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The Board of State Auditors shall submit to the legislature annually at the commencement of its session in January, a report of their doings during the year next preceding.—Compiled Laws 1897, section 122.

REPORT.

To the Honorable Chase S. Osborn,
Governor of the State of Michigan:

SIR—In obedience to the requirements of law, we have the honor to submit the following report of the proceedings of the Board of State Auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE, Secretary of State,
ALBERT E. SLEEPER, State Treasurer,
HUNTLEY RUSSELL, Commissioner of the State Land Office,
Board of State Auditors.

Lansing, Michigan, July 13, 1910.

The Board of State Auditors convened at the capitol at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present: Frederick C. Martindale, Secretary of State,
Huntley Russell, Commissioner of the State Land Office.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Report was made of allowances of meetings June 15 and 29, 1910; amount claimed, \$47,957.77; amount allowed, \$47,926.28; amount disallowed, \$31.49.

Report of postage allowances for the quarter ending June 30, 1910, was presented, and ordered forwarded to the Governor as required by law: The total allowance for postage for said quarter amounted to \$4,137.28.

The Board considered claims which had been presented for allowance.

On motion recess was taken to 1 o'clock p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

The Board reconvened.

Present: Mr. Martindale,
Mr. Russell.

Claim No. 357, B. D. Harison, secretary State Board of Registration in Medicine, \$9.20, balance claimed to be due in excess of fees received as a witness in attending the United States Circuit Court Eastern District Louisiana, was disallowed on account of excessive claims for hotel expenses.

On motion it was decided that T. O. Pratt, painter, be placed on the Superintendent of the Capitol's pay roll, from and after July 15, 1910, at the rate of \$3.50 per day instead of \$3, as heretofore. The Board directed that the Superintendent of the Capitol be notified accordingly.

Mayor John S. Bennett, chairman of the executive committee of the League of Michigan Municipalities, appeared before the Board and filed with them a communication in writing asking for the use of the Senate Chamber for holding the annual meeting of said League on September 21, 22 and 23, 1910. On motion the request was granted, and communication was ordered filed.

Charles W. Nichols appeared before the Board and requested the use of a portion of Block No. 73, city of Lansing, that is not in use for tennis courts, for the purpose of holding a carnival to be presented under the auspices of Gauntlet Lodge No. 42 Knights of Pythias, July 18 to 23, 1910, inclusive. On motion the

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Board granted the use of such portion of Block 79, as is now vacant, for the purpose of holding said carnival under the following conditions and restrictions:

First,—That there shall be nothing objectionable presented on the grounds, and

Second,—At the conclusion of the carnival the grounds shall be cleaned up and left in as good a condition as at present.

Horatio S. Larned, treasurer board of trustees Industrial School, appeared before the Board and filed with them a statement in writing signed by the president, secretary and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Industrial School, asking for an additional appropriation of \$1,571.52 for the purpose of rebuilding the barn destroyed by fire May 17, 1910, for the reason that none of the bids received for the rebuilding of said barn came within the amount appropriated at a meeting held by the Governor and the Board of State Auditors May 25, 1910. On motion the following resolution was adopted by the Governor and the Board of State Auditors:

Resolved, By the Governor and the Board of State Auditors, acting under authority of sections two thousand two hundred thirty-eight to two thousand two hundred forty-two of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, that the resolution adopted by the Governor and the Board of State Auditors on May 25, 1910, authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Industrial School for Boys to rebuild the barn, and replace the herd, tools, machinery, and bran and hay destroyed by fire May 17, 1910, be amended so as to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Industrial School for Boys to expend for rebuilding said barn and replacing said herd, tools, machinery, and bran and hay the sum of eleven thousand one hundred thirty-nine dollars and forty-six cents (\$11,139.46) instead of nine thousand five hundred sixty-seven dollars and ninety-four cents (\$9,567.94), and that the amounts that may be expended in rebuilding said barn and replacing property destroyed therein are as follows:

Rebuilding barn	\$8,521 46
Replacing herd	1,500 00
Replacing tools and machinery.....	793 00
Replacing bran and hay	325 00
Total	\$11,139 46

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN B. MATHEWS, Clerk.

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE,
Chairman.

Lansing, Michigan, July 27, 1910.

Nine o'clock a. m. No member of the Board of State Auditors being present (on account of important meeting of Public Domain Commission) meeting was held open until July 28, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m.

JOHN B. MATHEWS, Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan, July 28, 1910.

The Board of State Auditors convened at the capitol at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present: Frederick C. Martindale, Secretary of State.

No quorum being present, meeting was held open until 1 o'clock p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

The Board reconvened.

Present: Huntley Russell, Commissioner of the State Land Office.

No quorum being present, meeting was held open until July 29, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m.

JOHN B. MATHEWS, Clerk.

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Lansing, Michigan, July 29, 1910.

The Board of State Auditors convened at the capitol at 9 o'clock a. m.
 Present: Frederick C. Martindale, Secretary of State,
 Huntley Russell, Commissioner of the State Land Office.
 Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
 The Board considered claims which had been presented for allowance.
 On motion recess was taken to 1 o'clock p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

The Board reconvened.
 Present: Mr. Martindale,
 Mr. Russell.

Mary C. Spencer, State Librarian, appeared before the Board and requested the allowance of claim for expenses of herself to be incurred in the near future in a trip to New York City for the purpose of purchasing books for the State Library. On motion the request was granted.

Charges having been made to the Board of State Auditors against Samuel C. Rodgers as to his conduct while on duty as capitol police, said Samuel C. Rodgers appeared before the Board and was heard in his own behalf. Mr. Rodgers having admitted the correctness of the charges, Mr. Martindale moved that Mr. Rodgers be summarily discharged for conduct unbecoming an officer. The motion unanimously prevailed.

An analysis of disbursements of the Michigan Asylum for Insane covering period of July 1, 1909, to June 30, 1910, was received. After examining the same, the Board directed that the analysis be placed on file.

On motion the Board adjourned to August 17, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m.

JOHN B. MATHEWS, Clerk.

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE,
Chairman.

Lansing, Michigan, August 17, 1910.

The Board of State Auditors convened at the capitol at 9 o'clock a. m.
 Present: Frederick C. Martindale, Secretary of State,
 Albert E. Sleeper, State Treasurer,
 Huntley Russell, Commissioner of the State Land Office.
 Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.
 The Board considered claims which had been presented for allowance.
 On motion recess was taken to 1 o'clock p. m.

1 o'clock p. m.

The Board reconvened.
 Present: Mr. Martindale,
 Mr. Sleeper,
 Mr. Russell.

Report was made of allowances of meetings July 13 and 27, 1910; amount claimed, \$44,092.37; amount allowed, \$44,051.56; amount disallowed, \$41.01.

Report of State Oil Inspector for quarter ending June 30, 1910, was received together with reports of deputies for April, May and June, 1910, and on motion approved and ordered filed. The amount due the State for the quarter ending June 30, 1910, was \$1,771.70.

Opinion of the Attorney General, as to whether a retiring Justice of the Supreme Court is entitled to the volumes of the Supreme Court Reports delivered to him during his incumbency was received and ordered filed. The said opinion was to the effect that the Supreme Court Reports delivered to the Justices, etc., are State property, belonging to the office rather than the officer, and that upon the resignation of a Justice, they should be delivered over to his successor, as provided by Section 1570, Compiled Laws of 1897, as "books in his custody as such officer."

R. H. Fletcher, Commissioner of Labor, appeared before the Board and requested the allowance of claims for expenses of two representatives from his department in attending the meeting of the International Association of Factory Inspectors, and the International Association of Officials of Bureaus of Labor to be held at Columbia, S. C., August 23 to 27, 1910. On motion the request was granted.

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W. A. Bolter, chairman of the executive committee of the Ingham County Soldiers and Sailors Battalion, appeared before the Board and requested the use of the capitol lawn on September 14, for the purpose of holding a reunion of that organization. On motion the request was granted and the Board directed that the Superintendent of the Capitol be notified that such permission had been granted.

Mr. Russell requested the allowance of claim for expenses of Marcus Schaff, State Forester, in attending the meeting of the Second National Conservation Congress, to be held at St. Paul, Minn., September 5 to 9. On motion the request was granted.

A communication was received from Giles B. Allen, of Charlotte, Mich., requesting the use of Senate Chamber on October 5, 1910, for the purpose of holding the annual reunion of the Sixth Michigan Infantry Heavy Artillery. On motion the request was granted and the communication was ordered filed.

A communication was received from George Lord, Secretary State Board of Tax Commissioners, asking for the allowance of claims for expenses of William H. Hoyt and himself in attending the International Conference on State and Local Taxation, to be held in Milwaukee, August 30 to September 2, 1910. On motion the request was granted and communication was ordered filed.

On motion the Board adjourned.

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE,

JOHN B. MATHEWS, Clerk.

Chairman.

Lansing, Michigan, August 31, 1910.

The Board of State Auditors convened at the capitol at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present: Albert E. Sleeper, State Treasurer,

Huntley Russell, Commissioner of the State Land Office.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Board considered claims which had been presented for allowance.

On motion recess was taken to 2 o'clock p. m.

2 o'clock p. m.

The Board reconvened.

Present: Mr. Sleeper,

Mr. Russell.

A communication was received from J. B. Montgomery, superintendent of the State Public School, requesting the allowance of claim for expenses of himself in attending the National Conference on the Education of Truant, Backward and Delinquent Children to be held in Washington, D. C., October 2 to 8, 1910. The Board decided to allow such claims as requested and communication was ordered filed.

A communication was received from Mrs. Roxie Densmore announcing the death of her husband, Wm. T. Densmore, on July 27, 1910. Mr. Densmore was beneficiary under the provisions of Joint Resolution No. 7, P. A. 1899. Communication was ordered filed.

The annual report of the secretary of State Board of Pharmacy for the year ending June 30, 1910, was received, examined and ordered filed.

A communication was received from F. W. Shumway, secretary State Board of Health, requesting the allowance of claim for expenses of himself in attending the annual meeting of the American Health Association to be held in Milwaukee September 5 to 9, 1910. On motion the request was granted and communication ordered filed.

On motion the Board adjourned to September 14, 1910, at 9 o'clock a. m.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER,

JOHN B. MATHEWS, Clerk.

Acting Chairman.

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Lansing, Michigan, September 14, 1910.

The Board of State Auditors convened at the capitol at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present: Frederick C. Martindale, Secretary of State,

Albert E. Sleeper, State Treasurer.

Report was made of allowances of meetings August 17 and 31, 1910; amount claimed, \$42,527.94; amount allowed, \$42,454.75; amount disallowed, \$73.19.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Board considered claims which had been presented for allowance.

On motion recess was taken to 2 o'clock p. m.

2 o'clock p. m.

The Board reconvened.

Present: Mr. Martindale,

Mr. Sleeper.

Resignation of Chas. A. Lee, as a member of the capitol police force (the same to take effect September 30, 1910,) was received, accepted and ordered placed on file.

A communication was received from James V. Barry, Commissioner of Insurance, asking for the allowance of claim for expenses of himself in attending the annual meeting of the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners to be held in Mobile, Ala., September 27 to 30, 1910. The Board decided to allow claim for such expenses as requested, and communication was ordered filed.

On motion the Board adjourned.

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE,

Chairman.

JOHN B. MATHEWS, Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan, September 23, 1910.

The Board of State Auditors convened at the capitol at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present: Frederick C. Martindale, Secretary of State,

Albert E. Sleeper, State Treasurer.

Huntley Russell, Commissioner of the State Land Office.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Board considered claims which had been presented for allowance.

On motion recess was taken to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

1:30 o'clock p. m.

The Board reconvened.

Present: Mr. Martindale,

Mr. Sleeper.

Mr. Russell.

Communication was received from E. M. Lawson, superintendent Industrial School for Boys, requesting the Board of State Auditors to allow claim for expenses of himself in attending the International Prison Congress at Washington, D. C., beginning September 23, 1910. The Board decided to allow claim for such expenses and communication was ordered filed.

Communication was received from E. A. Blakeslee, president Board of Pardons, requesting the Board of State Auditors to allow claim for expenses of himself in attending the National Prison Congress at Washington, D. C., beginning September 23, 1910. On motion the Board decided to allow claim for such expenses and communication was ordered filed.

Communication was received from B. D. Harison, secretary State Board of Registration in Medicine, requesting the use of Senate Chamber for the purpose of holding an examination on October 11, 12 and 13, 1910. Use of Senate Chamber was granted for such purpose and communication was ordered filed.

Bids were received for the furnishing and laying of carpets in Senate Chamber and House of Representatives, and the galleries thereof, and for the furnishing and laying of battle ship linoleum in the corridors of the basement. Samples of carpet were examined by the Board, but no final action was taken as to the carpet. The Spring Dry Goods Co. of Grand Rapids having submitted the lowest bid for the furnishing and laying of Wild & Co's. ¼-inch battle ship linoleum in the