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THOMAS MACAULAY BRADBURY

Mr. Thomas Macaulay Bradbury, who has been the Secretary of this Commission since its creation, died suddenly at his home in Jefferson City, of apoplexy, on the morning of November 12, 1918. Mr. Bradbury was born in Jefferson City November 25, 1850. He was the son of the late Capt. Wm. H. Bradbury, who, for almost forty years, was the deputy warden of the Missouri Penitentiary. When a change in the entire State administration occurred as a consequence of the establishment of a provisional government at the beginning of the Civil war, the father removed to Versailles, Missouri, where the son spent his boyhood and early manhood.

After the completion of his education at the local schools and the State University, at Columbia, Mr. Bradbury married Miss Annie Tutt at Versailles, and, for a time, was engaged in the mercantile business at that place. Thereafter, he removed to Jefferson City, where his father had preceded him, and began the long and useful career in the public service which ended only with his death. From 1883 to 1889, during the official term as Register of Lands of the late Colonel Robert McCulloch, Mr. Bradbury was employed in that office. From 1889 to 1897 he was employed in the office of the State Treasurer during the terms of Mr. E. T. Noland and Col. Lon V. Stephens. When the latter was elected Governor, Mr. Bradbury was appointed deputy warden of the penitentiary, which position he held from 1897 to 1901, performing the multiform and exacting duties of that position with efficiency and a proper regard for the welfare of the prisoners. When General James Harding, who had long been the Secretary of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, died in 1902, Mr. Bradbury was at

once chosen by the Board to succeed him. He held this position until the Board was abolished by the Forty-seventh General Assembly in March, 1913, and upon the organization of the Public Service Commission, which was created contemporaneously with the abolition of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, Mr. Bradbury was named as its Secretary. For a period of more than five years, therefore, he has performed the complex and responsible duties of this position. His efficiency has been a source of satisfaction to those transacting business with the Commission, and has resulted in lessening the labors and responsibilities of its members. A gracious manner, whose chief charm was modesty, was his distinguishing characteristic. This was manifested not only in the discharge of his official duties, but in his social relations. His whole nature was permeated by a spirit of kindliness which rendered it impossible for him to entertain a malevolent feeling. While sufficiently firm in his own convictions, in maintaining them he gave no offense to those who differed with him.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Frank Walker Bradbury, of the Grain Inspection Department of Kansas City, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Ramsey, of Jefferson City.

As a testimonial of their regard for Mr. Bradbury, officially and personally, the members of this Commission tender this tribute to his memory, and order that it be incorporated in our forthcoming report.

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STATE OF MISSOURI.

Public Service Commission.

Jefferson City, January 1, 1919.

To His Excellency, FREDERICK D. GARDNER, Governor of Missouri:

Dear Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith the Sixth Annual Report of the Public Service Commission, for the year beginning December 1, 1917, and ending November 30, 1918.

Very respectfully yours,

WM. G. BUSBY, Chairman.