

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

President's Office

April 19th, 1911.....2 o'clock P. M.

Present, President Snyder, Messrs. Graham, Donerty, Waterbury and Oberdorffer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the exception of the place of meeting, which should read State Fair Offices instead of the Griswold House.

The President presented the following recommendations from the Agricultural Division of the Faculty which, on motion of Mr. Oberdorffer, were adopted.

"That a summer course of six weeks be offered limited to three or four subjects to be selected by the Agricultural Division Faculty."

"Courses in Pedagogy and Science of Education preparatory to a special certificate. These courses open to graduates of the College, who have not had the opportunity to study these branches and are therefore unable to secure the regular College certificate."

On motion of Mr. Donerty, the following laboratory fees were approved.

Chemistry 5 - - - - - \$2.00

Chemistry 17 - - - - - 4.00

Chemistry 8 - - - - - 6.00

Mech. Engr. 11b - - - - - 2.00

On motion of Mr. Graham, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That students who are subject to the payment of a delinquent fee may be excused from such payment if they present to the Registrar at the time of classification, a doctor's certificate to the effect that they were detained by reason of illness.

On motion of Mr. Donerty, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the action of the Board in providing for the removal of the road West of the Botanical, Dairy and Entomological Buildings and the laying of a road farther west and parallel to the above, be reconsidered and that the question of laying a new road be referred entirely to the Superintendent of Grounds."

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the Secretary was directed to present to the Board at a future meeting, data in regard to tuition for foreign students charged by other institutions.

The President presented the following communication from Theron W. Atwood of the Northern Construction Company, in relation to the double tracking of the Michigan United Railroad between Lansing and East Lansing.

Morrice, Michigan,
April 11, 1911.

J. L. Snyder, President,
State Board of Agriculture,
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

It is imperative that we double track our line of railway from Washtenaw-

Recommendations re Summer school

Laboratory Fees Approved.

Conditions governing non-payment of delinquent fees.

Road in front of Bot'l, Dairy, & Ento. Buildings.

Tuition for foreign students

Communication in re double track between Lansing and E. Lansing.

ton Avenue east to the entrance of the College grounds in order to give proper service to the Michigan Agricultural College and to the citizens of East Lansing. There is not room in the street in front of the Agricultural College grounds to lay another track' Unless we are permitted to lay the additional track between the rows of trees in front of your grounds south of the present tract, it will be impossible to double track our line.

I wish you would kindly take this matter up with the the Board of Agriculture as soon as it can possibly be done. Kindly advise me of the time of the meeting of the Board, as I would like to be present and present the situation.

Very truly yours,

T. W. Atwood.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the necessary permission was granted subject to the approval of President Snyder, Mr. Donerty and the Attorney General as relates to form and details.

On motion of Mr. Donerty, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet at the College at 11 o'clock on May 3rd next.

On motion of Mr. Granam, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That A. M. Brown, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and of the Michigan Agricultural College, is hereby authorized to sign all checks upon the funds belonging to or in charge of the said Board or Institution."

Sec'y Brown to sign checks on institution funds.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the Secretary was directed to ask for bids for military uniforms to be supplied to the cadets during the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the expense accounts of the Board members and the Secretary were allowed.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the following resolutions in protest against the passage of the Reciprocity Bill now before Congress, were adopted:

Whereas, there is now pending before Congress a bill providing for so called reciprocal trade relations between the United States and Canada by the terms of which the duty is removed from all agricultural products in the raw state, while there still remains a duty on practically all manufactured goods, including food products of all kinds, and

Resolutions of protest against reciprocity

Whereas, we believe that such legislation is inimical to the interests of the entire agricultural population of the United States, since it opens the great American markets to the Unlimited competition in agricultural products of the vast Canadian north west without affording the farmers of this country any comparable offset of benefits, and

Whereas, such a policy is obviously out of accord with any system of foreign trade relations hitherto recognized in this country, whether it be free trade or protection, and a palpable and vicious discrimination against the interests of the most important and fundamental industry in the United States, American Agriculture and

Whereas, the American farmer has for years patiently awaited the upbuilding of the markets of this country, with little or no direct benefit from the protective policy, and only within the past few years begun to feel as the reward of his patience and industry the stimulus of a stronger demand and larger consumption of his products which the proposed reciprocal trade policy will surely nullify and which has even now in anticipation, touched our agriculture with its blighting hand, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in view of these facts, we urge upon our representatives in Congress, and especially upon the members of the United States Senate, from Michigan, the importance of defeating the Canadian reciprocity bill as initiating a vicious and unfair trade policy and, in doing so, we believe we voice the sentiment and wishes of the farmers not only of this state, but of the entire country, whose warning cry of protest is everywhere near; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Secretary to the Senators from Michigan.

On motion adjourned.

A. M. Brown
Secretary.