

CHAPTER L.

An Act to Promote Immigration.

March 8, 1871.

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

Board of immi-
gration—of
whom to consist
—duties of.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a board of immigration to consist of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, John C. Devereux and David C. Evans, whose duty it shall be to meet at the capitol, at St. Paul, on the first Tuesday after the adjournment of the present session of the legislature, and as often thereafter as they shall deem necessary, to consider communications that may have been forwarded to the secretary of state by parties taking an interest in the subject of immigration, and to adopt measures which will insure the establishment of a thorough system of inducing immigration to the state.

To publish and
distribute articles
relative to the re-
sources of this
State.

SEC. 2. The members of this board shall, if deemed advisable and proper, engage suitable correspondents, publish, or cause to be published, pamphlets and articles treating on, and describing in a true light the developed and undeveloped resources of the state of Minnesota, and to distribute them in such localities, wherever, in their opinion, they may be useful, beneficial and of good for the promotion of immigration to this state.

SEC. 3. Whenever deemed expedient, the said board shall also have power to appoint agents for the purpose of aiding, protecting and advising immigrants on their way to this state; such agents to act solely under the instructions of the board of immigration, and to receive such compensation out of the fund hereinafter provided, as said board may fix and determine.

Board to appoint agents and allow compensation.

SEC. 4. The said board shall have power to hire or lease houses at such places in this state, as it may seem proper, for the protection or keeping of poor and needy immigrants, until they can reach their place of destination.

May lease houses —for what purpose.

SEC. 5. The sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use of the said board of immigration, to be expended by them in such manner as they may think best to carry out the objects of this act.

Board to control appropriation—in what amount.

SEC. 6. The board of immigration is furthermore authorized, and shall have power to open books and invite and solicit contributions and endowments of money from corporations, manufacturers, merchants and all persons benefited by the flow of immigration; which money, so contributed, shall also be under the control and expended by the board for the interest and purposes stated in the preceding sections.

Board to solicit contributions.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of said board to make reports of their labors, proceedings and expenditures to the state legislature, accompanied by such references, suggestions and statistics as may furnish good and reliable data for future legislation on the subject of immigration.

Board to make report—what to contain.

SEC. 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 3, 1871.