

come into his possession as such operator, superintendent, or agent, such person being duly convicted thereof, shall for every such offense, be subject to a fine of not less than one hundred (100) dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, according to the aggravation of the offense, and be liable to the party injured for all damages he may sustain, which may be recovered as debts of like amount are by law recoverable.

AMOS COGGSWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
IGNATIUS DONNELLY,
President of the Senate.

Approved February third, one thousand eight hundred and sixty. ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }
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J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XIII.

An Act to provide for the Collection and Publication of Statistics.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the Governor shall have power, and he is hereby required, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Commissioner of Statistics for the State of Minnesota, who shall hold his office for the term of five years, unless sooner removed for cause.

Commissioner—
term of office

Oath of office

SEC. 2. Upon receiving his commission, the Commissioner of Statistics shall take the usual oath of office, and enter upon the discharge of his duties.

Duty of Commis-
sioner

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Statistics, annually to collect and compile from official and any other reliable sources, the statistics of the State of Minnesota, including all useful facts which he may be able to gather, bearing upon the material and social interests of the State, and tending to spread abroad a correct knowledge of its resources and progress; and annually to prepare therefrom a book of not more than three hundred (300) pages octavo, adapted in the arrangement of the matter to general circulation, and to publish annually not more than three thousand (3,000) copies of the same, at the expense of the State; *Provided*, The expense shall not exceed seventeen (17) cents per copy, subject to the approval of the Governor—two hundred and fifty (250) copies to be deposited with the State Librarian for exchanges, which said copies shall be printed within sixty (60) days after the copy is furnished to the printer.

Copyright guar-
anteed to Com-
missioner

SEC. 4. The Governor is hereby empowered to guarantee, and the same is hereby guaranteed to the Commissioner so compiling and publishing the statistics of the State, the copyright of such periodical publications, the exclusive benefits of which shall be in lieu of any salary for the services performed.

Commissioner to
address inquiries
to public officers

SEC. 5. The Commissioner shall have power to address special or general inquiries, with printed forms for answers, or otherwise at his discretion, to any State, district, county, city, or town officer; and for this purpose a contingent fund of one hundred (100) dollars for circulars, postage, and stationery, shall be placed at the disposal of the Commissioner, to be accounted for to the Governor by proper vouchers, and to be paid by the Treasurer on the certificate of the Governor.

Duty of officers
addressed

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of any State or county officer to answer fully and promptly such special or general questions as may be addressed to them by said Commissioner, on all matters of information which can be gathered from the documents or records in their official keeping, except such records or documents as public policy require should be kept secret, and for such services county officers shall be allowed from their respective county treasuries, fees at the rate of ten cents for every folio furnished by them.

SEC. 7. That any person who by this Act is required to

give information to the Commissioner, and who shall refuse or neglect to answer his questions upon matters of fact or record in his official possession, shall forfeit to the use of the State of Minnesota; any sum not exceeding fifty (50) dollars, which fine shall be collected by the Prosecuting Attorney as other fines are collected by law. Penalty for refusal to answer

SEC. 8. That the officers of all incorporated cities, towns, or villages, are required to answer, accurately and fully, all the inquiries of the Commissioner relating to the number, character, and disposition of criminal or police offenses; to the finances, and other matters in their official knowledge. Officers of incorporated cities to answer inquiries

SEC. 9. That it shall be the duty of the corporate authorities of the city of St. Paul, and of such other cities as may be required by the Commissioner and under his direction, to obtain from every steamboat running therefrom, an abstract of the manifest of her cargo, and a statement of the number of her passengers carried on the upward and downward trips, and landed by her at points within this State, or received thereat for points without the State. Duty of authorities of St. Paul

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the mayor, or the president of the Council of any city or town affected by the provisions of this Act, annually, after the expiration of the season of navigation, to furnish the Commissioner of Statistics with all the statistics collected under the previous Sections of this Act which he may require. Duty of mayors and councils of cities

SEC. 11. That the corporate officers of all companies chartered by the Legislature, or acting under the general law of incorporation of this State, shall, upon the requisition of the Commissioner, furnish him the names of officers of their respective bodies, the number of members, dates of periodical meetings and elections, and such statements regarding their objects and operations as may be proper for public information. Duty of officers of corporations

SEC. 12. That it shall be the duty of the Auditor of each county to return to the Commissioner, upon his requisition, full statistics of the school districts in his county, in the manner hereafter provided by law; or, if the statistics of schools shall be collected by the officer having charge of common schools, then such statistics, or duplicates of the same, shall be transferred to the Commissioner of Statistics. County Auditors' duties

SEC. 13. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to ascertain the officers, number of members, increase or decrease of all religious or benevolent societies in the State, the statistics of educational institutions and agricultural societies, also as far as practicable, the number of insane persons, distinguishing as to age, sex, and character of insanity, the number of idiots, blind and deaf and dumb persons, with such other particulars, and with such classifications as to him shall seem important. Duty of Commissioner

SEC. 14. That all the class of statistics now by law returned to the Auditor, shall be transferred to the Commissioner of Statistics to be returned to Com-

missioner Statistics, except such as shall be necessary to the duties of the Auditor.

Commissioner to Sec. 15. That the Commissioner may have a desk in the
have access to State Library, with free access to the books of said library.

State Library Sec. 16. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AMOS COGGSWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
IGNATIUS DONNELLY,

President of the Senate.

Approved February sixth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MINNESOTA, }
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J. H. BAKER, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XIV.

An Act to provide for Township Organization.

- ARTICLE 1. Sec. 1. Organization of towns—duty of County Commissioners.
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 4. County Commissioners to designate time and place of holding town meetings.
 5. Duty of County Auditor.
 6. Duty of Auditor when two or more towns have same name.
- ARTICLE 2. Sec. 1. Limits and boundary lines of townships to remain as already established.
2. Powers of each town as a body corporate.
 3. Towns to exercise only the powers enumerated in this Act.
 4. Proceedings by or against town to be made in name of the town.