MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

President's Office.

December 8, 1915.

2:30 P. M.


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

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, President Snyder was appointed delegate to the National Convention of the Commission of Church and Rural Life at Columbus, Ohio, December 8th to 10th, without expense to the College.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, Dr. G. D. Shafer was authorized to attend the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Entomological Society of America, and the American Association of Economic Entomologists at Columbus, Ohio, during the Christmas vacation.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the communication from the American Defense Society, presented by President Kedzie, was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, the matter of sending delegates to the American Association for the Advancement of Science was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, Prof. Barrows was authorized to attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and affiliated societies during the Christmas vacation.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of Dean Shaw that the salary authorized for an Experiment Station Assistant in Horticulture be increased from $1000.00 to $1200.00, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, Dean White was authorized to go to New York to interview candidates for the position of house mother.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, the request of Prof. Ryder for permission to attend the Rural Conference of the Federated Churches of America to be held at Columbus, Ohio, December 8th to 10th, was granted.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the request of Dean Shaw for permission to employ temporarily a suitable person to take charge of the Chatham Station while he is looking for a permanent superintendent, was granted.

The special committee on the gymnasium building reported changes in the specifications sufficient to reduce the contract, exclusive of heating, lighting and plumbing, to $150,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the contract for the erection of the gymnasium was awarded to Chas. Hoerts & Son of Grand Rapids for $150,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the resolution passed at the September meeting by which the location of the gymnasium was established, was reconsidered.
On motion of Mr. Woodman, the building was re-located so that it shall not be located farther north than was indicated by Mr. Olmsted's plans, and east and west exactly as placed by those plans.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the three bonds of the contractor, namely for the proper erection and completion of the building, to insure payment for labor and material, and the guarantee bond covering defects in workmanship or material or both, are to be for not less than $25,000.00 each.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the corner stone of the gymnasium is to be laid on May 30th, and Senator Roberts of Marquette is to be asked to lay it.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the Secretary was directed to execute a contract with Chas. Hoertz & Son in accordance with the conditions specified.

On motion of Mr. Beaumont, authority was given to excavate under the present Library so as to provide a basement for storage purposes.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation of Miss White and Prof. Ryder regarding the payment of Miss Farwell for work done during the Summer School, was approved.

The President presented a communication from the Live Stock Sanitary Commission in reference to cooperation with the College in certain respects, which on motion of Mr. Woodman, was referred to the President with power to act.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the following recommendations of Prof. Patten, endorsed by Director Shaw, were approved:

First, That Mr. Wells Sizer be employed as Inspector in the matter of Fertilizers and Commercial Feeding Stuffs at a salary of $500.00 for six months from Jan. 1st, 1916.

Second, That Mr. E. A. Smoll be appointed Assistant Chemist for six months from Jan. 1st, 1916, at a salary of $450.00.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury, Mr. H. E. Smith, County Agent for Alpena County, was transferred to Kent County.

On motion of Mr. Woodman, the appointment of a County Agent for Ottawa County was referred to the President with power to act, it being understood that the College portion of the salary remain $600.00 as previously established.

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

On motion of Mr. Graham, the matter of apportionments for the several departments and funds were referred to the President and Secretary with power to act.

On motion adjourned.