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Hon. Julius A. Schmahl, Secretary of State,

Dear Sir:—The dates of incorporation of Cities and Villages of 1,000 people or more, compiled by me from the Laws of Minnesota, 1849 to 1893, when such record in the State Laws ends, are as follows:

Cities.

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| Albert Lea, March 11, 1878. | Little Falls, March 11, 1889. |
| Anoka, July 29, 1858; March 2, 1878. | Le Sueur, April 11, 1891. |
| Austin, March 5, 1875; Feb. 28, 1876. | Mankato, March 6, 1868. |
| Barnesville, April 4, 1889. | Minneapolis, March 2, 1866. |
| Brainerd, Nov. 19, 1881. | St. Anthony, March 3, 1855; united
Feb. 28, 1872. |
| Chaska, March 3, 1891. | Moorhead, Feb. 24, 1881. |
| Chatfield, Feb. 19, 1887. | New Prague, April 4, 1891. |
| Crookston, Feb. 14, 1879; March 9, 1885. | New Ulm, Feb. 24, 1876, and
March 1, 1887. |
| Duluth, March 5, 1870; March 2, 1887. | Northfield, March 5, 1869, and
Feb. 26, 1875. |
| East Grand Forks, March 7, 1887. | Ortonville, Jan. 28, 1881. |
| Ely, March 3, 1891. | Owatonna, Feb. 23, 1865, and
March 6, 1867. |
| Faribault, Feb. 29, 1872. | Redwood Falls, April 1, 1891. |
| Fergus Falls, March 3, 1881; March 6, 1883. | Red Wing, March 4, 1857, also
March 3, 1864, and Feb. 21, 87. |
| Granite Falls, March 10, 1879. | Rochester, August 5, 1858. |
| Hastings, March 7, 1857. | Rushford, March 3, 1868. |
| Henderson, March 23, 1891. | St. Charles, Feb. 28, 1870, and
Feb. 17, 1879. |
| Jordan, March 11, 1891. | St. Cloud, March 6, 1868, and
April 13, 1889. |
| Lake City, Feb. 26, 1872. | St. Paul, March 4, 1854. |
| 1848 | St. Peter, Feb. 28, 1873. |
| | Sauk Center, March 5, 1889. |
| | Shakopee, May 23, 1857, and
March 3, 1870. |
| | South St. Paul, March 2, 1887. |
| | Stillwater, March 4, 1854. |

Cities (continued).

- Tower, March 13, 1889.
- Wabasha, March 20, 1858.
- Warren, April 3, 1891.
- Waseca, Feb. 23, 1881.
- West St. Paul, Feb. 20, 1889.
- Winona, March 6, 1857.

Villages of 1000 People or More.

- Ada, Feb. 9, 1881.
- Adrian, Nov. 17, 1881.
- Alexandria, Feb. 20, 1877.
- Appleton, Feb. 19, 1881.
- Belle Plaine (borough), March 5, 1868.
- Benson, Feb. 14, 1877.
- Buffalo, Nov. 22, 1881.
- Caledonia, Feb. 24, 1870.
- Canby, Jan. 27, 1879.
- Delano, Feb. 11, 1876.
- Glenool, March 4, 1873.
- Glenwood, Feb. 23, 1881.
- Jackson, March 6, 1879.
- Kasson, March 4, 1870.
- Lake Crystal, Feb. 24, 1870.
- Lanesboro, May 3, 1869.
- Madelia, March 8, 1873.
- Olivia, March 4, 1881.
- Oakis, Feb. 18, 1881

Dates of Incorporation (2)
of Cities and Villages.

Villages of 1000 or more (continued).

- Perham, Feb. 14, 1881.
- Pine City, Feb. 14, 1881.
- Plainview, Feb. 26, 1872.
- Preston, March 4, 1871.
- Princeton, March 5, 1877.
- Renoville, Feb. 19, 1881.
- Rush City, March 8, 1873.
- Sauk Rapids, Nov. 4, 1881.
- South Stillwater, Nov. 22, 1881.
- Springfield, Feb. 21, 1881.
- Spring Valley, Feb. 29, 1872.
- Wadena, Feb. 14, 1881.
- Wells, March 6, 1871.
- White Bear Lake, Feb. 28, 1881.
- Winnepago City, March 8, 1873.
- Lumbrota, Feb. 14, 1877.

My list also shows many dates not here noted, as renewals or lengthy changes of charters both for cities and villages, and dates of village incorporation which have been superseded by the city charters of the dates here given.

A few cities and villages have doubtless been overlooked, and all incorporated after 1893 are wanting in this list. The Laws of 1895 (Chapter 8, pp. 16-131) provided for all records of incorporations of cities and villages hereinafter to be in charge of the county auditors.

St. Paul and Stillwater are our oldest cities, both of March 4, 1854.
Truly yours, Warren G. Whann,
Secretary.

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