

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.  
President's office.

January 17th, 1912.....3 o'clock, P. M.

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Present, President Snyder, Messrs. Graham, Waterbury, Beaumont and Woodman.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, Mr. Graham was elected Chairman of the Board.

Graham elected chairman.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the following standing committees were approved:

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| Committee on Agricultural and Veterinary Divisions, |                                 | Mr. Waterbury,<br>Mr. Graham.  | Standing committees appointed. |
| "   | Engineering Division,           | Mr. Doherty,<br>Mr. Beaumont.  |                                |
| "   | Home Economics,                 | Mr. Woodman,<br>Mr. Waterbury. |                                |
| "   | Science and Letters,            | Mr. Beaumont,<br>Mr. Wallace.  |                                |
| "   | Experiment Station,             | Mr. Wallace,<br>Mr. Doherty.   |                                |
| "   | Employees,                      | Mr. Graham,<br>Mr. Beaumont.   |                                |
| "   | Finance,                        | Mr. Graham,<br>Mr. Wallace.    |                                |
| "   | Farmers' Institutes,            | Mr. Doherty,<br>Mr. Woodman.   |                                |
| "   | Buildings and college Property, | Mr. Waterbury,<br>Mr. Woodman. |                                |

On motion of Mr. Woodman, in the above assignment of committees, the Division of Veterinary Science is incorporated with the Division of Agriculture.

Div. of Vet with Div. of Agr.

President Snyder presented the resignation of Mr. Herman Hensel, which, on motion of Mr. Graham, was not accepted.

Resignation of H. Hensel refused.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the following letters of Gov. Osborn and Auditor General Fuller, in reference to the finances of the state, are made a part of this record.

Letters of Gov. and Auditor General regarding financial condition of state.

State of Michigan,  
Executive Chamber,  
State House, Lansing, Michigan.

January 9, 1912.

My Dear Sir:-

I desire to call your attention briefly to the financial condition of the state. An under estimate was made by the Auditor General of the amount necessary to balance all state arrears. This was as unintentional as it is unfortunate. The legislature was willing to appropriate an adequate amount. In addition, the Auditor General has through an unintentional but grievous error failed to spread the tax for appropriations amounting to \$125,000.

Governor's letter.

You will join me in deep regret because of these facts. Realizing the conditions, I am sure you will be glad to give such address to the expenditures in your institution as will result in the most economical management possible. Every cent that you can save will help. I feel certain that you will enter into the spirit of this communication, It is necessary to save at every turn.

Yours respectfully,

Chase S. Osborn, Governor.

President J. L. Snyder,  
Michigan Agricultural College,  
Lansing, Michigan.

Oramel B. Fuller,  
Auditor General,  
Lansing, Michigan.

Monday, January 15, 1912.

Mr. J. L. Snyder,  
President, Michigan Agricultural College,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that the Governor in his recent letter to the State institutions relative to the economical administration thereof, has called attention to errors made by the Auditor General in estimating the amount necessary to be raised by taxation to meet the running expenses of the State, and in not spreading a tax for appropriations amounting to \$125,000.00 and as the matter was not gone into in detail in his letter, I believe in justice to the State Institutions and myself the following statement in explanation should be made.

In February, 1911, the Governor called a meeting in his office of the Finance and Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the House to talk over the situation and agree upon the probable amount to be placed in the tax for general state purposes. The State Accountant was called upon on very short notice to prepare an estimate of the probable deficiency that would appear in the general fund on January 1st, 1912, caused by the failure of the legislature in preceeding sessions to appropriate a sufficient amount to carry on the business of the State. The estimate made by the state accountant of the deficiency was approximately \$561,000.00 but owing to the extraordinary expenditures which could not be anticipated, among which were a fire at the Michigan Reformatory, amounting to \$25,000.00, a loss at the State Normal College of \$1,300.00, and the School for the Deaf of \$2,300.00 through a wind storm during the summer, and payment to the state troops in aid of civil authorities on account of suppression of forest fires in Iosco County, \$2,700.00, and other unexpected expenditures, the deficiency on January 1, 1912, was practically \$650,000.00, or an under estimate on the part of this Department of about \$89,000.00. To this last amount should be added an increase in the Aid Fund to the University of \$208,000.00 and Agricultural College of \$55,000.00 resulting from the increased valuation of the state by the State Board of Equilization at its meeting in August, which amounts have been credited to the above named institutions but as yet undrawn, giving a total deficiency of \$352,000.00.

However, the tax for general state expenses which was agreed upon at this meeting provided for a working balance of \$200,000.00, which, deducted from the last amount above mentioned, would leave a general fund deficiency on January 1st, 1912, of about \$152,000.00 which, I submit, it was impossible to forecast at the time this estimate was made.

The omission of the item of \$125,000.00 from the apportionment of state tax for 1911, which the Governor mentioned, was brought about by a misconstruction of the language used in Acts 150 and 151 of 1911, which provide for a special appropriation of \$62,500.00 each for the State Prison and State House of Correction and Branch Prison to be used in the event of industries being established in the Prison on State account to take the place of the contracts now in force. This amount should have been added to the tax for 1911 but owing to the fact above stated was added to the tax to be spread in 1912.

However, inasmuch as this tax is to reimburse the general fund for the amount appropriated, it will work no hardship to the prison and the amount has been placed to their credit upon the books of the Auditor General to cover the appropriation and can be obtained at any time when called for.

It is to be regretted that the above mentioned errors occurred but fortunately no inconvenience will be caused to any of the State institutions by reason thereof.

Yours truly,

O. B. Fuller, Auditor General.

Communication  
from Dr.  
Lyman.

A communication from Dr. Lyman was referred to the Committee on the  
Agricultural and Veterinary Divisions.

Ladd and  
Crawford ap-  
pointed  
deputy nur-  
sery inspec-  
tors.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the recommendation of Prof. Taft that E. O. Ladd  
of Old Mission, and R. J. Crawford of Armada, be appointed deputy nursery in-  
spectors, was adopted.

Resolution  
regarding  
Panama-  
Pacific Ex-  
position.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, the following resolution relating to the Panama-  
Pacific International Exposition, was adopted:

#### Resolutions.

Whereas: The completion and opening of the Panama Canal will inaugurate a new  
epoch in the history of commerce; and

Whereas: The accomplishment of this result will constitute the greatest peaceful  
triumph ever achieved by a nation, and deserves a place in our nation-  
al history commensurate with its importance; and

Whereas: To accomplish this result our Government has employed the noblest  
attributes, to wit:

Courage to undertake where others have failed;



Ability to devise and provide the ways and means for overcoming extraordinary difficulties;  
Intelligence in logically applying these ways and means;  
Honesty in purpose and performance;

Generosity in not pre-empting the benefits of the canal to its sole use; and  
Humanity when promoting hygiene and scientific sanitation in the tropics, and

Whereas: These attributes are characteristic of the American people and causes for a proper and commendable national pride which should be fostered as a unifying force throughout this Union, and be made signally apparent to all other nations and peoples; and

Whereas: The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled have defined the occasion and appointed the time and place for this great celebration by a Joint Resolution in terms as follows, viz:

Resolution regarding Panama-Pacific Exposition.

"For the purpose of inaugurating, carrying forward, and holding an exposition at the City and County of San Francisco, California, on or about the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to celebrate the completion and opening of the Panama Canal, and also the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Ocean, the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and respectfully requested, by proclamation or in such manner as he may deem proper, to invite all foreign countries and nations to such proposed exposition, with a request that they participate therein;" and

Whereas: On October 14th, 1911, the President of the United States inaugurated the work of preparation for the Panama-Pacific Exposition by formally removing the first spadeful of earth on the site thereof;

Now, therefore, this State Board of Agriculture of Michigan, applauds the enterprise, resourcefulness and public spirit displayed by the State and Counties of California, the City of San Francisco, and the citizens thereof in accumulating a fund of over twenty-millions of dollars (\$20,000,000.00) wherewith to effectively express their appreciation of the great honor conferred upon them by this action of our National Government; to guarantee their ability to properly fulfill all of the obligations involved therein, and to provide a suitable arena where the best products of the universe may be displayed in friendly competition for the educational instruction and material benefit of all peoples and for the advancement of the cause of broad and intelligent humanity.  
Further, as an organization and as individuals, we  
Resolve, that by all fit and proper means we will express our gratification and national pride in the glorious success of the Panama Canal, and that we will urge our State officials and our fellow citizens to participate in and contribute toward making an equally glorious success of our State representation at the Celebration at San Francisco, in 1915.

It is ordered that this resolution be extended in full on the minutes of this meeting and that the Secretary be requested to make public announcement of this action.

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

Resolved: That the Commissioner of the State Land Office is hereby authorized and directed to sell and convey to the Au Sable and Northwestern Railroad Company, a Michigan railroad corporation of Au Sable, Michigan, certain parcels of land in less than legal subdivisions for railroad right of way over and across the following described Agricultural College lands, in compliance with Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1907, as amended by Act. No. 202 of the Public Acts of 1909:

Sale of Au Sable Land to Railroad & Transmission lines authorized

NW ¼ of NW ¼ Section 6, Town 24 North Range 7 East.							
NW ¼ of NE ¼	"	1,	"	24	"	"	6 "
NE ¼ of NE ¼	"	1	"	24	"	"	6 "
S ½ of NE ¼	"	1	"	24	"	"	6 "
NE ¼ of SW ¼	"	1	"	24	"	"	6 "
SE ¼ of SW ¼	"	1	"	24	"	"	6 "
NW ¼ of SE ¼	"	1	"	24	"	"	6 "
SE ¼ of SW ¼	"	11	"	24	"	"	6 "
NE ¼ of NW ¼	"	12	"	24	"	"	6 "
NW ¼ of NW ¼	"	12	"	24	"	"	6 "

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	Section 12	Town 24	North Range 6	East.
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	"	14	" 24	" " 6 "
NW 1/4 of NW 1/4	"	14	" 24	" " 6 "
SW 1/4 of NW 1/4	"	14	" 24	" " 6 "
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4	"	14	" 24	" " 6 "
SW 1/4 of SW 1/4	"	14	" 24	" " 6 "

and the said Commissioner of the State Land Office is also hereby authorized and directed to sell and convey to the Eastern Michigan Power Company, a Michigan corporation of Au Sable, Michigan, certain parcels of land in less than legal subdivisions, for right of way for a transmission line over and across the following described Agricultural College lands, in compliance with Act No. 299 of the Public Acts of 1907, as amended by Act No. 202 of the Public Acts of 1909-

NW 1/4 of SE 1/4	Section 29,	Town 24	North Range 7	East.
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	"	31	" 24	" " 7 "

the deeds in both the above cases to provide for a reversion of the lands in case they cease to be used for the purposes above mentioned.

Geismar  
relieved of  
U.P.Exp.Sta.  
Made U.P.  
Field Agt.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the recommendation of Dean Shaw that Mr. Geismar be relieved from the superintendency of the Upper Peninsula Experiment Station, and made Field Agent for the Upper Peninsula, was adopted.

Graham to  
initial  
vouchers.

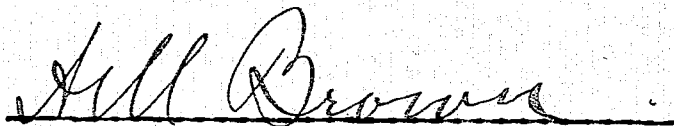
On motion of Mr. Waterbury, Mr. Graham was authorized to initial the vouchers.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the expenses of the several Board members were allowed.

Secretary  
committee to  
examine  
vouchers.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, the Secretary. Mr. A. M. Brown, was appointed a committee to examine the vouchers and compare them with the abstracts.

On motion adjourned.

  
Secretary.