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Notice of debate having been given, the resolution laid over under the rules.

The vote by which S. F. No. 135 was passed was reconsidered. It was then on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Swift offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to issue to A. Edgerton a certificate for six dollars for services as Assistant Secretary.

And the yeas and nays being ordered, there were yeas 16, and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Cameron, George, Lowell, Langley, Morrison, McKusick, Miller, Nicols, Nutting, Pillsbury, Rice, Swift, Sprague, Shillock, Thacher, Wilson.

So the Resolution was adopted.

The following message was received from the Governor:

STATE OF MINNESOTA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. ST. PAUL, March 2, 1865.

Hon. C. D. Sherwood, President of the Senate:

SIR :----I respectfully return without my approval Senate File No. 135, entitled "a bill relating to the taxation of railroad land."

Our constitution contemplates a uniform rule of taxation, based upon a fixed and ascertained valuation; and if the interests of the State require the adoption of this measure, an amendment to that instrument embodying the principles of this bill should be submitted to the people for their approbation.

Where chartered privileges of this character were conterred prior to its adoption they are protected by the State constitution, and may have in some instances been extended and enlarged by legislation. But a general bill adopting this principle, and applying it to all the railroad companies is, in my judgement, a violation of the constitution.

Very respectfully,

STEPHEN MILLER,

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