

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

America by Christopher Columbus, by holding an international exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures and the products of the soil, mine and sea, in the city of Chicago, in the state of Illinois, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893); and

Natural resources, industrial development and general progress of the state to be displayed.

WHEREAS, It is of great importance that the natural resources, industrial development and general progress of the state of Minnesota should be fully and creditably displayed to the world at said exposition: Therefore,

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

To be entrusted to a commission of six citizens.

SECTION 1. That, for the purpose of exhibiting the resources, produce and general development of the state of Minnesota at the World's Columbian Exposition of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893), a commission is hereby constituted, to be designated the board of world's fair managers of Minnesota, which shall consist of six (6) citizens, to be selected equally from each of the political parties, to be organized and continue its duties as hereinafter provided.

To be appointed by the governor, and duties defined.

SEC. 2. The members of said board shall be appointed by the governor within thirty (30) days after the passage of this act, and shall meet at such time as the governor may appoint, and organize by the election of a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. The treasurer of said board shall give a bond to the state in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), with sureties to be approved by the governor, for the proper performance of his duties. Four (4) members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall have power to make rules and regulations for its own government; *Provided*, Such rules and regulations shall not conflict with the regulations adopted under the act of Congress for the government of said World's Columbian Exposition. Any member of the board may be removed at any time by the governor, for cause. Any vacancy which may occur in the membership of said board shall be filled by the governor.

To serve without compensation.

SEC. 3. The members of the board appointed under this act shall not be entitled to any compensation for their services, expenses or transportation.

To appoint a superintendent to act as executive agent of the board.

SEC. 4. The board of world's fair managers is authorized and directed to appoint a superintendent, and to fix his salary, which shall be payable monthly out of the appropriation hereinafter made; and said superintendent shall be authorized and required to assume and exercise, subject to the supervision of said board, all such executive powers and functions as may be necessary to secure a complete and creditable display of the interests of the state at the World's Columbian Exposition of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893); and as the executive agent of said board, he shall have personal charge of the

solicitation, collection, transportation, arrangement and exhibition of the objects sent under the authority of the state to the World's Columbian Exposition of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893), and of such objects sent by individual citizens of the state as may be by them placed in his charge. He shall make a report to the board monthly, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the board.

SEC. 5. The governor and the World's Columbian commissioners from the state of Minnesota shall be *ex-officio* members of the board of world's fair managers for the state of Minnesota, in addition to said six (6) citizens aforesaid.

Ex-officio members of the board.

SEC. 6. The said board shall have charge of the interests of the state and its citizens in the preparation and exhibition, at the World's Columbian Exposition of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893), of the natural and industrial products of the state, and of objects illustrating its history, progress, moral and material welfare and future development; and in all other matters relating to the said World's Columbian Exposition. It shall communicate with the officers of, and obtain and disseminate through the state all necessary information regarding, said exposition, and in general have and exercise full authority in relation to the participation of the state of Minnesota and its citizens in the World's Columbian Exposition of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893).

Said board to have entire charge of the interests of the state in the general display.

SEC. 7. The said board shall make a report of its proceedings and expenditures from time to time to the governor, and at any time, upon his written request, to be by him transmitted to the legislature, together with such suggestions as he may deem important regarding provisions for a complete and creditable representation of the state at the World's Columbian Exposition of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893). At the close of said world's fair all exhibits now belonging to the state or hereafter acquired which cannot be disposed of with pecuniary advantage, shall be turned over to and become the property of the University of the State of Minnesota; but such exhibits as said university cannot conveniently care for shall be turned over to and become the property of the State Agricultural Society of the state of Minnesota. The proceeds of any sale shall be turned into the state treasury.

To make a written report on request, for submission to the legislature.

Disposition of exhibits at close of fair.

SEC. 8. To carry out the provisions of this act, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is hereby appropriated, and the state treasurer is directed to pay the same from the general fund from time to time, on the requisition of said board, signed by its president and secretary and approved by the governor, and accompanied by estimates of the expenses to the payment of which the money so drawn is to be applied; *Provided always*, That no portion of said fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be used for the erection of any building, excepting such sum—not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000)—as may be necessary for rooms for state headquarters contiguous to the state exhibit in

Appropriation of \$50,000 made by the state, but limited in its uses.

Prohibition
against exceed-
ing appropria-
tion.

Collections here-
before used at
New Orleans ex-
position, to be
used by board
as they may
deem available.

any buildings erected by the said exposition for the display of state collective exhibits. Any state officer or officers acting under this act, who shall pledge or attempt to pledge the credit of this state beyond the sum appropriated herein, shall be deemed guilty of larceny in the sum so pledged or attempted to be pledged; and this state shall in no manner be liable in law or equity therefor; *Provided*, That no part of any money appropriated shall be paid as premiums for any exhibits.

SEC. 9. All collections, photographs, maps, specimens, furniture or other property of the state used in the state collective exhibit at the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition of New Orleans in one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four and five (1884-5), and now deposited in any of the state institutions, or at the experimental farm, the state fair buildings, or with the state fish commission, or at the state capitol, or elsewhere in the hands of state officers, shall be furnished to the board of world's fair managers so far as in their judgment such materials may be available for use in the exhibit contemplated by this act, such collections, specimens, etc., as above specified to be returned to said depositories after the close of the exposition; and any new collections of permanent value made by said board, and which may by this act become the property of the state, shall be distributed to and be preserved by such state institutions, societies or archives as the board shall deem most suitable, after such exchanges shall have been made with the other collections and institutions as the board may deem in the interests of science or for the benefit of this state.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1891.

CHAPTER 158.

[H. F. No. 49.]

AN ACT TO FURNISH SEED GRAIN FOR DISTRIBUTION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES AFFLICTED BY FROSTS OR BLIGHT OR HAIL DURING THE SEASON OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY (1890), TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPAYMENT THEREOF, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUCH COUNTIES TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby made the duty of the county auditors of the counties of Traverse, Big Stone, Stevens, Lac qui Parle and Pope, respectively, in the state of Min-