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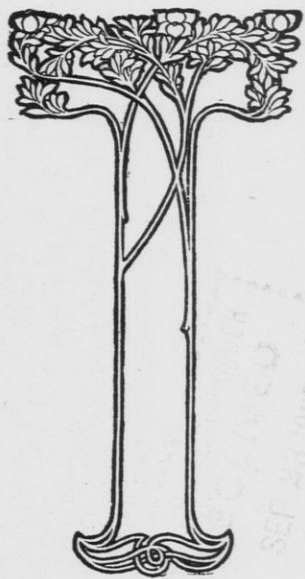
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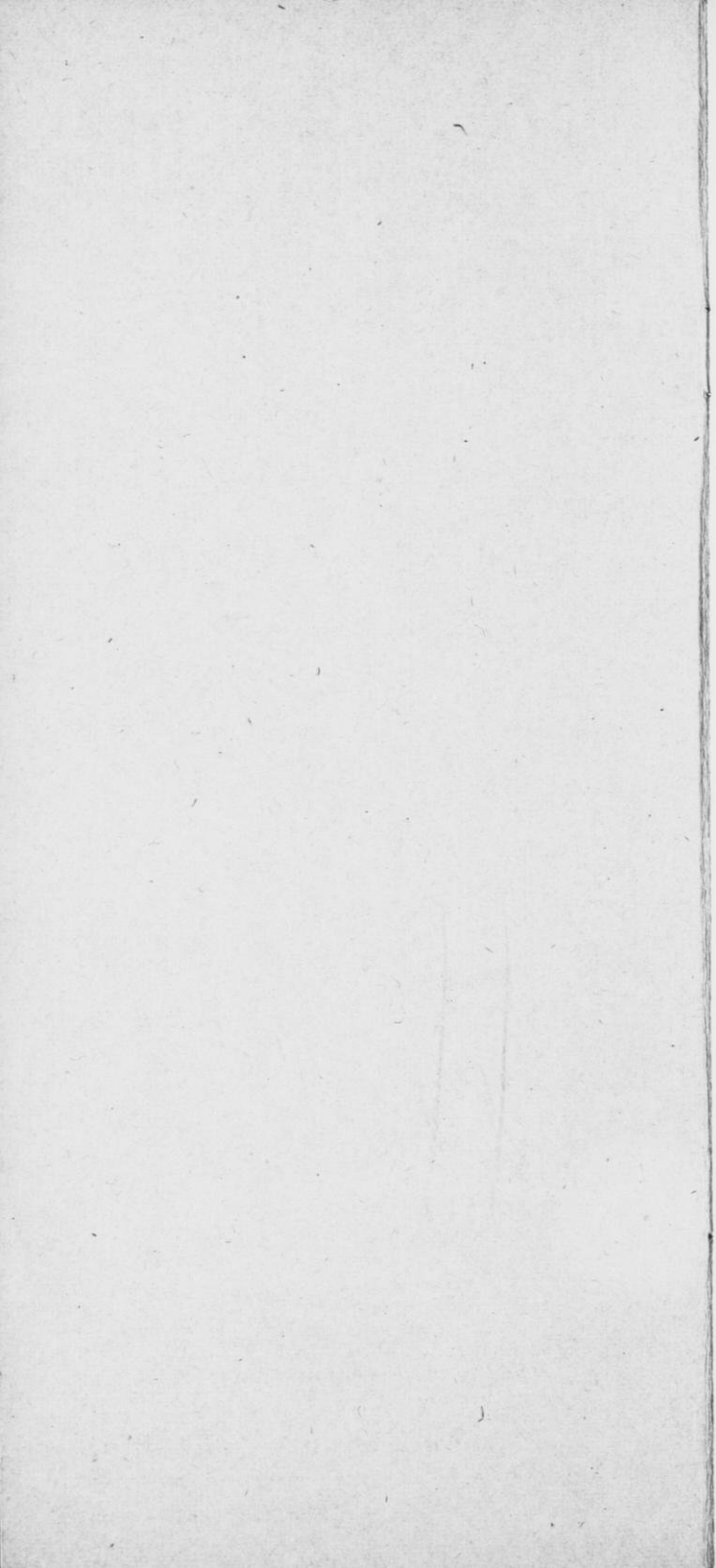


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WISCONSIN IMMIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

Officers.

President. - - WILLIAM H. UPHAM, Marshfield.
Vice President. EDWARD A. BENSON, Milwaukee.
Treasurer. - - - - GEORGE W. LEVIS, Madison.
Secretary. - EDGAR T. WHELOCK, Milwaukee.

Board of Directors.

E. A. Benson and James L. Gates, Milwaukee; G. W. Levis,
Madison. Term expires September, 1908.
G. D. Jones, Wausau; C. K. Ellingson, Hawkins and W. H.
Upham, Marshfield. Term expires September, 1909.
George E. Kuntz, Ashland; Elmer Grimmer, Marinette;
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Association.**

For Year Ending September 11th, 1907.



TO the Members of the Wisconsin Immigration and Development Association:

Gentlemen: The annual meeting of the association required by the articles of incorporation was held at the club room of the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, September 11, 1907. The meeting was called to order by the president, William H. Upham, and, on motion, the reading of minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The annual report of the secretary was then read, as follows:

Financial Statement of the Secretary.

To the Officers and Members of the Wisconsin Immigration and Development Association:

Gentlemen: I had hoped at this time to be able to render a full report of the past year's work, attempted and accomplished, but I find the time I allowed for the preparation of such a report was too short. I can only make amends by promising to mail such a report to all members of the association within a short time. Following is a summary of the financial transactions of my office during the year ending with this meeting:

Annual Report.

Receipts.

Subscribed at annual meeting, 1906.....	\$ 9.00
Subscriptions to fund paid during year.	3,950.00
Dues from members.....	255.00
Repayments on mileage books.....	48.50
Loan from Benson & Anderton.....	500.00
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	\$4,762.50

Disbursements.

Paid balance due on salary, 1906.....	\$ 303.38
Railroad fare and sleepers.....	207.91
Hotels and bus fare.....	302.25
Postage, telegraph, and telephone....	36.75
Livery	19.00
Printing and Stationery.....	62.50
Stenographers	20.30
Rent for Plankinton Hotel club room, 1906	5.00
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Advertising	6.72
Paid Benson & Anderton, note and account	551.80
Deposited with G. W. Levis, treasurer.	1,125.00
Applied on salary.....	1,800.00
Cash on hand to balance.....	321.09
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	\$4,762.50

On motion of Elmer Grimmer the report of the secretary as read was accepted and adopted.

The report of the chairman of the finance committee, B. F. McMillan, was then read by Mr. McMillan, and, on motion of Mr. E. A. Benson, the report was accepted and the committee was warmly thanked for the efficient services rendered during the year. The report is as follows:

Report of Finance Committee.

To the Officers and Members of the Wisconsin Immigration and Development Association:

Gentlemen: As chairman of the finance committee I am pleased to render the following report in regard to subscriptions made this association since my term of office commenced. Following is a list of the firms subscribing who have already paid their subscriptions:

John S. Owen Lumber Co.....	\$ 250.00
G. D. Jones Land Co.....	200.00
B. F. McMillan & Bro.....	100.00
Daniel Shaw Lumber Co.....	50.00
Chippewa Farm Land Co.....	25.00
Arpin Hardwood Lumber Co.....	200.00
Ellingson Lumber Co.....	100.00
American Colonization Co.....	400.00
John R. Davis Lumber Co.....	250.00
Gilkey & Anson Co.....	100.00
A. H. Stange Co.....	100.00
S. Heinemann	200.00
Holway Land Co.....	150.00
S. W. Hollister.....	100.00
Edgar P. Sawyer.....	100.00
Bray & Choate Land Co.....	100.00
Paine Lumber Co.....	100.00
G. W. Jones Lumber Co.....	50.00
Holt Lumber Co.....	100.00
Skidmore Land Co.....	100.00
Menasha Wooden Ware Co.....	100.00
Fenwood Lumber Co.....	100.00
Alexander Stewart Lumber Co.....	100.00
Rib Lake Lumber Co.....	100.00
Kreutzer, Bird & Rosenberry.....	25.00
Yawkey-Bissell Lumber Co.....	100.00
Oconto Lumber Co.....	200.00
N. Ludington Co.....	200.00
Sawyer, Goodman Co.....	200.00
Grimmer Land Co.....	100.00
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	\$4,000.00

Making a total of \$4,000.00 that has been paid into the treasury. There is due the association in subscriptions unpaid as follows:

William Starr	\$ 200.00
Chippewa Farm Land Co.....	25.00
Edward Lynch	25.00
James L. Gates.....	100.00
George Beyer	50.00
Wausau Law and Land Association...	100.00
Manson & Weinfeld.....	50.00
Wisconsin Central Railroad.....	250.00
Northern Colonization Co.....	100.00
M. J. Wallrich.....	100.00
E. H. Van Ostrand.....	100.00
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	\$1,100.00

Making \$1,100.00 unpaid at present and a grand total of subscriptions of \$5,100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. McMILLAN,

Chairman.

[Note:—Mr. McMillan's report does not mention a subscription of \$100.00 by Ben-

son & Anderton which was made by them at the annual meeting in 1906, and which did not pass through the finance committee's hands.—Sec.]

Election of Officers.

After considerable discussion of matters relating to the future work of the association, the State Commissioner of Immigration, A. D. Campbell, who was present at the meeting, was called upon and addressed the members at some length on the organization of his bureau and the program which had been outlined for carrying forward its work. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Campbell for his remarks.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of three directors to fill vacancies occurring at the present time. The directors whose terms expired at this meeting were re-elected and the entire board now consists of the following members:

E. A. Benson and James L. Gates, Milwaukee, and G. W. Levis, Madison. Term expires September, 1908.

G. D. Jones, Wausau, C. K. Ellingson, Hawkins, and W. H. Upham, Marshfield. Term expires September, 1909.

George E. Kuntz, Ashland, Elmer Grimmer, Marinette, and Edgar T. Wheelock, Milwaukee. Term expires September, 1910.

On Mr. McMillan declining positively to serve another year as chairman of the finance committee, G. D. Jones was elected to that office and a resolution was adopted authorizing him to appoint as members of that committee B. F. McMillan and as many other members of the association as he may require to assist him in the performance of his duties.

At the meeting of the board of directors held after the adjournment of the annual meeting, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—William H. Upham, Marshfield.

Vice-President—Edward A. Benson, Milwaukee.

Treasurer—George W. Levis, Madison.

Secretary—Edgar T. Wheelock, Milwaukee.

As there was in the treasury and due on subscriptions at the time of the annual meeting the sum of \$2,546.09, it was determined to raise an additional sum by subscription and dues to make up a fund of \$5,000 to pay the expenses of the association for the coming year and the finance committee will begin work with that end in view.

Work of the Past Year.

The time elapsing between the annual meeting of 1906 and the convening of the legislature was devoted mainly to newspaper work designed to create a sentiment in the state favorably to the enactment of a law creating a state board of immigration. As has already been reported to the association, the committee on legislation succeeded in securing the adoption of a plank in the republican state platform indorsing such an act. The state press and the Milwaukee newspapers kindly allowed the use of their columns for this purpose and considerable effective work was done to inform the public mind of the needs of the state with respect to development.

When the legislature convened in January the secretary of the association reg-

istered at Madison as legislative counsel, and, with the aid of the legislative librarian, Dr. McCarthy, prepared and had introduced a bill to carry out the purpose of the association. Assemblyman Theodore Thomas, of Rusk County, fathered the bill in the lower house, and it was largely due to his efforts that the measure finally became a law. Senator H. P. Bird performed the same service for the measure in the upper house. It is unnecessary here to go into details as to the work of securing the passage of the measure. It is sufficient to say that the legislature was called upon to appropriate large sums of money for various purposes, the aggregate running far beyond the estimated resources of the state for the biennial period. Also there were differences of opinion as to the constitution of the proposed board that were difficult to harmonize. It is only fair to say, however, that some of the warmest supporters of the measure were found among the broad-minded members from the southern part of the state who could readily see how the work of such a bureau would be of advantage to all sections and how a direct benefit would result in which every county, however well or poorly they may be developed, would share. As a result of the work at Madison the following act was passed and is now a state law:

Chapter 407, Laws of 1907.

AN ACT to create sections 237h to 237n, inclusive, statutes of 1898, relating to a state board of immigration, and making an appropriation therefor.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. There are added to the statutes of 1898, seven new sections to read: Section

237h. The secretary of state, the commissioner of labor and industrial statistics, and the chief clerk of the state land office shall constitute a state board of immigration to serve without compensation. The secretary of state shall be ex-officio chairman of said board. In the event of a vacancy in said board the remaining two members shall constitute the board.

Section 237i. The said board of immigration shall appoint a qualified elector of this state to be secretary of said board and such secretary shall be officially known and styled commissioner of immigration. The said commissioner of immigration shall hold office during the pleasure of said board and shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, and shall perform such functions as said board shall designate. The said commissioner of immigration shall be provided with an office and suitable furniture and stationery at the expense of the state. Before entering upon the duties of his office the said commissioner shall make and subscribe an oath of office in the usual form. The said board of immigration shall secure the services of not to exceed one stenographer for the use of said commissioner, the compensation of said stenographic work to be fixed and determined by said board.

Section 237j. It shall be the duty of the state board of immigration to cause to be collected and printed in such form as may be best calculated to attract to the state desirable immigrants seeking homes and capital seeking profitable investment information relating to the advantages and opportunities offered by this state to the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, the home-seeker, and summer visitor. The publications of said board shall be made in the form of circulars, folders, and pamphlets with or without maps or illustrations and shall contain in succinct language easily comprehended by the general public statements relating to the soil, climate, water, products, markets, transportation facilities, summer resorts, location of undeveloped lands and the relative value and cost of these lands compared with those of other localities. The board may in its discretion determine whether one or more or all such subjects shall be included in each of the circulars, folders and pamphlets printed by authority of this act. The board may in its discretion cause to be translated and printed in such foreign language or languages as may be selected any or all of the circulars, folders and pamphlets provided for in this section.

Section 237k. It shall be the duty of the state board of immigration to furnish such number as it shall fix of copies of the several publications printed under its directions to county and city advancement associations, immigration societies or bodies of citizens organ-

ized, to promote immigration and the development and enrichment of the state when application is made therefor. The board shall also furnish other persons and corporations such number of copies of such publications as may be requested at the actual cost of printing.

Section 237l. In order to facilitate the collection of accurate information relating to the resources of the state the heads of several departments of the state government, the faculty of the state university and the several state institutions are hereby directed to furnish to the state board of immigration such information as may be at their command when requested by the board so to do.

Section 237m. The said board shall report to each session of the state legislature all its transactions during the biennial period next preceding the first day of such session.

Section 237n. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund an amount of money not exceeding seven thousand dollars per annum to pay the expenses hereinbefore provided for.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 25, 1907.

The State Board of Immigration as organized under the foregoing law consists of James A. Frear, Secretary of State; J. D. Beek, commissioner of labor and industrial statistics, and Byron J. Castle, chief clerk of the State Land Office. A. D. Campbell, late of Ladysmith, Rusk county, who is well equipped for the position, has been appointed to the office of Commissioner of Immigration, the title given to the chief clerk of the board of immigration, and he already is organizing the work of his office with a view to getting results.

Following the passage of the law and the organization of the State Board of Immigration, the secretary of this association took up the work of organizing county development associations and he spent five weeks in northeastern Wisconsin for that purpose, returning to Milwaukee on September 8, in time to prepare

for the annual meeting. During that time he visited Langlade, Shawano, Oconto, Marinette, and Florence counties, in all of which counties local associations have been or will be organized. As is his custom, during his trip he used the local press liberally, printing articles in the form of interviews for the information of the readers of the country press and he also acted as special industrial correspondent of the Milwaukee Sentinel.

The work cut out for the immediate future is that of continuing the campaign for the organization of county development associations. In addition to the counties already mentioned, Rusk and Taylor county citizens already have organized bodies of this kind and an effort will be made to induce other counties in all parts of the state to follow their lead. There is a large amount of work that can be done by an industrial missionary and this work will be pushed as long as the officers receive the support that is now being given them in the way of contributions. The main task to be undertaken is organization, but there are other matters under consideration that will also receive attention, principal among which is the creation of sentiment in favor of a larger appropriation by the state at the session of the legislature in 1909. This is a matter in which the membership can be of material aid to the officers of the association and an appeal will be made to them from time to time to use their influence in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR T. WHEELLOCK,
Secretary.

