

On this 21st day of October, A. D. 1914, Governor Lherhart duly issued, and caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State his proclamation, as follows:

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

In the interest of the development of Minnesota I am calling attention by public proclamation to Amendment No. 5 to Section Two of Article Eight of the State Constitution which is to be voted on November third.

I heartily commend the adoption of this Amendment to the people of the state. This Amendment reads as follows:

"A revolving fund of not more than Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars may be set apart from the funds derived from the sale of school and swamp lands to be used in constructing roads, ditches and fire-breaks in, through and around unsold school and swamp lands, such funds to be replenished as long as needed from the enhanced value realized from the sale of such lands so benefited."

This is a matter of simple justice to the people of Northern Minnesota, and will make it possible to develop the northern section more rapidly without a separate burden of expense.

It is clear that the intent of this amendment is to carry out the wishes of the Federal Government in regard to the lands granted by it, with the exception, that instead of the lands paying for this improvement, the money so expended through the revolving fund is to be charged against the land, the same to be added to the minimum price of the land.

The effect of this is to ultimately build roads through all the state lands so that the purchasers will have the opportunity of building roads which they may pay for themselves, but without inconvenience.

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The passage of this Amendment will be in a measure the acknowledgement of the state as to its duty when it accepted these lands from the Federal Government. The swamp and other lands of the state were granted to Minnesota by the Federal Government with the provisions that money received from their sale should be used in their improvement. This has been done only in small amounts, some six or eight hundred thousand dollars having been expended in the way of ditching. Roads are absolutely essential to the development of these lands so the settler can reach a market.

The establishment of a revolving fund would make it possible to use this money continuously without permanently diverting it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereto affixed, at the Capitol in the City of St Paul, this twenty-first day of October, A. D. 1914.

Adolph O. Merhart.

Attest:

Governor.

Julius A. Schmahl.