

and compel the attendance of witnesses. The money hereby appropriated shall be paid out by the state treasurer upon the warrants of the state auditor drawn upon requisitions signed by the chairman and a majority of the committee; *Provided*, that no member of the investigating committee shall receive to exceed five (5) dollars a day for every day actually employed in the investigation.

Manner of payment to members of committee for per diem.

The committee shall report to the governor of the state as soon as the investigation is completed, and may make partial reports from time to time.

Committee to report to governor.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1891.

CHAPTER 156.

[H. F. No. 666.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN FARMERS' INSTITUTES IN MINNESOTA.

Farmers' institutes.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) shall be, and is hereby, annually appropriated, beginning with the fiscal year commencing August first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891), for the maintenance of farmers' institutes, to be held in the several counties of this state as hereinafter provided.

Appropriation of \$10,000 for support.

SEC. 2. That the average cost of said institutes to be paid out of such appropriation shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), and in such expenditures shall only be included as legitimate and necessary the board and traveling expenses of the instructors and a reasonable compensation for their services. The salary of the superintendent and his traveling and needful expenses, together with the cost of the necessary outfit of models, charts, outlines, etc., and the expenses consequent upon doing preliminary work, preparatory to the holding of these institutes, shall not be included in calculating this average cost.

Average cost of institutes, and salary of superintendent.

SEC. 3. It is hereby provided that none of these moneys shall be expended for hall rent, fuel, lights, local advertising, nor compensation for services of instructors other than those regularly employed.

Appropriation limited in terms.

Board of admin-
istration.

SEC. 4. That a board of administration shall be and is hereby created to superintend the execution of this act, and on and after August first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891), said board shall be constituted as follows:

Two (2) members of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota, to be selected by said board of regents; the president of the State Agricultural Society, *ex-officio*; the president of the State Horticultural Society, *ex-officio*; the president of the State Dairy Association, *ex-officio*, and the director of the State Experiment Station, *ex-officio*.

Successors to re-
gent members
on board of ad-
ministration.

SEC. 5. Each member of the board of regents aforesaid shall hold his office for the period of one (1) year from August first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891), at which time, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, and each three (3) years thereafter, said board of regents shall make new appointments, from their own number, to act as members of said board of administration, as successors to the members of the board of regents then in office. Said board of administration may select one (1) of its number annually as president thereof.

State superin-
tendent to be
appointed by
board of admin-
istration.

SEC. 6. This board of administration is hereby empowered, by a majority vote thereof, to appoint a suitable and competent person state superintendent of farmers' institutes. The superintendent's term of office shall commence on August first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891), and shall continue for two (2) years, subject to the discretion of the board of administration.

Institute cir-
cuits, how ar-
ranged.

SEC. 7. The board of administration shall, in conjunction with the superintendent, arrange the institute circuits to be held annually, determining the times and places when such institutes shall be held during each year, and shall audit the accounts as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 8. The duties of the superintendent of farmers' institutes shall be as follows, viz.:

Duties of super-
intendent de-
fined.

To superintend the several institutes when located as herein provided; to engage competent instructors therefor; to receive, examine and report upon all bills for expenses and services payable from said appropriation; and at the end of each fiscal year to make a detailed report of all farmers' institutes held under his direction, with an itemized account of all expenditures under this act during the year last past, to said board of administration.

Expense of in-
stitutes limited;
to \$1,500 per an-
num.

SEC. 9. That the expense of such institutes, together with the salary of said superintendent, which is hereby fixed at fifteen hundred (1500) dollars per annum, and the necessary expenses of his superintendence, and all other money named in this act, shall be paid out of said institute fund by the state treasurer, upon warrants issued by the state auditor, which warrants shall only be drawn upon the certificate of the superintendent of institutes, approved by the president of the board of administration.

SEC. 10. That the said board of administration is hereby empowered to act as an auditing board, and shall receive and audit the report and accounts of said superintendent as aforesaid at the close of each fiscal year.

Board of administration to act as auditing board.

SEC. 11. That said board of administration shall cause to be published annually a hand-book of practical agriculture for free distribution among the farmers of this state, said book to be called a Farmers' Institute Annual, and No. four (4) for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891), and consecutively thereafter, and the necessary expense for such publication shall be met out of the appropriation herein made; *Provided*, That the expense of said annual in any one year shall not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars. All accounts for said annual shall appear in the annual report made as hereinbefore provided.

Hand-book of practical agriculture to be published for free distribution; expense limited to \$1,500.

SEC. 12. In arranging for such farmers' institutes, they shall be held, so far as possible, at times and places when most convenient to the farmers of this state; each shall continue for not less than one (1) day nor more than three (3) days, with morning, afternoon and, when practicable, evening sessions; each shall be free to the public, and each shall consist of practical and instructive lectures upon topics pertaining to the farm and home; with essays and addresses, discussions and illustrations of such methods and practices as possess real merit and are adapted to the conditions of our agriculture; the sole object and purpose of these institutes being to disseminate practical knowledge upon questions pertaining to agriculture, horticulture, stock and dairy farming, with the least expense and inconvenience to the people of the state.

Time and place of holding institutes and subjects to be discussed.

SEC. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1891.

CHAPTER 157.

[H. F. No. 627.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, ARRANGEMENT AND DISPLAY OF THE PRODUCTS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AT THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE (1893), AND TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

World's Columbian Exposition.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has provided, by an act approved April twenty-fifth (25th), one thousand eight hundred and ninety (1890), for celebrating the four hundredth (400th) anniversary of the discovery of