

EXHIBIT "A"

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Secretary of State

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said time it could not have been ascertainable by the State Auditor or the Department of Administration and Finance; that attached hereto, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof, is that portion of a copy of a communication received by said Inspector Strom which motivated the aforesaid connivance, all contrary to law;

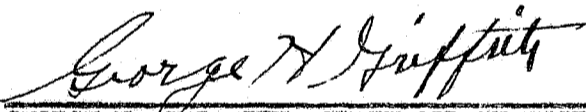
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That on several previous occasions, according to the files and records of the Division of Oil Inspection, this inspector has been warned of the unlawful nature of said charges, and that the filing of a false and fraudulent claim with the State amounts to a violation of Section No. 10520, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1923.

"10520. Fraudulently presenting claims to public officers - - Every person who, with intent to defraud, shall knowingly present, for audit, allowance, or payment, to any officer of board of the state, or of any county, city, town, village, or school district, authorized to audit or allow or to pay bills, claims, or charges, any false or fraudulent claim, bill, account, writing, or false or fraudulent charges, items, or claims, shall be guilty of a felony. (5182) (9016)."

Dated September 4, 1931.


GEORGE H. GRIFFITH, CHIEF OIL INSPECTOR.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DIVISION OF OIL INSPECTION

CHARGES IN RE W. B. STROM

Now comes George H. Griffith, Chief Oil Inspector of and for the State of Minnesota, and upon and because of the immediately following record, does, pursuant to Section 3861, et sequor, Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927, make and prefer the following charges against W. B. Strom.

RECORD

(The charges herein enumerated have been considered for several months prior to the date of filing. An opportunity to resign was given the inspector who first submitted his resignation and then sought to withdraw the same.)

Reason for removal of W. B. Strom on ground of immoral conduct.

W. B. Strom has been guilty of conduct amounting to moral turpitude and, as an example of the same, the facts in reference thereto are herein set out in full; that on and between the 4th day of August, 1931, and the 31st day of August, 1931, Deputy Inspector W. B. Strom did knowingly present for audit, allowance, or payment to the Department of Administration and Finance, to the State Auditor, and to the State Treasurer authorized to audit, allow or pay bills, claims or charges against the State for a false and fraudulent claim consisting of a signed statement containing a false and fraudulent item or claim, in this, to wit:

That on or about the 31st day of August, 1931, W. B. Strom made out Statement No. 25-M, a document of official character used as a basis of obtaining money from the treasury of the State of Minnesota; that the resulting amount computed by this mileage allowance to inspectors between various cities and towns enumerated on said statement as properly presentable should have been, and was truthfully, the sum of Fifty-eight and 10/100ths (\$58.10) Dollars; that the sum which was entered on the abstract of expenses of said Strom for said period of time and which was actually received and appropriated by said W. B. Strom was the sum of Sixty-seven and 48/100ths (\$67.48) Dollars, ostensibly representative of nine hundred and sixty-four (964) miles;

That on or about and between the 8th day of October, 1929 and the 10th day of October, 1929, as another specific illustration, but one which is coupled with a conspiracy to effect such purposes, said W. B. Strom conspired with one officer of the State to falsify and, by means of such falsification, obtain payment from the State of certain sums of money, to wit: In one instance, the sum of Forty-four and 38/100ths (\$44.38) Dollars; and that said sum had no relation or bearing, nor was it even purportedly earned during the month of October, 1929; that said Strom, in conspiracy with said officer, so arranged, falsified and falsely claimed that it was spread over the report during the said month of October to correspond with artificial mileage; that the situation was handled in such a way and with such connivance and understanding that at

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