

On motion of Mr. Graham, the recommendation of Mr. V. M. Shoesmith that, Manhattan, Kansas, be appointed Fellow in Plant Breeding under the provisions made by the board in August, 1915, was approved.

Mr. G. W. Putnam of Shoesmith, Plant Breeding - Fellow

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the Secretary and the Cashier, Mr. Schepers, were authorized to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Business Officers of Middle West Colleges and Universities at the University of Illinois, May 5th and 6th, with the usual provision in regard to expenses.

Secretary & Cashier to attend annual Association.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the contract for erecting the main engineering building was awarded to Mr. Fred Trier of Saginaw who was the lowest bidder.

Eng. Bldg. contract given to F. Trier.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the contract for the erection of the three shops was awarded to Byers Brothers Construction Company of Kalamazoo, who were the lowest bidders upon these buildings.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the Secretary was authorized to make contracts with the above parties for the construction of these buildings and to take the necessary bonds.

Secretary to make contracts and take bonds.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the expense accounts of the Board Members were allowed.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, Mr. Graham was authorized to initial the vouchers.

On motion adjourned.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary.

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# MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Downey House.

April 28th, 1916.

4 o'clock P. M.

Present, President Kedzie, Messers. Doherty, Waterbury, Woodman and Graham.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading, having been in the hands of the members.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, it was voted that when the Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Friday, May 12th.

President Kedzie presented the following communication from Mr. R. E. Olds of Lansing:

Communication from R. E. Olds.

April 29th, 1916.

Pres. Frank S. Kedzie,  
Michigan Agricultural College,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Kedzie:-

Confirming our conversation of last Saturday and my statement that I would give One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) towards the re-construction of the Engineering Building at the Michigan Agricultural College. It is my desire that you advise the Board of my action, and further advise them that in the near future I will deposit this amount in the Capitol National Bank of this City, subject to the call of the proper officials as the work progresses.

I have great faith in the Michigan Agricultural College and see no reason why it should not become one of the foremost colleges in the United States.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Olds.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the following resolutions were adopted:

On the morning of March 5th, 1916, Michigan Agricultural College suffered the greatest physical loss in its history, by the burning of its entire engineering plant. The faculty, the students, the alumni and the people of the State generally, were in consternation at the magnitude of the disaster. The Engineering Hall was relatively a new building, well equipped to carry on the work of the Engineering Division and yet in the twinkling of an eye it had gone. In the minds of the many friends of the College, there arose the ghost of former opposition to its engineering courses. They foresaw the possibility of a renewal of that long and bitter contest, destined, if successful, to forever cripple the usefulness of the institution. Determined that a greater disaster should not follow the one already experienced, and, with a firm purpose to forestall any effort to revive a contest that sought to eliminate engineering from the curriculum at M. A. C., the officers and board of control considered every possible resource for the speedy repairment of the loss. Either the resources of the College for the next fiscal year must be drawn upon, to the extent of crippling the work in every department, or aid must come from an outside source. The question was - HAVE WE A FRIEND? Have the results of the long years of engineering instruction here made an impression upon anyone, capable of coming to our assistance at this critical time?

The answer to this question has come from an honored citizen of the city of Lansing, a great leader in industrial enterprise, an appreciative observer of the results of technical education, Ransom E. Olds, whose gift of one hundred thousand dollars for the rebuilding of the Engineering Hall is not only most opportune, but one of the most significant facts connected with the history of the Agricultural College.

In view of this gift and the circumstances above described, be it therefore

Resolutions  
adopted.

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Agriculture accept the gift of Mr. Ransom E. Olds with the deepest sense of appreciation and gratitude. In a material way the generosity of Mr. Olds relieves a situation most embarrassing and difficult. It provides means for the speedy restoration of our lost buildings and equipment; it removes the shadow of a year of grinding necessity, toward which we have been looking and of which M. A. C. has experienced many in the past. But this first great gift does much more than this, it places the stamp of highest approval upon the engineering work that has been done at this institution and forever closes the door of controversy. And this is not all, for it establishes the fact that Michigan Agricultural College, as a state and national institution, is not beyond the pale of private bequest, and that an appreciative citizen may here find a means of perpetuating his name far more lasting and gratifying than can be done with monumental stone or brazen tablet. To have ones name forever fresh in the heart of the best youth of the land, to have given aid to struggling and worthy ambition, to have made possible a broader and better life for some of our fellows or those who may come after us, is a consummation that may add luster to the life and memory of any man.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy to Mr. Olds.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the following communication signed by W. K. Prudden, et al, was referred to the special committee already appointed to consider a communication from Dean Shaw on a similar subject.

April 29, 1916.

The State Board of Agriculture,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Communication from  
W.K. Prudden  
et al.

Gentlemen:-

In order to establish a Country Club near Lansing, we desire to make you a proposition relative to a lease of 96 acres of land owned by the College and known as part of the Woodbury farm.

You to lease the property for a term of twenty-five (25) years at a nominal rental of one hundred dollars (100.00) per year. We to have the privilege or option of purchasing said property at the expiration of fifteen (15) years, at a price of \$21000.00.

This figure is arrived at by adding five percent interest on \$12000.00, the present estimated value of the land. We should expect to place on the land improvements to the value of \$25000.00, all of which would be owned by the College. We believe \$21000.00 would purchase one hundred (100) acres of land as well adapted to your use should you desire.

The proposed Country Club would be open the year around and College people eligible to membership the same as Lansing citizens.

Golf, tennis and other games would be provided and a suitable Club House for entertainment.

If permitted we would like to present to you the many advantages that would result to the College and to Lansing. It is important to us that a site be



selected prior to May 15th, 1916.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. K. Prudden  
R. E. Olds  
R. H. Scott  
Chas. P. Downey  
B. F. Davis

The President reported upon the matter of the health conditions at the College.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the traveling expenses of Miss Yakeley in attending the National Association of Collegiate Registrars, were allowed under the usual rule.

Traveling Expenses  
Miss Yakeley

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of the President that Mr. A. J. Clark be given the title of Professor in charge of the Department of Chemistry, was approved.

A. J. Clark  
given title  
of Professor

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the recommendation of Dean White that the College rent two houses of Mr. Chas. Foster which are to be connected by a dining room, was approved.

Rent two  
houses.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Secretary was authorized to install a new boiler and a new fire pump at the Power House and to build a vault in the basement of the library building for the storage of valuable papers.

New boiler  
and fire  
pump and  
vault.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting with power to convey right of way across certain College lands to the Eastern Michigan Power Company, made the following report of its action.

Report of  
Special  
Committee.  
On right  
of way.

State Board of Agriculture:

Gentlemen:-

Your committee authorized to sell and convey a right of way to the Eastern Michigan Power Company across College lands in Oscoda and Alcona Counties, reports as follows:

We directed the Secretary of the Public Domain Commission to convey title to the right of way across the lands in question upon the payment to the College of a sum equal to the value of each forty acre tract crossed by said right of way as shown by the appraisal made at the time of the withdrawal of these lands from sale, plus the cost of the recent appraisal made by the Public Domain Commission amounting to \$87.18. The total description, together with a letter from Mr. Carton, Secretary of the Public Domain Commission, here follows:

April 28, 1916.

Mr. A. M. Brown, Secretary,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

We beg leave to report that in accordance with directions received from you April 26 we have this day deposited with the State Treasurer certificates of sale for lands in T 26 N., R 3 E., T 26 N., R 4 E. and T 26 N., R 5 E., issued to the EASTERN MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY, for lands as authorized by the board of agriculture. Enclosed is a list of lands and description of the route of right of way across the same. In T 26 N., R 3 E., 34.17 acres were sold for a total of \$520.00, at the rate of \$15.218 plus per acre; In T 26 N., R 4 E., 35.97 acres for a total sum of \$504.46, an average of \$14.018 plus per acre; and in T 26 N., R 5 E. a total of 56.20 A. at \$600.00, an average of \$10.676 plus per acre; a grand total of 126.34 acres, for which was received the sum of \$1624.46.

Very  
Yours respectfully,  
Public Domain Commission,  
(Signed) Augustus C. Carton  
Secretary.

Description of route to be taken across Agricultural College lands by Eastern Michigan Power Company.

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A strip of land 200 ft. in width across the following described parcels of land.

In Township 26 North, Range 5 East, Alcona County, Michigan:

S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33  
 N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33  
 N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32  
 S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32  
 S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29  
 N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30  
 S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30  
 S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29

In Township 26 North, Range 4 East, Oscoda County, Mich:

S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22  
 N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22  
 N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22  
 N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18  
 N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18

In Township 26 North, Range 3 East, Oscoda County, Mich:

N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13  
 S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13  
 N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13  
 S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12  
 S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12

Across the lands in T.26N., R.5E., said strip of land to be 50 ft. in width on the Southwesterly side and 150 ft. in width on the Northeasterly side of a line which is now located and staked, and described as beginning on the South line of Section 33 at a point 608 ft. West of the East line of said Section, and running thence N. 49° 30' W. across said Section 33 to the West line of said Section at a point 1543 ft. South of the North line of said Section, and continuing from this point N. 49° 30' W. across Section 32 to the North line of said Section 32 at a point 1926 ft. West of the East line of said Section 32, and continuing from this point N. 49° 30' W. across Section 29 to the West line of said Section 29 at a point 6 ft. South of the West  $\frac{1}{4}$  post of Said Section 29, and continuing from this point N. 49° 30' W. across Section 30 to the North line of said Section 30 at a point 1828 ft. East of the West line of said section 30, and continuing from this point N. 49° 30' W. across Section 19 to the West line of said Section 19 at a point 50 ft. North of the South line of the North one-half (N $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the South one-half (S $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of said Section 19.

Across the lands in Section 22, T.26 N., R.4E, said strip of land to be 100 ft. in width on each side of a line which is now located and staked, and described as beginning on the East line of said Section 22 at a point 1210 ft. north of the East  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner and running thence N. 62° W. across said Section 22 to the North line of said Section 22 at a point 642 ft. West of the N.  $\frac{1}{4}$  post of said Section 22.

Across the lands in Section 18, T.26 N., R.4 E., beginning at the East line of said Section 18 and continuing Westerly to the West line of said Section 18, said strip of land lies North of and adjacent to the South line of the N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of said Section 18.

Across the lands in Section 13, T.26 N., R. 3 E., said strip of land to be 50 ft. in width on the Southwesterly side, and 150 ft. in width on the Northeasterly side of a line which is now located and staked, and described as beginning on the East line of Section 13 at a point 50 ft. North of the South line of N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of said Section 13, running then N. 30° W. across said Section 13 to the North line of said Section 13 at a point 95 ft. East of the North  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner.

Across the lands in Section 12, T.26 N., R.3 E., said strip of land 200 ft. in width being North of and adjacent to the South line of said Section 12, beginning at the West line of said Section and extending Easterly to a point 245 ft. East of the South  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of said Section 12.

In each and every case it is to be understood that the side lines of said described 200 ft. strip are to extend to the boundaries of the several Sections or Subdivisions of Sections which are crossed by said center line.

In connection with the above, it was agreed by the General Manager of the Michigan Railway Company, that the said Company will build during the coming summer, a suitable depot and waiting room on the property of the College as requested by the Board of Agriculture.

F.S. Kedzie  
 A.M. Brown  
 Committee.

President Kedzie presented a communication from Dean Bissell in which he reports that the name agreed upon with Mr. Olds for the new Engineering building,



shall be

"THE R. O. OLDS HALL OF ENGINEERING."

On motion adjourned.

*Al B. Brown*  
Secretary.

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MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

President's Office.

June 13, 1916.

1:30 P. M.

Present, President Kedzie, Messrs. Graham, Doherty, Waterbury and Woodman.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been in the hands of the members, were approved without reading.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of Prof. Anderson that the expenses of Mr. Dennison, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Riddell and Mr. Lytle in attending the National Holstein-Friesian Association meeting at Detroit, be paid by the College, was approved. Also the transportation expenses of Prof. Anderson in attending the Official Dairy Instructors Association at Amherst, Mass., on June 30th, were authorized to be paid.

Dennisons  
Burnett's  
Riddell's  
Lytle's  
& Anderson's  
expenses  
be paid.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of Dr. Bessey that Mr. Walter Makemson be made half-time graduate assistant in Botany for next year at a salary of \$400.00, was approved.

Makemson  
made 1/2 time  
graduate  
assistant  
in Botany.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the request of Mr. Geo. R. Johnstone, instructor in Botany, for leave of absence for one year without pay which was recommended by Dr. Bessey, with the proviso that it should be left open on either side to make the separation permanent, was granted.

Johnstone  
leave of  
absence

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the following matters in relation to the Extension Division, as recommended by Director Baldwin, were approved.

(a) That the College guarantee as an offset to the Federal Smith-Lever fund, \$33,059.35 for the ensuing fiscal year.

Matters in  
relation  
to Extension  
Division.

(b) That Mr. Raven be transferred from the Upper Peninsula to the College and be placed in charge of the state wide Live Stock Extension Project; that Mr. Weston be placed in charge of the Upper Peninsula work at a salary of \$1600.00; and that Mr. J. A. Petrie be employed to assist Mr. Weston in the Upper Peninsula at a salary of \$1300.00 per annum to begin July 1st.

(c) That Miss Margaret Justin be placed in charge of the Home Economics extension work in the Upper Peninsula at a salary of \$1200.00 per annum beginning September 1st.