MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

December 22nd, 1909.......................................................... 2:00 P.M.

Present: President Graham, Messrs. Wallace, Doherty, Oberdorfer and President Snyder.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary presented the following letter from Mr. C.V.R. Townsend, Land Agent of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, in reference to additional land for the Upper Peninsula Experiment Station:


Mr. A. H. Brown, Secretary,
Michigan Agricultural College,
East Lansing, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 19th.

There would be no question with reference to our people donating to the Chatham Experimental Station a section of land for the Station's use. We should be very glad, indeed, to have the Station enlarge its holdings and have the Board take a hold of the Station aggressively and make it worthy of its name.

I have discussed this matter fully with our President and am directed to say that the land will be deeded to the Station at a purely nominal figure, with the understanding, however, that the land would revert in case the land was not used for the purpose for which it was given. I presume your Board would not object to our usual form of mineral reservation. The land which we propose giving is that which lies southeast of your present Station and is the land which was looked over by your members when visiting the Station last year. At the present time it is covered with timber. We would expect to remove this and give you the land after the timber has all been removed.

Kindly let me know if this is satisfactory to your Board, and oblige.

Yours truly,

C. V. R. Townsend,
Land Agent.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposition of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company as set forth in the above letter be accepted, provided the said company remove the timber in a straight line across the section, beginning on the side next to the Experiment Station farm at the rate of not less than 160 acres per year.

On motion of President Snyder, the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Alumni Committee with thanks, saying that the matter will be taken into careful consideration by the Board; and the Secretary was further directed to transmit the separate parts of the reports covering the Agricultural and Engineering Divisions to Deans Shaw and Bissell, respectively, with a request for information and opinions.
On motion of Mr. Wallace, the Y.M.C.A. is to be given free light when its back bills are paid.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorfer, Mr. Doherty was appointed to sign the vouchers for November.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, Prof. Baker was appointed a delegate to the Conference on Education in Forestry, to be held in Washington December 30th and 31st, with his expenses allowed.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorfer, Mr. V.M. Shoesmith was appointed Professor of Farm Crops at a salary of $2200.00 per year.

President Snyder presented the following recommendation of Dean Shaw with reference to the South Haven Experiment Station and the position of Consulting Horticulturist:


Pres. J.L. Snyder,
East Lansing, Mich.

Dear Sir:

I submit with approval, the request of Prof. H.J. Eustace asking for control of the South Haven Sub-Station. When the office of Consulting Horticulturist of the Experiment Station was created, the same was done to provide the Sub-Station with representation on the Station Council. If the above request is granted by the State Board of Agriculture, the responsibilities will rest entirely with the Horticultural department of the college, thus obviating the necessity for further representation by a Consulting Horticulturist.

Yours truly,
R.S. Shaw.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the recommendation contained in the above, viz: that the South Haven station be placed under the control of the horticultural department, and the position of Consulting Horticulturist discontinued, were adopted.

President Snyder also presented a communication from Dean Shaw and Professor Taft in reference to laws passed at the last session of the legislature dealing with the matter of insecticides and fungicides.

On motion of President Snyder, the above matter was referred to Dean Shaw and Professor Taft with instructions to expend only a nominal sum, such as may be required to send out notices and instructions, and do the necessary printing.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the following apportionment for the six months ending June 30th, 1910, was adopted:

- Advertising: $1500.00
- Agricultural Division: 450.00
- Dean's Office: 1794.80
- Animal Husbandry: 775.00
- College Extension: 1041.90
- Dairy Husbandry: 2087.00
- Farm & Horses: 235.00
On motion of Mr. Wallace, the salary of John Scott, janitor, was made $45.00 per month beginning December 1st.

Mr. Doherty presented certain matters of mutual interest to the Public Domain Commission and the Forestry Department of the college, asking for cooperation between the two institutions.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the matter of the mutual relations between the Public Domain Commission and the State Board of Agriculture, so far as it relates to the Forestry Department, was referred to President Snyder and Mr. Doherty.

On motion adjourned.  

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