operation of the freight and accounting departments are not yet definitely decided.

These will come under the supervision of the Northern Pacific's own department heads, and while many of the employees will be allowed to go, several in each department will be retained.

CROWDS SCARED THEM OFF. Railroad Commissioners Postpone Their Milwaukee Conference. Railroad commissioners from all parts of the United States will meet in Milwaukee, May 25, in annual convention. The Minnesota commissioners have been notified of the meeting, and the body will be represented by its members, and possibly by all. At the last convention the date for the meeting this year was set at May 8, but owing to the crowded conditions of Milwaukee hotels at present the date was changed.

The railroad commissioners of each state, and such state officers as are charged with the supervision of railroads, will be in attendance and participate in the discussion of topics set for the program. The Association of Railway Accounting Officers has been requested to send delegates to join at the session in the discussion of subjects of special interest to that association. The schedule of topics to be considered, as prepared by a special committee charged with the work, has been received, and the convention will be of great benefit to such commissioners as attend, and promises to bring excellent results.

Classification of Construction Expenses. "Railroad Statistics." "Uniform Classification." "Classification of Operating and Construction Expenses for Electric Roads." "Legislation." "Powers, Duties and Work of Railway Commissioners." "Delay Attendant Upon the Enforcement of Commission Orders." "Plans for Ascertaining the Fair Valuation of Railroad Properties." "Safety Appliances." "Grade Crossings."

HOME FEVER CLOGS BOATS. All Steamer Accommodations Engaged Up to July 1. Agents of the Western lines announce that so great has been the demand for steamer accommodations from the Pacific ports to Nome that not a single first or second class berth is now obtainable on any of the United States steamers for the next two months. During that month several fast coasters have been

THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF SAINT PAUL.

Report at the close of business April 28, 1900.

KENNETH CLARK, President. CHAS. H. BIGLOW, Vice President. GEO. H. PRINCE, Cashier. HENRY W. PARKER, Asst. Cashier.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$2,682,373.79. U. S. bonds at par, 200,000. Other bonds and stocks, 438,185.61. Banking House, 190,000. Cash and due from banks, 1,779,044.27.

LIABILITIES. Capital, \$1,000,000.00. Undivided profits, 100,019.41. Circulation, 76,869.00. Deposits, 4,143,283.20.

DIRECTORS. D. R. NORX, F. B. KELLG, N. SANDERS, W. M. WATKINS, CHAS. H. BIGLOW, H. SAUNDERS, MAURICE AUERACH, CRAWFORD LIVINGSTON, J. W. BISHOP, LOUIS W. HILL, KENNETH CLARK.

Whereas, the St. Paul & Northern Pacific Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, has been authorized by the provisions of the laws of this State, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies to transact the business of marine insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1901, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

INCOME IN 1899. Premiums other than perpetual, \$411,230.58. Rents and interest, 18,746.90. Total income, \$429,977.48.

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1899. Amount paid for losses, \$222,612.22. Amount returned to Home Office, 22,768.42. Commission on Brokerage, 11,527.81. Taxes and allowances to agents, 12,536.20. All other disbursements, including deposit premiums returned and payments to scrip-holders and rents, 11,027.51. Total disbursements, \$431,672.16.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899. Bonds and Stocks Owned, \$447,081.40. Cash in Office and in Bank, 47,576.15. Premiums in course of collection, 11,772.71. All other Admitted Assets, 210,919.87. Total Admitted Assets, \$527,370.13.

LIABILITIES. Losses adjusted and unadjusted, \$28,042.60. Refunds on losses, 54,588.08. All other liabilities, 54,588.08. Total liabilities, \$137,218.76.

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1899 BUSINESS. Marine and inland risks written during the year, \$150,289,683.00. Premiums received thereon, 28,674.00. Net amount in force at end of the year, \$12,528,002.40.

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1899. Inland Aggregate. Risks written, \$19,949,151.00. Losses paid, 194,455.25. Losses incurred, 212,455.25. Amount at Risk, \$78,119.00.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899. Bonds and stocks owned, \$131,107.25. Cash in office and in bank, 32,843.52. Premiums in course of collection, 57,795.63. All other admitted assets, 12,389.76. Total admitted assets, \$614,568.16.

LIABILITIES. Losses adjusted and unadjusted, \$48,550.00. Reinsurance reserve, 28,042.60. All other liabilities, 28,042.60. Total liabilities, \$127,797.16.

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1899 BUSINESS. Marine and inland risks written during the year, \$664,621,002.00. Premiums received thereon, 567,199.32. Net amount in force at end of year, \$8,422,141.00.

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1899. Risks written, \$3,322. Losses paid, 1,647. Losses incurred, 1,428.

POPULAR WANTS

AGENTS AND AGENCIES. BANKERS LIFE ASSOCIATION. BELL BOYS. CONDUCOR. TINNER. WANTED-Salesman. WANTED-Immediately, country agents.

SITUATIONS WANTED-MALES. A BRILLIANT, energetic, reliable, educated young man. A YOUNG MAN with two years' experience in railroad office.

WANTED-Work by young man cleaning yards or odd jobs. YOUNG MAN wishes work of any kind.

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THE PHILADELPHIA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION. OFFICERS: DR. F. D. KENDRICK, Pres. and Treas.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE. UNION DEPOT, ST. PAUL. TRains leave and arrive at St. Paul as follows:

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