TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC PARKS AND FOR ADDITIONS THERETO; FOR THE CREATION OF NEW PARKS; FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF FISH HATCHERIES AND VARIOUS OTHER SEMI-STATE ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter named, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes specified in the following sections of this Act, to be available, where not otherwise stated, for each of the fiscal years ending July 31, 1918, and July 31, 1919.

SECTION 2. STATE PARKS:

1. Interstate Park Dales of the St. Croix, for maintenance, For salary of Superintendent, and expenses $2,500.00 600.00
2. Burntside State Park, for maintenance 3,500.00
3. Traverse Des Sioux State Park, for maintenance 135.00
4. Fort Ridgley State Park, for maintenance For additional land, 1917 only 500.00 500.00
5. Camp Release State Park, for maintenance 400.00
6. Minnesota State Park, for maintenance For pavilion, 1918 only 600.00 400.00
7. Alexander Ramsey State Park, for maintenance For additional land, 1918 only 1,500.00 4,500.00
8. Sibley House Association, for maintenance 600.00
9. Jay Cooke State Park, for maintenance and improvement including the construction of roads and trails and acquiring additional lands Providing that the Governor may appoint one or more commissioners, who shall act without pay in conferring and advising with the State officers in its maintenance and improvement, and in selecting and acquiring such additional lands for said park. Such additional lands may be acquired by purchase or gift, by the official vested with the superintendence and control of said park, and when such official shall determine the same necessary, condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of any such lands shall be instituted and conducted by the Attorney General. 7,500.00
10. Itasca State Park, for care and improvement and for roads, fire lines and trails 8,000.00

For the establishment of a public park in Sections 17, 19, 20 and 28 in the Township of Elba, in Winona County, Minnesota, to be known as "The Whitewater State Park" and be acquired and caring for the same, available for the year ending July 31, 1918 10,000.00

The park board, consisting of the Governor, State Auditor, and the...
SECTION 5. MONUMENTS:

1. For the erection of a monument in Flora Township, Renville County, Minnesota, to commemorate the memory of the settlers along Middle Creek in that town who were massacred by the Sioux Indians in August, 1862, and for the erection of a monument to the memory of Peter Martelle, ferryman, who during said massacre saved the lives of many citizens of the Minnesota Valley, site for each monument to be furnished free to the State, 1918 only $300.00

Provided, that no one Association or society shall receive an amount greater than the annual premium paid to exhibitors by them, and shall not in any case exceed the sum of four-hundred dollars ($400.00) to any one county. Provided further, that any society or association to be entitled to their distributive share of this appropriation shall file annually with the State Auditor, on or before the 1st day of March of each year, a sworn statement signed by the President or Secretary of such association or society, showing the amount of cash premiums paid during the year to exhibitors, and the amount to be distributed to such society or association from said fund shall be based and determined upon the amount of cash premiums paid out as hereinbefore provided.

2. For acquiring a site not more than 30 ft. square and erecting thereon a monument near the East end of Smith Lake in Middleville Township, Wright Co., Minnesota, to commemorate a family massacre the murder of the Dustin family during the Sioux troubles in 1863, 1918 only Geo. W. Florida of Rockford, Minnesota, C. E. Oakley of Buffalo, Minnesota, and W. D. McDonald of Annandale, Minnesota, are hereby appointed a commission to have charge of the work. They shall serve without pay but may be allowed actual and necessary expenses. The said commission shall make a full report of its work to the State Auditor including an itemized statement of all expenses incurred, for the sum so expended by them but not exceeding the sum of $300.00. The expenses for the year ending July 31, 1918, shall not exceed the sum of $25.00.

For the erection of a monument in Belmont Township, Jackson County, Minnesota, to commemorate the memory of the settlers in that town who were massacred by the Sioux Indians in August 1862, available for the year ending July 31, 1918, $250.00.
SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:

1. For Farmers Institutes, for maintenance, $3,000.00 or which shall be for salary, $1,000.00 of which shall be for salary pursuant to provisions of G. S. 1913, of Section 2996 to 2993 inclusive, of 0. 8. 1913.
2. For aid to Fire Departments:
3. For publishing laws in Legal Newspapers of the State, available for the year ending July 31, 1917.
4. For purchase of Minnesota Reports, as provided by law.
5. For mileage and per diem of sheriffs, for conveying prisoners to State Prison and State Reformatory, as provided by law.
6. For registers and receivers of U.S. Land offices.
7. For vessel tonnage tax.
8. For State Insurance Fund.
9. For burial of soldiers and sailors and markers for their graves, as provided by law.
10. For Wolf Bounties, available for year ending July 31, 1917.
11. For State Historical Society, for maintenance.
12. For Payment of Pensions to Indian War Veterans, as provided by law.
13. Board of Law Examiners, for disbarment proceedings, under Sec. 4961, G. S. 1913.
14. For Society for prevention of Cruelty, for aid.
15. Fees, Public Land Collections.

SECTION 7. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

2. Ladies of the G.A.R. caring for veterans of civil war, their wives and widows at Anoka cottage.
3. For the purpose of transporting from Minnesota to Vicksburg, Mississippi, and return, and caring for and subsisting on route, all honorably discharged Union and Confederate survivors of the Civil War, now residents of Minnesota, who may make the trip, together with the Governor and his staff, and a suitable drum corps, or band to attend the "National Memorial Reunion and Peace Jubilee" of Union and Confederate veteran survivors of the Civil War, irrespective of campaign or service in which said veterans participated, to be held in the National Military Park at Vicksburg, Mississippi, October 16th to 19th, 1917, and for incidental expenses connected therewith, available for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1918, so much as may be necessary.

Said appropriation shall be dispersed for the purposes above mentioned by a commission, consisting of the present Commander of the Department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic, together with his successor in General of said Department, which Commission shall be known as the National Memorial Minnesota Commission for necessary rules, regulations and arrangements and shall define the expenses thereof, and the said Commission shall make all necessary rules, regulations and arrangements for the trip to and from the Convention, and shall define the expenses thereof.
and entitled to the benefits of this Act, and is authorized by said name, from time to time, to make requisitions on the State Auditor for warrants on the State Treasurer, for such portions of said appropriation as may be necessary for said purposes; provided that no member of said Commission shall receive any compensation for his services in connection with the duties herein specified and that not more than $75.00 shall be dispersed for the benefit of any single person entitled to make, and making, said trip.

The State Treasurer shall pay all warrants so made upon him by the State Auditor out of said appropriation, and any portion of said Commission the latter remaining after said Commission shall have made its report, as next hereinafter directed, shall be returned to the fund from which this appropriation is made.

Said Commission shall make a full report of its doings to the Governor, when the disbursements herein authorized have been made, and shall accompany with the same with vouchers, specifying, with reasonable particularity, the various purposes for which the same have been used.

**SECTION 8. DRAINAGE.**

1. For the final completion of the deepening, widening, straightening, opening of the channel of the Roseau River, including bridges, made necessary by the construction of said ditch between Roseau Lake and International Boundary, for the year ending July 31, 1918 only 10,000.00

2. For drainage assessments on state lands for 1918, 150,000.00

3. For drainage assessment of State lands for 1919, 100,000.00

**SECTION 9.**

For the payment of inheritance taxes to the several counties, as provided by law, available immediately, 50,000.00

**SECTION 10.**

For the establishment of a public park to be located in Sections 8, 9 and 10, Township 124 North, Range 46 west, in Bigstone County, Minnesota, to be known as "Toqua Lakes State Park" and for the purchasing of lands, available for the year ending July 31, 1918, 5,000.00

The State Auditor and Secretary of State and R. A. Costello, of Graceville, Minnesota, are hereby created a commission and are authorized and directed to negotiate for the acquisition of such tracts or parcels of land within the limits of said park as such board deems necessary for park purposes.

**SECTION 11.**

For maintenance of Leonard Park in the Town of Spring Valley, Fillmore County, Minnesota, available for the year ending July 31, 1918, 5,000.00

**SECTION 12.**

For the erection of the necessary buildings and equipment, for the establishment of an experimental cheese factory on Lot 7, Block 32, Village of Cleveland, Minnesota, the erection of said buildings and equipping thereof and the operation of the plant to be under the direct supervision of the Dairy and Food Department, available for the year ending July 31, 1919, 10,000.00