

The Commission thus constituted met at Dover, on December 18, 1913, and organized by electing John M. Mendinhall, Chairman and Charles W. Bush of Wilmington, Secretary. A Committee was appointed to prepare the necessary printed matter for the use of the Inspector, to be appointed, and the Commission.

A second meeting of the Commission was held in Wilmington, on January 3, 1914, when the Committee on printed matter showed what had been prepared and were ordered to proceed with the preparation of it, and William J. Gibbons of Wilmington was appointed State Child Labor Inspector, in accordance with Section 49 of Chapter 176, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware.

Enclosed herewith is a full statement of the expenditures of the Commission to date.

Respectfully,

DELAWARE CHILD LABOR COMMISSION

John M. Mendinhall,
Chairman.

Charles W. Bush,
Secretary.

Wilmington, Delaware, January 7, 1914.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES OF DELAWARE CHILD
LABOR COMMISSION FOR YEAR 1913.

Chas. M. Smith, Printing Co., Minute book, etc., for Secretary.....	\$ 7.25
George E. King Press, Printing.....	242.75
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	\$250.00

DELAWARE CHILD LABOR COMMISSION,

John M. Mendinhall,
Chairman.

Charles W. Bush,
Secretary.

Georgetown, Del., December 5, 1914.

HON. CHARLES R. MILLER,
Governor.

DEAR SIR:

Under a resolution passed by the General Assembly of this State, and approved by you March 21, 1913, the undersigned, in conjunction with yourself, were appointed to procure and erect a marker to be placed at Valley Forge, State of Pennsylvania, in memory of the Revolutionary soldiers from Delaware.

We have the honor to report that the instructions of the Resolution have been carried out. A modest but substantial granite marker containing a brief but appropriate inscription was executed by The Standard Granite Company, of Wilmington, and on Saturday, October 31, 1914, the same was unveiled with fitting ceremonies in the presence of a respectable number of State officials and representative citizens. The marker is composed of Brandywine granite quarried from this State and occupies a commanding site overlooking the Schuylkill River within the grounds of the Valley Forge Park Association. Its appearance has elicited most favorable comment. An appropriation of five hundred dollars was placed at the disposal of your Committee. Of that amount, \$415.00 was expended for the marker and \$70.65 was expended for printing, postage and incidental expenses of the members of the Committee, making total expenditures of \$485.65 and leaving a balance of appropriation unexpended of \$14.35.

The members of your Committee appreciate the compliment of their appointment and rejoice that the State of Delaware has, by its patriotic action in this way, paid merited tribute to its gallant Revolutionary sires.

HENRY C. CONRAD, Chairman

JNO. M. MENDINHALL

GEORGE A. ELLIOTT

JOHN A. BARNARD

JOHN P. HYATT, Secretary.

This day the Governor granted a full pardon unto Walter Brown, as follows:

STATE OF DELAWARE

vs.

WALTER BROWN.

New Castle County.

January Term 1912.

Indictment Rape.

At the January Term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, one Walter Brown was indicted for the crime of Rape and upon such trial was found guilty as indicted whereupon it was adjudged by the said Court that the said Walter Brown should be imprisoned for Life, commencing the 10th day of January, A. D. 1912, and pay the costs of prosecution.

And Whereas, A majority of the Board of Pardons, after a full hearing, have recommended in writing, a full pardon unto the said Walter Brown, because there was produced to the Board evidence discovered after his trial, conviction and sentence, which evidence would have materially aided the prisoner in proving his innocence, and no fault was attributed to the prisoner or his counsel, in not producing the evidence at the trial.

Now therefore, I, Charles R. Miller, Governor of the State of Delaware, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of the said State, in that behalf, have granted and by these presents do grant unto the said Walter Brown a full pardon to and for which the said Walter Brown was sentenced by the judgment of said Court, as aforesaid.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the said State to be affixed at Dover, this 11th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-eighth.

(Great Seal)

By the Governor:

CHAS. R. MILLER.

THOMAS W. MILLER,

Secretary of State.

August 11, 1913.

This day the Governor remitted the lashes imposed upon Robert Holmes, for the period of thirty days, as follows:

STATE OF DELAWARE

vs.

ROBERT HOLMES

New Castle County

May Term, 1913.

Indictment Breaking dwelling house with intent to commit larceny.

At the May term of the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, one Robert Holmes was indicted, arraigned and tried for the crime of Breaking dwelling house with intent to commit larceny, and upon such trial was found guilty as indicted whereupon it was adjudged by the said Court that the said Robert Holmes should forfeit and pay a fine of \$500.00, be imprisoned for the term of one year, commencing September 8, 1913, and ending September 7, 1914, that on Saturday September 13, 1913, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and two o'clock P. M. he be whipped with 20 lashes and pay the costs of prosecution.

And Whereas, it has been represented to our Governor that the above is a proper case for Executive interposition, and it seeming meet to our said Governor so to do:

Now Therefore, I, Charles R. Miller, Governor of the State of Delaware, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of the said State, in that behalf, Have, Remised, Remitted and Released, and by these presents, Do Remise, Remit and Release unto the said Robert Holmes that part of the sentence of the Court which relates to the twenty lashes to be imposed Saturday, September 13, 1913, for the period of thirty days from the thirteenth day of September, 1913, to and for which the said Robert Holmes was sentenced by the judgment of said Court as aforesaid.

(Great Seal)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the said State to be affixed at Dover, this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-eighth.

By the Governor:

CHAS. R. MILLER.

THOMAS W. MILLER,
Secretary of State.

September 11, 1913.

This day the Governor upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, Commuted the sentence of Robert Holmes so much thereof as related to the lashes, as follows:

STATE OF DELAWARE.

vs.

ROBERT HOLMES.

New Castle County.

May Term 1913.

Indictment Breaking dwelling house
with intent to commit Larceny.

At the September term of the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, one Robert Holmes was indicted, arraigned and tried for the crime of breaking dwelling house with intent to commit larceny and upon such trial was found guilty as indicted whereupon it was adjudged by the said Court that the said Robert Holmes should forfeit and pay a fine of \$500.00, on Saturday September 13, 1913, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M., be whipped with 20 lashes, be imprisoned one year commencing September 8, 1913, and ending September 7, 1914, pay the costs of his prosecution, and is committed to the custody of the Board of Trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse, until this sentence is executed.

And Whereas, A majority of the Board of Pardons, after a full hearing, have recommended in writing, the remitting of that

portion of the penalty imposed on Robert Holmes which consists of corporal punishment, because it appears from the evidence that his physical condition is such that the imposition of corporal punishment might endanger his life.

Now Therefore, I, Charles R. Miller, Governor of the State of Delaware, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of the said State, in that behalf have, remitted and by these presents do remit unto the said Robert Holmes that portion of his sentence which relates to corporal punishment, the same having been previously remitted by me for thirty days from the thirteenth day of September, A. D. 1913, to and for which the said Robert Holmes was sentenced by the judgment of said Court, as aforesaid.

(Great Seal

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the said State to be affixed at Dover, this 5th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-eighth.

By the Governor:

CHAS. R. MILLER,

THOMAS W. MILLER,
Secretary of State.

October 5, 1913.

This day the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, granted a full pardon unto Annie E. Tilghman, as follows:

STATE OF DELAWARE

vs.

ANNIE E. TILGHMAN.

Kent County.

April Term 1906.

Indictment Murder of the Second Degree.

At the April Term of Court of Oyer and Terminer of the State of Delaware in and for Kent County, one Annie E. Tilgh-

man was indicted, arraigned and tried for the crime of Murder of the Second Degree and upon such trial was found guilty as indicted whereupon it was adjudged by the said Court that the said Annie E. Tilghman should be imprisoned for the term of her natural life, sentence beginning on April 30, 1906.

And Whereas, A majority of the Board of Pardons after a full hearing, have recommended in writing, a pardon of the said Annie E. Tilghman, because from evidence not produced at the trial, without fault on the part of the petitioner, but submitted to the Board, the members of the Board present are in grave doubt as to the guilt of the petitioner of the offence for which she was found guilty, and because the evidence tended to show the absence of malice on her part towards the deceased, and because not only the Deputy Attorney General who prosecuted the case but also all the members of the Jury by whom she was convicted, have for strong reasons stated by them, recommended a pardon.

Now Therefore, I, Charles R. Miller, Governor of the State of Delaware, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of the said State, in that behalf, have granted and by these presents do grant unto the said Annie E. Tilghman a full pardon to and for which the said Annie E. Tilghman was sentenced by the judgment of said Court as aforesaid.

(Great Seal)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the said State to be affixed at Dover, this eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-eighth.

By the Governor:

CHAS. R. MILLER,

THOMAS W. MILLER,
Secretary of State.

November 11, 1913.

This day the Governor remitted the lashes imposed upon Frank Franze, for the period of sixty days, as follows:

STATE OF DELAWARE

vs.

FRANK FRANZE

New Castle County.

September Term, 1914.

Indictment for Highway Robbery.

At the September Term of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery, of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, one Frank Franze was indicted, arraigned and tried for the crime of Highway Robbery and upon such trial was found guilty of Robbery whereupon it was adjudged by the said Court that the said Frank Franze should be imprisoned for the period of eighteen months in New Castle County Workhouse, pay a fine of two hundred dollars and receive twenty lashes.

And Whereas, it has been represented to our Governor that the above is a proper case for Executive interposition, and it seeming meet to our said Governor so to do:

Now Therefore, I, Charles R. Miller, Governor of the State of Delaware, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of the said State, in that behalf, have reprieved the said Frank Franze of the said twenty lashes for the period of sixty days from and including the twentieth day of November nineteen hundred and fourteen to and for which the said Frank Franze was sentenced by the judgment of said Court, as aforesaid.

(Great Seal)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the said State to be affixed at Dover, this twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-ninth.

By the Governor:

CHAS. R. MILLER,

THOMAS W. MILLER,
Secretary of State.

November 13, 1914.

This day the Governor upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, granted a conditional Pardon unto Arthur G. Webster, as follows:

THE STATE OF DELAWARE, SS.

State of Delaware.

vs.

ARTHUR G. WEBSTER.

New Castle County.

September Term, 1896.

Indictment breaking dwelling with intent to commit larceny.

At the September Term of the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, one Arthur G. Webster was indicted, arraigned and tried for the crime of breaking with intent to commit larceny and upon such trial was found guilty whereupon it was adjudged by the said Court that the said Arthur G. Webster should be imprisoned five years, pay fine of \$500.00 and costs, one hour in pillory and be whipped with forty lashes.

And Whereas, A majority of the Board of Pardons, after a full hearing have recommended in writing, a conditional pardon subject to the following conditions: That for the period of three years hereafter he shall not be convicted anywhere of a crime hereafter committed and that in case of a violation of the above condition he may be arrested upon a warrant to be issued by the Governor of the State of Delaware, then in office, and pursuant to that warrant be recommitted and confined for the unserved portion of the terms of the two sentences hereinbefore imposed on him by the Court of Delaware, or a full pardon if it is considered preferable.

Now, Therefore, I, Charles R. Miller, Governor of the State of Delaware, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of the said State in that behalf, have granted a conditional pardon unto Arthur G. Webster, alias, in accordance with a recommendation of a majority of the Board of Pardons adopted on December 15, 1914, with the following conditions: that for the period of three years hereafter the said Webster shall

not be convicted anywhere of a crime hereafter committed, and that in case of a violation of the above condition, he may be arrested upon a warrant to be issued by the Governor of the State of Delaware then in office and pursuant to that warrant be recommitted and confined for the unserved portions of the terms of the two sentences heretofore imposed on him by the Court of Delaware.

(Great Seal)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the said State to be affixed at Dover, this twenty-first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-ninth.

By the Governor:

CHAS. R. MILLER.

THOMAS W. MILLER,
Secretary of State.

December 21, 1914.

Mr. Newton from the Committee on Rules reported back with favorable recommendation (H. J. R. No.) entitled:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurred therein;

That Mr. Homer C. Simmons be and is hereby selected, appointed and authorized to act and to serve as Bill Clerk of the House and Mr. Harry Prettyman be and is hereby selected, appointed and authorized to act and to serve as Bill Clerk of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Newton that the rules be suspended, the resolution just reported was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the Senate.

On the question "Shall the Resolution pass the Senate?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Harris, Hickman, Hoeffcker, Newton, Webb, Walker. Total, 9.

NAYS—Messrs. Carter, Furniss, Gormley, Joseph, Mitchell, Wharton, Williams. Total, 7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the resolution having received the [required constitutional majority passed the Senate.

Ordered that the House be informed thereof, and the resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Walker presented the following:

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that during the sessions of the Senate the privilege of the floor shall be accorded to the members and officers of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, the Governor and other State Officers, Representatives of the State in the Congress of the United States, the mem.

bers of the Judiciary, members of the Bar, and the representatives of the Press; but the said privilege shall be accorded to such persons and for such time as the Senate may direct or is requested by motion.

Which was read.

Mr. Hoffecker moved that it be adopted. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Hoffecker presented the following:

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Printing Committee have printed in such form as they deem best one hundred (100) copies of the rules of the Senate together with the standing committees of the House and Senate and the roster of the House and Senate and the officers thereof.

And on his further motion was adopted.

Mr. Anderson presented the following:

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the State Librarian be and is hereby directed to furnish the Stenographers upon order from the Chairman of the Committee on Printing from the State supplies now in hand such supplies as may be necessary for the performance of their duties.

And on his further motion was adopted as read.

Mr. Walker presented the following :

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Delaware,

That the president pro tempore, secretary of the Senate and Bill Clerk be authorized, and are hereby instructed to procure from the State Librarian all necessary books, forms, seals, blanks, and other stationery as may be required for the proper conduct of the business of the Senate.

Mr. Hickman moved that the Resolution be adopted. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein,

That when adjournment of both branches of the General Assembly taken today until Monday, January 11th, A. D. 1915.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Gormley moved that it be adopted as read and House notified——.

His motion prevailed.

Mr. Harris moved that Secretary procure a copy of the Rules for each member of the Senate as early as possible in order that they could have them during the adjournment.

Motion prevailed.

Secretary reported upon inquiry that the Stenographers had gone from the building owing to there being nothing for them to do.

Mr. Anderson moved that they be sent for. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker moved to take up and assign to the proper committees the reports that had been presented by the Governor.

His motion prevailed.

Mr. Anderson moved that the new Bill Clerk be sent for and sworn into office. Motion prevailed.

KENT COUNTY

THE STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware,

and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
Bill Clerk in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware,

HARRY PRETTYMAN,

Sworn to this 7th day of January, A. D. 1915, before me,

COLEN FERGUSON,

President.

On motion of Mr. Hoffecker and pursuant to a previous
resolution Senate adjourned until Monday, January 11th, A. D.
1915, at 10.30 A. M.

January 11th, 1915, 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffercker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President, Pro Tempore, Mr. President. Members all present.

Secretary having finished reading the Journal, Mr. Gormley objected to a part of the same .

Mr. Walker moved that same be corrected and when so done the Journal be approved.

Mr. Frazier at this time asked the Presiding Officer for a personal privilege, same being granted. He presented counter Specifications of Joseph Frazier, Contestee.

In the matter of the Contested Election of Senator in the Fifth Senatorial District in Kent County, Wherein George Waldmann is Contestant and Joseph Frazier, is Contestee.

COUNTER SPECIFICATIONS OF JOSEPH FRAZIER, CONTESTEE.

Joseph Frazier herewith respectfully submits a written specification of the several grounds upon which he bases his lawful election as a Senator in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, from the Fifth Senatorial District of Kent County, for the Constitutional Term, beginning the first Tuesday of January, A. D. 1915, and also written specifications of the several objections to the right of George Waldmann, Contestant to such seat, to wit:

FIRST. That on the third day of November, A. D. 1914, an election was duly held according to law for the election of a

Senator in the General Assembly of the State of Delaware, from the Fifth Senatorial District in Kent County. The votes of the duly qualified electors of the said District were received by the properly qualified officers of election honestly counted, and true return thereof made to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Kent County. The said Court in the proper discharge of its judicial duties, canvassed the said return and regularly, properly and lawfully certified to the election of Joseph Frazier, Contestee herein, as Senator from the Fifth Senatorial District of Kent County as aforesaid, he having received a plurality of all the votes of all the qualified electors voting at the said election, which said returns by the respective qualified election officers, and the certificate or certificates of election of the said Superior Court of Kent County, are by reference made a part of this Counter Specifications.

SECOND. Contestee denies that the Clerks and Election Officers of the Second Election District in the Eighth Representative District in Kent County and State of Delaware, which forms a part of the Fifth Senatorial District aforesaid, failed to keep accurate count of the votes for the several candidates for State Senator as shown by the ballots duly and lawfully cast at the General Election held the third day of November, A. D. 1914, in said Election District. And said Contestee expressly affirms that the said Clerks and Election Officers aforesaid, did keep accurate count of the votes aforesaid, and further denies that the said Clerks and Election Officers, made any error in the counting of said votes, and in setting the same down upon the ballot lists, and in the certificates of election in the said Election District.

THIRD. Contestee denies and says it is not true that the Clerks and Election Officers of the First Election District of the Tenth Representative District in Kent County and State of Delaware, which forms a part of the Fifth Senatorial District aforesaid, failed to keep accurate count of the votes for the several candidates for State Senator as shown by the ballots duly and lawfully cast at the General Election held on the third day of November, A. D. 1914, in said Election District. But on the contrary thereof, he, the said Contestee especially avers that the said Clerks and Election Officers made a true and correct count of the votes for the several candidates for State Senator as aforesaid, and further avers that the said ballot lists, and the certificates of election in said Election District were properly and

accurately kept and true return thereof made by the qualified Election Officers.

FOURTH. Contestee denies and says it is not true that the Clerks and Election Officers of the Second Election District of the Tenth Representative District in Kent County and State of Delaware, which forms a part of the Fifth Senatorial District aforesaid, failed to keep accurate count of the votes for the several candidates for State Senator as shown by the ballots duly and lawfully cast at the General Election held the third day of November, A. D. 1914, in said Election District. But on the contrary thereof, he, the said Contestee especially avers that the said Clerks and Election Officers made a true and correct count of the votes for the several candidates for State Senator as aforesaid, and further avers that the said ballot lists and the certificates of election in said Election District were properly and accurately kept and true return thereof made by the qualified Election Officers.

FIFTH. Contestee says and especially avers that he is entitled to be credited with two hundred and ninety eight votes for the office of State Senator aforesaid, from the Second Election District of the Tenth Representative District, forming a part of the Fifth Senatorial District in Kent County aforesaid, as returned by the Election Officers and as accepted by the Board of Canvass, and further says and especially avers that the conduct of the election in said election District on the third day of November, A. D. 1914, was in no way irregular, fraudulent or unlawful, so as to render the same null and void, but that on the contrary, the said election in said Second Election District of the Tenth Representative District as aforesaid, was held and conducted in a regular and lawful manner.

SIXTH. Said Contestee expressly denies that any ballots were cast for and counted in his favor by any person or persons who at the time of said election, were not residents of said Election District and who were not entitled to vote at the said election.

SEVENTH. Contestee is informed, believes and avers that the said Election Officers in all of the said Election Districts, did refuse to count certain lawfully and legally marked ballots, for Contestee, and that if said votes had been counted, Contestee's plurality would thereby have been increased.

EIGHTH. Contestee is informed, believes and avers that the said Election Officers in all of the said Election Districts as aforesaid, did receive and count spoiled, marked, mutilated and defaced ballots for Contestor and that if the said spoiled, mutilated, defaced and marked ballots had not been counted as aforesaid, Contestee's plurality would have been increased.

NINTH. Contestee respectfully suggests that the returns of the qualified Election Officers of the said Election Districts of the said Senatorial District, were known to the Electors generally and to Contestant in particular, prior to the reading of the certificates in the Superior Court specially sitting for the purpose of canvassing the returns of said election, and before the time for filing a contest before the said Canvassing Board had expired, and that in very truth and in fact, the said Contestor did file notice of a contest before the said Canvassing Board, and did file a petition in said Contest based upon frivolous and vexatious grounds, and that the said Court sitting as a Board of Canvass aforesaid, refused to entertain the petition of the said Contestor. That had the said Contestor filed his petition alleging the facts as stated in the Specifications filed with the Speaker of the Senate of the General Assembly, the said Court sitting as a Board of Canvass, would have been compelled to have opened and examined the ballots in the boxes from the several Election Districts in the Fifth Senatorial District aforesaid, mentioned in the Specifications of the said Contestor; that the said Contestor knew as well at the time of filing his petition before the Court sitting as a Board of Canvass as aforesaid; what the contents of the ballot boxes aforesaid, would show, as he knows now, and that it was the right of the said Contestor, and likewise his duty, properly to have filed a petition so that the contents of the ballot boxes from the said Election Districts in the Fifth Senatorial District as aforesaid, could then and there be opened and the contents examined and counted by the proper tribunals, if in truth, he rightfully considered he had received a plurality of the votes of the qualified electors in the several Election Districts in the Fifth Senatorial District as aforesaid.

Wherefore, Contestee, respectfully suggests that he has rightfully and lawfully been elected to the office of Senator from the Fifth Senatorial District of Kent County; that this fact is evidenced by solemn decree of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware, for the County of Kent, specially sitting as a Board

of Canvass of the return of Election, and that Contestor's Specifications of the several grounds of contest, are fraudulent and vexatious, without merit in law, false in fact and constitute an unwarranted collateral attack on the integrity and accuracy of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware, all of which is respectfully submitted.

STATE OF DELAWARE, }
COUNTY OF KENT } ss. JOSEPH FRAZIER.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this eighth day of January, A. D. 1915, personally came before me the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, Joseph Frazier, the person signing and delivering the foregoing written Counter Specifications, who being by me duly sworn according to law deposes and says:

That the facts set forth in the foregoing Counter Specifications, so far as made of his own knowledge, are true and so far as made upon information from others he verily believes them to be true.

SWORN to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

ROMULUS A. HOPKINS,
Notary Public.

Mr. Hoffecker moved that the same be received and spread upon the Journal and one copy sent to George Waldmann. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Newton presented the following:

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, that the President pro tempore be and is hereby authorized to appoint a clerk who shall perform such duties as he may direct and serve at his pleasure.

Which was read.

And on his further motion was adopted as read:

A communication was received from Bender Moss Co. Inc., soliciting subscriptions to "Where the People Rule" with prices for same.

On motion by Mr. Gormley same was received and ordered filed.

Moved by Mr. Hickman that the Senate take a recess until 1.30 P. M. Motion Prevailed.

Same day, 1.30 P. M.

Senate reassembles at expiration of recess.

The following letter with enclosure was received and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Office of the
Clerk of the Peace, New Castle County Delaware.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 30th, 1914.

Harry A. Brown, Clerk of the Peace.

As per order of the Court of General Sessions I am enclosing a copy of the Report of the Grand Inquest presented at the November Term, 1914.

Very truly,

HARRY A. BROWN,
Clerk of the Peace.

TO PRESIDENT PRO TEM,
Senate, Dover, Delaware.

GRAND JUROR'S REPORT.

Wilmington, Delaware, November 11th, 1914.

To the Honorable Judges of the Court of General Sessions, in and for New Castle County and State of Delaware:

The Grand Inquest for the year 1914 herewith presents respectfully its report

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Grand Inquest held its first session on January fifth, 1914, twenty-one members reporting for duty, Mr. Charles Bird, Mr. J. Talley Smith and Mr. Abraham Statts, who had been selected as jurors, were excused by the court.

(2) ACTION ON INDICTMENTS.

During the several terms of the court, the Grand Inquest has acted upon 302 indictments, as follows:

January Term,	51
March Term,	46
May Term,	33
September Term,	120
November Term,	52
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Total,	302

Of the above, 273 true bills were found and 29 were ignored.

(3) INSPECTION OF COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

(a) Industrial School for Girls, 25th and Market Sts.

This institution was visited on September 25th, 1914. The jurors were received by Mrs. Emma S. Jackson, Superintendent. They found the school conducted economically and well managed.

The buildings were clean and the girls well cared for and apparently contented. While the present quarters are very inadequate for housing the sixty-six girls, which are being cared for at the present time, the new buildings which are being built on the Wilmington and Chester Turnpike, through an appropriation of thirty-five thousand dollars of the last Legislature, will have accommodations for seventy-two. The new buildings will be ready for occupancy, January 1st, 1915. We learn that since its opening this institution has cared for two hundred and six girls.

(b) COUNTY ALMSHOUSE

The institution was visited on September thirtieth, 1914. The jurors were received by Mr. James B. Foster, Superintendent and the members of the Board of Trustees. The total number of inmates admitted from July 1, 1913, to July 1, 1914, were four hundred and ten. The average number of inmates for the past year was two hundred and twenty-three, which were supported at a cost of eighty-eight dollars and eighty-four cents per capita. The buildings were found to be in good condition with the exception of the floors, which we understand are to be renewed at once. The farm is well equipped and shows a net income for the past year of two thousand six hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-four cents, which is returned to the Levy Court. The trustees exceeded their appropriation of forty-three thousand dollars last year by nine hundred and forty dollars and twenty-eight cents.

(c) COUNTY COURT HOUSE

While we know that a new building is being erected suitable for the needs of the County, yet we feel that we should comment upon some of the appointments of the present Court House. We find rooms one, two, and three, very dirty, and should have a thorough renovating. The bed linen in the jury's sleeping quarters is very dirty. The halls are dirty. Chairs are needed in the detention room and for the cells, the prisoners having no place to sit. The toilet for female prisoners is exposed and should be curtained. The ordoor from the public toilet near the Market street entrance is very obnoxious, the toilet needing a thorough disinfecting.

(d) COUNTY WORKHOUSE

This institution was visited on October fifteenth, 1914. The jurors were received by Warden Leonard Crawford and Mr. J. Frank Ball, the latter being a trustee. We found confined in the Workhouse at this time, three hundred and thirty-eight prisoners, and twenty-one thousand and ninety-eight had been confined since the opening. The original bond issue was two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, of which one hundred and twenty-eight thousand has since been paid, leaving a bonded indebtedness at the present time of one hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars. The buildings were scrupulously clean and the prisoners as comfortable as they could be in an institution of this kind.

On March twenty-fifth, 1914, the Board of Trustees of the New Castle County workhouse leased the Flinn farm of ninety acres adjoining the Workhouse property. We believe this to have been a wise move on the part of the Board of Trustees for it not only furnished a useful and healthful occupation for certain classes of the inmates of the institution, but also a profitable employment. We would recommend that the Legislature pass a law giving authority to the Board of Trustees to purchase a farm of at least one hundred and fifty acres, as is our opinion the said Board of Trustees would manage such a farm in a way that would greatly reduce the upkeep of the institution, and give the said Board the means of furnishing healthful employment to a larger number of the inmates.

Truck farming to be worked successfully, requires much hand labor and many men, and the Trustees have in their custody many men that could be kept employed in this manner.

Another means of employing certain classes of prisoners in the Workhouse which in our opinion would be beneficial not only to the prisoner himself, but to the County as well, is in road building or repairs to the roads already constructed. We would recommend that the Levy Court enter into a long term agreement with the Board of Trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse to establish a patrol system for the stone roads within reach of the Workhouse, paying the Trustees a certain price per mile, not over three hundred dollars, or a price per capita per day.

We do not advise the taking of prisoners for this purpose such a distance from the Workhouse as would require the build-

ing of stockades, as this would cause such an additional outlay that it would not be profitable either to the County or to the institution, and in addition we believe that such a system would carry with it too much danger to the community in which these men were temporarily housed.

(e) HOPE FARM

This institution was visited on October fifteenth, 1914. The jurors were received by the Acting-Superintendent, Miss Carr. We found as follows:

Number of patients in Sanitorium April first, 1913, sixteen.

Number of patients admitted during year to March thirtieth, 1914, eighty-two. Eleven of these patients left the Sanitorium improved and eleven left with the disease arrested or apparently cured. Since April first, 1914, to the present date, November fifth, 1914, there has been admitted sixty-five patients. At present there is at Hope Farm thirty-three patients, while during the summer there were forty-three. The patients at present are being cared for in the Administration Building and the Hebrew Shack, the Catholic Societies' Building having been closed for the winter. Of the thirty-three patients, seven are children who have their school hours on the roof of the Administration Building each morning. Their afternoon is devoted to rest and exercise in the open. The buildings are already in the course of construction on an adjacent farm to care for the colored patients. Since this institution has been able to take care of a greater number of patients this year on account of an extra appropriation given by the City of Wilmington, we are of the opinion that they should have additional aid from the State and County.

(f) FERRIS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

This institution was visited on October fifth, 1914. The jurors were received by Mr. Preston Lea, the President of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Frederick Kurtz, a member of the Board. We found the number of inmates thirty-six white, and forty-three colored, well cared for and apparently contented. The buildings were in good condition. We strongly recommend an

adequate water supply system for this institution. The present one is absolutely insufficient and useless to insure fire protection. We also recommend an equipment for an industrial training department, and greater attention to recreation of the inmates during the winter months, there not being sufficient provision for physical activities during that portion of the year when the inmates are not on outside work. We are confident that with a farm the size of the one attached to this institution and with the number of inmates, larger returns should be procured than at present. We note the absence of a dairy commensurate to the needs of the institution. Increased efficiency and more thorough methods of farming are recommended. We suggest that available expert advice could be used to good advantage.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

The jurors respectfully recommend that the several institutions receiving county and State support, which have farms, should consult with the county agents which have recently been appointed through a Federal Act known as the "Smith-Lever Act."

In closing this report the Grand Inquest gratefully acknowledges the consideration shown it at all times by your Honorable Court. It tenders its heartiest thanks to the Attorney General and his Deputy, for their valuable advice willingly given whenever required, and it notes with pleasure the courteous attention received from other court officials.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLARD F. DAVIS,

Foreman.

Attest:

JOS. H. HOSSINGER,
Secretary.

BOARD OF GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS
of the State of Delaware

Dover, Delaware, January 9, 1915.

HON. JOHN M. WALKER,
Pres. pro tempore of the Senate, Dover, Delaware.

SIR:

The Board of Game and Fish Commissioners of the State of Delaware invites you and the Senators to visit the State Game Farm, and to that end to fix a day when the Board may receive your honorable body at the Farm.

Very respectfully,

H. C. DAVIS,
Secretary.

Was read and on motion of Senator Furniss be laid on table.
Motion, withdrawn.

Motion of Senator Gormley be received and filed . Motion prevailed.

Biennial Report of the Department of Banking and Insurance received and read as follows:

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
BANKING AND INSURANCE

Dover, Delaware, January 4, 1915.

To the Honorable the Senate and General Assembly:

In compliance with the Statute, I have the honor to submit the report of this Department for the years 1913 and 1914, ending December 31st, 1914.

The receipts of the Department of Banking for the year of 1913 were as follows:

Received as franchise tax of one-fifth of one percentum on Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits of Savings Banks	\$2,373.05
Received as franchise tax of one-fifth one per centum on Capital, Surplus and Undivided profits of State Banks and Trust Companies	11,363.82
Received as franchise tax of one-fifth one per centum on capital, Surplus and Undivided profits of National Banks located in Delaware	4,199.12
Total amount received during the year 1913 from Savings Banks, State Banks and Trust Companies and National Banks	\$17,935.99

EXPENDITURES FOR 1913.

Salary to Commissioner	\$500.00
Salary to Clerk	500.00
For Contingent Fund, appropriated for the year 1913	600.00
Total cost of maintenance	\$1,600.00

The receipts of the Department of Banking for the year 1914 were as follows:

Received as Franchise tax of one-fifth one percentum on Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits of Savings Banks	\$2,384.73
Received as Franchise tax of one-fifth one per centum on Capital, Surplus and Undivided profits of State Banks and Trust Companies	11,712.97
Received as Franchise tax of one-fifth one per centum on Capital, Surplus and Undivided profits of National Banks located in Delaware	4,130.51
Total amount received during the year 1914 from Savings Banks, State Banks and Trust Companies and National Banks	\$18,228.11

Total amount received to date from bank examinations.....	597.36
Total received from banks.....	\$18,825.47

EXPENDITURES FOR 1914

Salary to Commissioner.....	\$500.00
Salary to Clerk.....	500.00
For Contingent Fund, Appropriated for the year 1914	600.00

Total cost of maintenance..... \$1,600.00

In addition to the above given amounts and items, there were paid from the "General Printing Funds," from time to time, for printing, publishing, etc., such sums as were necessary expended in order that the Department might be provided with proper forms and supplies of that nature; that summaries of reports of institutions reporting to it might be printed and circulated; and that publicity might be given by way of publication in the public prints to the data gathered.

The receipts of the Department of Insurance for the year 1913 were as follows:

For Building & Loan Associations.....	\$80.00
For Fraternal.....	390.00
For licenses to Life Agents.....	1,375.00
For licenses to Fire Agents.....	715.00
For licenses to agents other than fire or life.....	450.00
For certificates of authority agents.....	2,046.00
For certificates of authority to mutual Companies of other States.....	250.00
For Certificates of Authority to Stock Companies of other States.....	3,825.00
For Certificates of Authority to Delaware State Mutual Companies.....	24.00

For Certificates of Authority to Delaware Stock Companies.....	18.00
For Filing Certified copies of Charter.....	90.00
For filing Annual Statements.....	1,930.00
State Tax on Fire Insurance Companies.....	7,638.02
State Tax on Life Insurance Companies.....	30,003.38
State Tax on Miscellaneous Insurance Co.'s.....	2,434.46
Total receipts for the year 1913.....	\$51,268.86

EXPENDITURES FOR 1913

Salary to Insurance Commissioner.....	1,500.00
Salary to Clerk.....	600.00
For Contingent Fund.....	600.00
Total cost of maintenance.....	<u>\$2,700.00</u>

The Receipts of the Department of Insurance for the year 1914 were as follows:

For Building & Loan Associations.....	\$75.00
For Fraternal.....	420.00
For Licenses to Life Agents.....	1,440.00
For License to Fire agents.....	770.00
For Licenses other than Life or Fire.....	400.00
For Certificates of authority to agents.....	2,128.00
For Certificates of authority to Mutual Companies of other States.....	400.00
For Certificates of authority to Stock Companies of other States.....	3,575.00
For Certificates of Authority to Delaware State Mutual Companies.....	16.00

For Certificates of Authority to Delaware State Stock Companies.....	14.00
For filing certified copies of Charters.....	30.00
For filing annual statements.....	1,820.00
For State taxes on Fire Insurance Co.'s.....	8,137.67
For State taxes on Life Insurance Co.'s.....	31,650.95
For State taxes on Miscellaneous Ins. Co.'s.....	2,465.86
Total receipts for the year 1914.....	\$53,347.48

EXPENDITURES FOR 1914.

Salary to Insurance Commissioner.....	\$1,500.00
Salary to Clerk.....	600.00
For Contingent Fund.....	600.00
Total cost of maintainance.....	\$2,700.00

Conditions have arisen whereby some changes should be made in the Insurance and Banking Laws of this State to protect public interests.

The present law providing for organizing mutual insurance companies should be made more stringent so as to prevent the organization of bogus companies.

The law relating to fraternal organizations should be revised, simplified and made to conform with the uniform fraternal laws as adopted by a number of the other States.

The taxable gross premiums collected in this State by Life Insurance Companies should be clearly defined, as several companies have already filed protests against paying taxes on the full gross premiums collected.

The Banking Law of this State is almost an exact copy of the National Banking Law except the restrictions on large loans. The National Bank law provides that no banking institution shall loan over ten per cent. of its capital stock and surplus to any firm

or individual. Most of the States provide that the State banks and Trust companies shall not loan over ten to fifteen per cent of their capital stock and surplus to any one firm or individual. There is no law in this State prohibiting any State Bank or Trust Company from loaning any amount they desire to any firm or individual.

The Insurance Commissioner should be legally authorized to appoint a capable deputy or examiner to examine the State banks and Trust Companies at least once each year, and the person so appointed should receive for his compensation the fee now provided by law for each bank to pay according to its capital stock and surplus.

The Insurance Commissioner should be given a legal right to have any fire, life or other than fire or life insurance company examined whenever he deems it necessary for public interest. When a company is found to be insolvent or considered hazardous to public interest the Insurance Commissioner should have the right to take charge of the affairs of the company until the Chancellor appoints a receiver for the same, so that the assets cannot be squandered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. McCABE,

Insurance Commissioner.

Referred to committee on Insurance and Banking.

Report of State Library Commission was received and referred to Committee on Education.

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware:

The State Library Commission, in its effort to make books accessible to all the educational forces of the State, has four lines of activity.

1. By suggestion, the loan of books and by other means it endeavors to develop in the various towns and villages of the State sentiment in favor of establishing free public libraries.

2. It lends books to those individuals throughout the State who are studying special subjects and who do not have access to any library.

3. It maintains nearly 100 small collections of books known as "Traveling libraries" which it sends to villages, towns, clubs, granges, lodges, day schools and Sunday schools, business organizations—in fact, to any organization or institution which will agree to be responsible for the books and make them accessible to the public.

	1913	1914	Increase
No. of Traveling libraries loaned.....	122	145	18%
No. of Books loaned.....	5937	7182	37%

In 1914 the number of requests for these traveling libraries exceeded the number available. Twenty new libraries, costing at least \$50 each, ought to be added immediately in order to meet the demand in 1915. The present appropriation for the Commission does not permit of such a large increase.

4. It maintains book wagons which deliver books from house to house on country routes in Kent and Sussex counties. The purpose of these book wagons is to inculcate a love of good books. In the opinion of the members of the Library Commission, no other work undertaken by the State in recent years promises such far-reaching results. So far, only a beginning has been made in this latest phase of educational effort.

	1913	1914	Increase
No. of Trips made.....	48	71	48%
No. of Households visited.....	270	465	72%
No. of Books loaned.....	5125	8707	69%

The possibilities of the work are limited only by the number of families in rural Delaware. The present appropriation is utterly inadequate to cover the ground. In fact, it is not sufficient to allow the Commission to start a book wagon in any part of New Castle County.

THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

For the State of Delaware.

Dover, Del., January 2, 1915.

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware.

GENTLEMEN:

We beg to present herewith a brief synopsis of the valuable work accomplished by our State Library Commission during the past two years.

To encourage the reading of good books by every citizen of our Commonwealth is one of the most important aids in advancing the cause of education and for raising the standards of morality and good citizenship throughout our borders. Nearly all the States in the union, recognizing the importance of this work, are increasing the annual appropriations to their State Library Commissions.

I beg to call your individual attention to the excellent results obtained by our book wagon routes and the crying need of more travelling libraries and more book wagons, to partially satisfy the urgent requests for good books which come to us, especially during the fall and winter months. In asking for a liberal increase in our annual appropriation we feel sure that you

are all desirous of placing our State near the front rank of the States that are extending and supporting this good work by all means in their power.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL W. CORBIT,

President.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following House Concurrent Resolution:

Whereas, there is much public interest in the recent action of the Child Labor Commission and

Whereas, the public and the General Assembly should be fully informed else the future usefulness of said Commission will be greatly impaired, therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring thereon.

That a committee, consisting of three members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker, and two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore, be appointed to make such investigation of the Child Labor Commission as they may deem proper, and report their findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, and authority is hereby given said Committee to summon witnesses and compel their attendance.

Mr. Gormley moved that the resolution be adopted as read, which motion prevailed and resolution was returned to the House.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following House Concurrent Resolution:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That a Committee on Visitation, consisting of three members of the House and two members of the Senate, be appointed for the purpose of making arrangements for visiting the several State Institutions and such other Institutions as the Committee may deem necessary.

And presented the same to the Senate.

The same was read and on motion of Mr. Barnard was adopted as read and resolution was returned to the House.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following House Concurrent Resolution.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That no new Bills, other than the Omnibus Appropriation Bills, and no new Resolutions to which the concurrence of both Houses of the General Assembly may be necessary, other than the Claims Resolutions or of Adjournment or of joint-session, shall be received at the present session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly after Monday, February 1st, A. D. 1915.

And presented the same to the Senate.

The same was read, when Mr. Gormley presented the following:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Amend House Concurrent Resolution by striking out the words "February first" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "January twenty-fifth."

The Amendment was read and Mr. Gormley moved that it be adopted after some debate on same. Mr. Furniss asked to have the same laid over for 24 hours.

The following was offered by Mr. Hoffecker:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House concurring therein, that the Committee on Accounts of the Senate and the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives, be and they are, hereby constituted a committee to audit the accounts of the State Treasurer. The Secretary of State and other State Officers and State Institutions; and they are hereby authorized to employ expert assistance and are directed to report their findings to the General Assembly on or before the first day of March 1915.

The same was read and Mr. Furniss asked that it be laid over 24 hours.

THE PENINSULA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Dover, Delaware, January 11, 1915.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Senate:

DEAR SIRs:

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society in Wilmington, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 and 13.

Respectfully,

WESLEY WEBB,
Secretary.

Same was received and read and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE ASSIGNED TO
THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS:

State Board of Agriculture.....	Agriculture
State Board of Dental Examiner.....	"
State Board of Pharmacy, 1913 and 1914.....	"

State Chemist, 1913 and 1914.....	Agriculture
Board of Examiners in Optometry, 1913.....	“
Del. Commission on Uniform Legislation, 1914.....	Judiciary
Board Barbers Examiners.....	Labor
Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1913 and 1914.....	“
Del. Child Labor Commission, 1913.....	“
Valley Forge Commission.....	Executive
Del. State Flag Commission.....	“
Pardon, Reprieve, etc.....	“

Mr. Hoffecker presented the following:

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to have the daily calendar printed and the members furnished with a copy each day.

The same was read and on his further motion was laid over for 24 hours.

The following were paired for to-morrow:

Mr. Barnard with Mr. Wharton.

Mr. Gormley with Mr. Harris.

Mr. Hart with Mr. Newton.

Mr. Furniss moved that the Senate adjourn until 10.30 A. M. to-morrow, which motion prevailed.

January 12th, 1915, 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, Presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore.

Mr. Barnard and Mr. Gormley, absent.

Secretary proceeded to read the Journal.

Mr. Furniss moved the reading of the Counter Specifications of Joseph Frazier be dispensed with, Mr. Furniss amended the motion to dispense with the reading of the Journal. Motion as amended prevailed.

The Chair took exceptions to the executive committee that had previously been appointed, claiming that under the rules this committee is appointed by the President of the Senate, and in view of these facts appointed the following committee, Mr. Hart, Chairman, Mr. Furniss and Mr. Harris.

Mr. Furniss moved that the Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.

At expiration of recess, Senate reconvened. Secretary of State appeared before the Senate with a message from the Governor, which was received and read as follows:

January 12, 1915.

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of Delaware,

SIR:

In accordance with Section 5, Chapter 103, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware, the second annual report of the Delaware

Child Labor Commission, covering the year 1914, is herewith submitted.

The Commission, as appointed December 11, 1913, by the Judges constituting the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, consisted of John M. Mendinhall, Miss Emily P. Bissell, Charles A. Cook and Jeremiah H. Coady of New Castle County, Mrs. Beniah Watson and Benjamin A. Hazel of Kent County and Mrs. Ella C. Emery and Andrew Marvel of Sussex County. On December 11, 1914, the terms of Mr. Coady, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Watson, and Mr. Marvel expired. On the same date the Judges re-appointed Mr. Coady, Mrs. Watson and Mr. Marvel and appointed Mr. Irene duPont of Wilmington in place of Mr. Cook, all for the full term of two years. As shown in the last annual report, Mr. Mendinhall was elected Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission met during the year 1914 on January 3rd, May 14th, July 17th, October 3rd and December 19th. The meeting of January 3rd was included in the last annual report. At each of the other four meetings the Commission received a detailed report from William J. Gibbons, State Child Labor Inspector, which reports are on file in the office of the Secretary. These four reports cover the period from the appointment of the Inspector on January 3, 1914 to the date of the last meeting, December 19, 1914.

The Inspector opened his office on the sixth floor of the Ford Building, Wilmington on January 19, 1914. He made 808 visits of inspection in Wilmington and throughout the State, finding 435 violations of the law. There were no prosecutions for violations. On account of the rush for employment certificates, the Inspector, with the approval of the Commission, at first merely approved old work certificates to the number of 103, where the provisions of the law were otherwise complied with. He issued 638 employment certificates, re-issued 129, issued 303 newsboy permits, 120 street trades permits, 33 permits to serve papers, etc. and not to sell, 24 vacation employment certificates, 33 certificates for work after school hours, and 65 special permits for children under age, under Section 37 of the Child Labor Law. In 110 cases, he refused to issue certificates. The total number of certificates and permits issued was 1447.

The Inspector's reports show that he received excellent co-operation from the school authorities and from the officers of the Juvenile Court in Wilmington, and that the enforcement of the Child Labor Law was of assistance in the enforcement of the Compulsory Education Law. Finding that numerous boys came to him asking if he could get them a place to work and that some employers telephoned to ask for boys wanting positions, the Inspector established a free employment bureau in connection with his office, which was of considerable service.

After having had the matter under consideration for six months the Commission, at its meeting on December 19, 1914, under the power vested in it by Section 4 of the Act creating the Commission (Chapter 103, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware), asked for the resignation of William J. Gibbons as Inspector to take effect upon the appointment of his successor. At the meeting of the Commission on January 2, 1915, Glen Edwards, Field Secretary of the New York State Child Labor Commission, was appointed Temporary Inspector to hold office until the Commission could secure a suitable man for the position, who will be elected Inspector permanently.

Attached hereto is a statement of the disbursements and expenditures of the Commission for the year 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

DELAWARE CHILD LABOR COMMISSION,

JOHN M. MENDINHALL,

Chairman.

CHARLES W. BUSH,

Secretary.

Mr. Hoffecker moved the report be referred to committee on Labor. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES OF
DELAWARE CHILD LABOR COMMISSION
For Year 1914.

1914.			
Feb.	11,	George E. King Press, printing.....	\$24.25
"		Miss Emily P. Bissell, expenses of Maryland Inspector, meeting with Delaware Commis- sion,.....	5.00
June	29,	The Whitehead & Hoag Company, Newark, N. J. newsboys badges.....	28.00
Dec.	21.	George E. King Press, printing.....	55.50
"		Annie E. Watson, member of Commission expenses in attendance at meetings....	9.60
"		Ella C. Emery, member of Commission expenses in attendance at meetings....	16.78
"		Charles W. Bush, Sec'y of Commission expenses of postage, etc.....	9.52
Total.....			<u>\$148.65</u>

DELAWARE CHILD LABOR COMMISSION,
JOHN M. MENDINHALL,
Chairman.
CHARLES W. BUSH,
Secretary.

January 9, 1915.

The Honorable, The Senate of the General Assembly of The
State of Delaware, Dover, Delaware.

GENTLEMEN:

By direction of The Council of The Mayor and Council of
Wilmington, in regular session January 7, 1915, the attached

resolution, unanimously adopted at that session, is respectfully referred to your Honorable Body for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. DILLON,

Clerk of The Council of The Mayor
and Council of Wilmington.

Inclosure.

The Resolution was read as follows: -

"Wilmington, Delaware, January 7, 1915.

WHEREAS, Certain measures are being prepared for the consideration and action of The General Assembly of The State of Delaware, now in session, which will materially affect the government of The City of Wilmington, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY "THE COUNCIL OF "THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON,"

That the members of The General Assembly be, and they hereby respectfully are requested to defer or withhold action upon any and all bills which may affect the government of the City of Wilmington, until "The Mayor and Council of Wilmington" are afforded an opportunity to be heard relative to such bills, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That certified copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Branch of The General Assembly."

Wilmington, Delaware, January 7, 1915.

I, CLARENCE M. DILLON, Clerk of "The Council" of "The Mayor and Council of Wilmington," do certify hereby that the attached is a true and correct copy of a Resolution, adopted by the unanimous vote of "The Council," in regular session, January 7, A. D., 1915, as the same remains of record in this office.

CLARENCE M. DILLON,

Clerk of The Council of The Mayor and
Council of Wilmington.

The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Cities and Towns.

Mr. Newton, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture to whom had been referred,

The invitation to attend the meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society in Wilmington on Tuesday and Wednesday, January the 12th and 13th.

Reported the same back to the Senate that the same be accepted and as many as can find it convenient attend the same on either or both dates.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the report was accepted.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture to whom had been referred,

Annual Report for 1913 of the Inspector of Weights and Measures for New Castle County.

Annual Report for 1913 of the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Annual Report for 1914 of the Delaware State Board of Dental Examiners.

Annual Report of the Delaware State Board of Pharmacy for the year ending July first, 1913.

Annual Report of the State Board of Pharmacy for the year ending July first, 1914.

Annual Report for 1913 of the State Chemist.

Report of the State Chemist for the year 1914.

Annual Report for 1914 of the Sealer of Weights and Measures of New Castle County.

Reports of the State Board of Agriculture, 1913 and 1914.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Hoffecker on behalf of the Committee on Education to whom had been referred, a brief synopsis of the work accomplished by the State Library Commission.

Reported the same back to the Senate, recommending that it be received and filed.

Mr. Hoffecker on behalf of the Committee on Labor to whom had been referred, Report of Barbers Examining Board of the City of Wilmington.

Reported the same back to the Senate, recommending that it be received and filed.

Mr. Hoffecker on behalf of the Committee on Labor to whom had been referred, the Report of the Delaware Child Labor Commission.

Reported the same back to the Senate and recommend that it be received and filed.

Mr. Hickman on behalf of the Committee on Cities and Towns to whom had been referred the Resolution from the City Council of Wilmington, Delaware.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably and that the request be complied with.

Mr. Furniss gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act to be known as Mothers Pension Bill and defining its conditions.

Mr. Hoffecker moved the Senate take up the following Senate Concurrent Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate , The House concurring therein, that the Committee on Accounts of the Senate and the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives be and they are hereby constituted a committee to audit the accounts of the State Treasurer, the Secretary of State and other State officers and State Institutions and they are hereby authorized to employ expert assistance and are directed to report their findings to the General Assembly or on before the first day of March, 1915.

Same was read and on his further motion was adopted.

Mr. Hoffecker then moved that the following resolution as amended be taken up.

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives the Senate concurring therein,

That no new bills other than the Omnibus Appropriation bills, and no new resolutions to which the concurrence of both Houses of the General Assembly may be necessary other than the Claim Resolutions or of adjournment or of Joint Sessions shall be received at the present session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, after Monday, February 1st, A. D., 1915.

The amendment as follows was taken up:

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Amend House Concurrent Resolution by striking out the words "February first" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "January twenty-fifth."

Same was read and on a ye and nay vote resulted as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Carter, Furniss, Hart, Joseph, Mitchell, Wharton, Williams. Total, 7.

NAYS—Messrs. Anderson, Frazier, Harris, Hickman, Hoffecker, Newton, Webb, Walker. Total, 8.

The amendment was declared lost.

The original resolution was next taken up and adopted and ordered to the House.

The following was taken up at the request of Mr. Hickman:

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to have the daily calendar printed and the members furnished with a copy each day.

Same was read and on motion of Mr. Hoffecker, was adopted.

President pro tempore announced that he desired to announce that he had appointed Wm. D. Stoops as his Secretary.

The following were paired for tomorrow: Mr. Hickman with Mr. Carter, Mr. Newton with Mr. Hart should Mr. Hart not be able to be present.

On motion of Mr. Hoeffcker, Senate adjourned until 10.30 A. M. to-morrow.

January 13th, 1915, 10.30 o'clock A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Mr. President, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hoeffcker, Joseph, Mitchell, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore, Mr. Hickman and Mr. Newton absent.

Secretary of State appeared before the Senate, with a message from the Governor.

Report from the Child Labor Commission.

Received and referred to Committee on Labor.

Secretary proceeded to read the Journal.

Mr. Furniss moved the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Motion prevailed.

Bi-Annual Report of the Adjutant General.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. President Pro Tem gave notice of appointing the following committees:

Committee on Visitation, Mr. Hickman and Mr. Anderson.

Committee on Child Labor, Mr. Hoeffcker and Mr. Hart.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House concurring therein, that the Committee on Accounts of the House of Repre-

sentatives, be and they are, hereby constituted a committee to audit the accounts of the State Treasurer, the Secretary of State, and other State Officers and State Institutions; and they are hereby authorized to employ expert assistance and are directed to report their findings to the General Assembly on or before the first day of March, 1915.

And returned the same to the Senate.

Mr. Hoffecker moved the Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.

At expiration of recess, Senate reconvened.

The Chair announced that he would at this time sign Senate Concurrent Resolution, regarding committee on Accounts.

Also House Concurrent Resolution, regarding New Business.

Mr. Gormley gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by making Good Friday a Legal Holiday.

Mr. Wharton gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to create a State Commission for reform and aid of criminals.

Mr. Furniss made objection to each member of this Senate having to pay two dollars per copy for the Revised Code claiming they should be furnished to each member free of charge.

Mr. Furniss moved that the Secretary be instructed to get a copy of the Revised Code for each member of the Senate. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Furniss moved to adjourn until 10.30 A. M. to-morrow January 14, 1915. Motion prevailed.

January 14, 1915, 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoeffcker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore, Mr. President. Members all present.

Secretary proceeded to read the Journal.

There being no objections the Journal was approved as read.

The following communication was received and read from the Secretary of the Delaware Child Labor commission.

DELAWARE CHILD LABOR COMMISSION

January 13, 1915.

Hon. John M. Walker, President Pro Tem. of the Senate,
Dover, Delaware.

DEAR SIR:

The Delaware Child Labor Commission wishes to make clear that it welcomes the investigation ordered by joint resolution of the General Assembly adopted a few days ago, and will do all in its power to assist the Committee in its investigation. We wish to respectfully suggest, however, that as the records of the Inspector's office have just been obtained from the former Child Labor Inspector and are now being tabulated, which tabulation will take probably a week, and as the Chairman of the Commission has been obliged to go West on account of business, and as, not anticipating investigation, various other members of the Commission have made business engagements which will occupy them for a short time, that the Committee on

Investigation defer the commencement of its work for about ten days so that when the investigation begins everything may be presented which is asked for, and there may be no delay.

I am writing this letter to you because I understand the Committee has not organized and elected a Chairman as yet, and I am writing a similar letter to the Speaker of the House.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES W. BUSH,

Secretary.

Mr. Hoffecker moved the communication be received and referred to Committee on Labor.

Mr. Hoffecker on behalf of the Committee on Labor to whom had been referred The Second Annual Report of the Delaware Child Labor Commission.

Reported the same back to the Senate recommending that it be accepted and filed.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Gormley introduced S. B. No. 1, entitled:

S. B. No. 1, An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by making Good Friday a legal Holiday.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Furniss moved the Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Motion prevailed.

Same day 2 o'clock, P. M.

At expiration of recess Senate reconvened.

Mr. Hickman on behalf of the Committee on Visitation, respectfully reports that the Committee has arranged for a visit to Delaware College, The Woman's College and Experimental

Farm, at Newark, Delaware, for to-morrow, Friday, January 15th, 1915, at 10.30 A. M. The Legislative party will leave Dover on the 8.38 A. M. train.

Reported the same back to the House favorably.

Mr. Hart moved the invitation be received and all those who can, try to be present. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Anderson presented the following:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay such approved bills as are chargeable to the regular, usual and annual appropriations made by the General Assembly, which shall become due and payable between the date of the close of the fiscal year, ending January 11th, 1915, and the passage of the General Appropriation Bill.

And on his motion was sent to the House.

Mr. Walker gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: "An Act Providing for the Comfort of the Travelling Public."

Mr. Harris gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: "An Act proposing an Amendment of Section 2 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, so that all citizens of said State shall have equal rights of voting, without distinction of sex.

Mr. Gormley gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: "An Act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity, being a further supplement to an Act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity approved March 13th, 1883.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 22) entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

And presented the same to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hoeffcker, (H. B. No. 22) entitled: An Act to Amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Was given first reading, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Moved by Mr. Wharton that the House Bill No. 22 be withdrawn from the Committee on Revised Statutes. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Newton moved the rule No. 13, be suspended and House Bill No. 22 be given second reading by title only. Motion prevailed and referred to Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following House Concurrent Resolution:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4.

WHEREAS, It is provided by Chapter 13, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware, that the General Assembly at each regular session shall select by Concurrent Resolution of both Houses; a Document Clerk, who shall serve the General Assembly during the period of its regular session; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein,

That William Ramsey be and is hereby selected Document Clerk for the regular session of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly.

And presented the same to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hoeffcker the following House Concurrent Resolution was taken up for consideration and read: Whereas, it is provided by Chapter 13, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware, that

the General Assembly at each regular session shall select by concurrent Resolution of both Houses a Document Clerk, who shall serve the General Assembly during the period of its regular session; therefore Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein that William Ramsay be and is hereby selected Document Clerk for the regular session of the ninety-fifth General Assembly.

Mr. Hoffecker moved the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

On the question "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

A vote was taken.

On motion of Mr. Harris, the yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Harris, Hickman, Hoffecker, Newton, Webb, Walker. Total, 9.

NAYS—Messrs. Carter, Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Joseph, Mitchell, Wharton, Williams. Total, 8.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the concurrent resolution having received the required majority, was declared adopted.

Ordered that the House be informed thereof, and the concurrent resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Furniss made objection to the Resolution just read, claiming that the office was not a necessity.

Mr. Hoffecker claiming the office was a necessity.

And on vote by roll call received the vote as previously read.

Mr. Barnard moved the Senate take a recess for 10 minutes.

Motion prevailed.

At expiration of recess, Senate reconvened.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

4—BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay such approved bills as are chargeable to the regular, usual and annual appropriations made by the General Assembly, which shall become due and payable between the date of the close of the fiscal year, ending January 11th, 1915, and the passage of the General Appropriation Bill.

And returned the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House concurring therein,

That when we adjourn, that it be until Monday, January 18th, 1915.

And returned the same to the Senate.

Mr. Wharton moved the Senate adjourn until Monday morning, 10.30 January 18th, 1915. Motion prevailed.

January 18th, 1915, 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore, Mr. President. Members all present.

Journal was read by the Secretary.

There being no objections the Chair declared the Journal be approved as read.

The following communication was received and read from the Public Archives Commission of Delaware.

THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES COMMISSION
OF DELAWARE

Dover, Delaware, January 18, 1915.

HONORABLE COLEN FERGUSON,

President of the Senate of the State of Delaware.

SIR:

The last Legislature, by special Act to the Archives Commission, authorized certain work to be performed and it is the desire of the Archives Commission that this Legislature view the results and, therefore, extend to your honorable body an invitation to visit the Hall of Records in the basement of the State House on

Friday morning, January 22d, between the hours of ten and twelve, at which time they will be there to receive.

Hoping that this date and time will suit your honors, I am,

Very truly yours,

HENRY C. CONRAD,

President.

By Walter G. Tatnall.

Moved by Mr. Furniss the communication be received and filed and members attend in a body. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Gormley gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to Amend Chapter Six of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, being an act in relation to the taxation and licensing of Clubs.

Mr. Furniss gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by repealing all of said Chapter 38, entitled, "Delaware Child Labor Commission."

Mr. Furniss gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by repealing 3144, Section 44 to 3192, Section 92 inclusive, cited and known as "The Uniform Child Labor Law."

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Gormley presented (S. B. No. 2) entitled: An Act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity being a further supplement to "An Act to provide for public parks for the use of the citizens of Wilmington and its vicinity." Approved, March 13th, 1883.

Given the first reading January 18th, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Gormley, Rule No. 13 be suspended and bill be given second reading by title only. Motion prevailed. Bill was given second reading by title only, and referred to Committee on Cities and Towns.

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Walker presented S. B. No. 3, entitled: An Act providing for the Comfort of the Traveling Public.

Given the first reading January 18th, 1915,.

On motion of Mr. Walker, Rule No. 13 be suspended and bill be given second reading by title only. Motion prevailed.

Bill was given second reading by title only and referred to Committee on Corporations.

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Harris presented S. B. No. 4, entitled: An Act proposing an amendment of Section 2, of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, so that all citizens of said State shall have equal rights of voting without distinction of sex.

Given the first reading January 18th, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Harris Rule No. 13 be suspended and bill be given second reading by title only. Motion prevailed. Bill was given second reading by title only and referred to Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Hoffecker moved Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock P. M.

At expiration of recess Senate reconvened.

Chair read the following Communication from the Secretary of State.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Dover, Del., January 18, 1915.

President of the Senate of the State of Delaware.

SIR:

I beg to advise you that any member of the Senate desiring a copy of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware can obtain

one of the advance pamphlet editions by applying to me at my office. The same will be supplied gratis and not charged against the stationery account.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS W. MILLER,
Secretary of State.

By order from the chair the communication be received and filed.

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Furniss presented S. B. No. 5, entitled: An Act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by Repealing all of said Chapter 38, entitled, Delaware Child Labor Commission.

Given first reading January 18th, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Furniss Rule No. 13 be suspended and bill be given second reading by title only. Motion prevailed. Bill was given second reading by title only and referred to Committee on Revised Statutes.

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Furniss presented S. B. No. 6, entitled: An Act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by repealing 3144 to 3192 Section 44 to Section 92 inclusive, cited and known as the Uniform Child Labor Law.

Was given first reading.

Mr. Furniss moved rule No. 13 be suspended and bill be given second reading . Motion prevailed.

The bill was given the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Hoffecker presented the following as amendments to the rules:

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES RECOMMENDING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE SENATE

That Rule 12 be amended by striking out all of the said rule after the word "committee" in the second line so that the rule shall read as follows:

Rule 12. Every Bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, by order of the Senate, or by report of a committee.

Amend Rule 13 by striking out said rule and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Rule 13. Every bill and joint resolution except as to style or form, shall receive three separate readings; the first and second readings shall be had on the same day; the second reading to be by title only.

Amend Rule 14 by striking out said rule and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Rule 14. Every bill and resolution to which the concurrence of both Houses of the General Assembly may be necessary, shall, upon its passage in the Senate be certified to by the Secretary and the date of the passage of the same noted at the foot on the back thereof.

Amend Rule 19 by striking out said rule and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Rule 19. Upon the written request signed by a majority of the members elected to the Senate and directed to the presiding officer any bill, joint resolution or other business which shall have been referred to a committee, shall be reported to the Senate for a decision as to its further disposal.

Amend Rule 20 by striking out the same.

Amend Rule 23 by striking out "ten thirty" and substituting in lieu thereof "eleven."

Amend Rule 28 by striking out the same and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Rule 28. Order of business.

1. Prayer by the Chaplain;
2. Roll call;
3. Reading of the Journal;
4. Reports of standing committees;
5. Introduction of bills;
6. Bills for third reading;
7. Miscellaneous business.

Mr. Wharton moved the rules be laid over for one day
Motion prevailed.

Mr. Wharton moved the Senate adjourn until 10.30 o'clock
A. M., January 19, 1915.

Motion prevailed.

January 19th, 1915, 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoeffcker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore.

Absent Mr. Carter.

Paired for the day Mr. Hickman with Mr. Carter.

Secretary having finished reading the Journal, Mr. Gormley and Mr. Wharton asked for corrections to be made after said corrections were made, Journal was approved.

Mr. President Pro Tem. presented the following communication:

SENATOR WALKER, Speaker.

DEAR SIR:

At a meeting held in the Kenton M. E. Church, Kenton, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, that this meeting calls upon the Legislature to pass this session an amendment to the constitution enfranchising women."

D. S. CLARK,

Chairman.

Ordered filed.

Mr. Barnard on behalf of the Committee on Accounts reports that a joint meeting of Committees of both Houses was held January 14th, at 3.30 P. M. and appointed two Auditors,

one from each House of the Assembly to audit various accounts of the officers of the State, fixing a compensation of Eight Hundred Dollars.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Harris on behalf of the Committee on Executive to whom had been referred:

Grand Juror's Report in and for New Castle County.

Report of the Valley Forge Commission.

Report of Delaware State Flag Commission.

Report of the Governor on Pardons and Reprieves.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Gormley presented (S. B. No. 7) entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, by requiring vehicles to carry lights at night.

Given first reading January 19th, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, Rule No. 13, be suspended and bill be read second time by title only. Motion prevailed.

Bill was given second reading by title only and referred to Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred, (H. B. No. 22) entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Harris on behalf of the Committee on Insurance and Banking to whom had been referred the report of the Delaware Commissioners for the Promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States and the

Biennial Report of the Department of Banking and Insurance, Dover, Delaware.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act entitled "An Act to promote the public health, convenience and welfare by leveeing, ditching and draining the wet, swamp and overflowed lands within the State, and providing for the establishment of levee or drainage districts for the purpose of enlarging or changing any natural water courses, and for digging ditches or canals, etc.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act Providing for the Separate Classification of the People of the Moor Race in the Registration and Election Books of Sussex County.

Mr. Hoffecker gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled:

An Act Appropriating Five Hundred Dollars to Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, of Newark, Delaware.

Mr. Harris gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal the bottle law.

Mr. Hoffecker gave notice that on to-morrow or at some future date he would introduce a bill entitled: "An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, providing for the appointment of Notaries Public.

President Pro Tem announced that under the Rule he would sign Senate Resolutions, No. 4 and 5.

On motion of Mr. Hoffecker (H. B. 22) entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Was taken up for consideration and read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the Senate.

On the question "Shall the bill pass the Senate?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Furniss Gormely, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker. Total, 15.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative and the bill having received the required constitutional majority, passed the Senate.

Ordered that the House be informed thereof, and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 18) entitled:

An Act in reference to Elections for members of the Board of Public Education for the City of New Castle.

And presented the same to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hoffecker (H. B. 18) entitled:

An Act in reference to Elections for members of the Board of Public Education for the City of New Castle.

Mr. Hoffecker moved that Rule No. 13 be suspended and bill be given the second reading by title only.

Motion prevailed.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Hoffecker moved Senate adjourn until 2 o'clock P. M.

Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Senate reconvened at expiration of recess.

Mr. Hickman gave notice that on to-morrow or at some future date he would introduce an act to amend Chapter 154 of

the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, making it unlawful to use a facsimile of the Great Seal of the State or the State Coat of Arms as an advertisement or upon the stationery or the papers of any corporation, firm or individual.

Mr. Anderson presented the following report and on his motion was ordered spread on the Journal.

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

In accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, I herewith submit the report of the Treasury Department.

Through the courtesy of my successor, Hon. William J. Swain, I have included the transactions from January 5th, 1915, the date my successor assumed the duties of office, to the close of the fiscal year 1914, ending January 11th, 1915.

The balances at the close of the fiscal year 1914, were as follows:

General Fund.....	\$14,418.41
School Fund.....	15,039.36
Sinking Fund.....	970.03
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	30,427.80
The Assets of the State are.....	2,386,834.80
The Liabilities are.....	826,785.00
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Assets over Liabilities	1,560,049.80
The cash receipts of the General Fund for the year were.....	685,273.64
The expenditures.....	716,653.13
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Net loss.....	\$31,379.49

The above receipts and expenditures are for the General Fund only, as the receipts of the School and Sinking Funds are not

available for general use, being set aside for the schools and investment.

The records of the Treasury Department show an increase in receipts each year, but not in proportion to the increase in expenditures, the expenditures exceeded the receipts by over \$30,000 for the year 1914, the same is true for the year 1913, so you can readily see the reason the balance is no greater to begin the new fiscal year.

In fact the Treasury Department has been placed in a very embarrassing position since the 20th of last October, several bills being presented for payment, which were held up for a time, and we were unable to make payment on bills amounting to over \$50,000, which will have to be paid during the fiscal year 1915.

This noted increase in expenditures is caused by several new appropriations, which the State has not previously been required to meet, namely, \$30,000 to the Women's Affiliated College, \$35,000 for the Girls Industrial School for the erection of new buildings, the cost of the Special Session of the General Assembly, amounting to over \$10,000, and several new appropriations which amount to a large sum in the total.

In fact the amount to be carried over from last year, and the annual and usual State expenses or appropriations for 1915, will greatly exceed the amount of the estimated receipts for the year 1915, this estimate being based on the records of past years, I would say that the State will be short about \$50,000, not counting the cost of any new appropriations, the means must be provided to furnish the Treasury Department with the necessary funds, and I would recommend a bond issue, as the best way in which to replenish the State Treasury Department.

The most notable increase in the receipts was from the collection of Franchise Taxes by the Treasury Department, which amounted to \$87,353.95, a gain of over \$16,000 as compared with the previous year, although the State lost the taxes from nine hundred and forty-three corporations, whose charters were declared void for non-payment of taxes, also the receipts from the Automobile License Tax show a large gain, about \$10,000 more than the previous year, the receipts from this source have doubled since 1912.

The Insurance and Banking Department show an increase of about \$3,000.

It will be well to note the decided decrease in revenue in the taxes received by the Secretary of State for the organization of corporations, the amount received during the past year was \$78,256.57, a decrease of over \$30,000, as compared with the previous year, although the receipts from this source have varied greatly during past years.

The other principal sources of revenue show only a slight difference, either a gain or loss.

As Trustee of the School Fund, beg to state that the apportionment of this fund was made at the usual time, and showed a further decrease in the Dividend of \$192 per teacher. The Dividend shows a decrease every year, caused by the increase in the number of teachers, as the receipts of this fund are practically unchanging. The total amount apportioned to the schools of the State was \$161,944.61, this amount was actually divided as I had deducted the amount expended for text-books.

As Custodian of the Sinking Fund, and on the approval of the Sinking Fund Commission, there was purchased during the past year \$11,000 par value, of New Castle County Bonds, and \$1,500 par value of town of Delaware City, Delaware Bonds. This increases the amount of bonds now held by this fund to \$86,500, which is exclusive of the bonds now held by the Railroad and Railway Guarantee Deposit Fund, which amount to \$51,500. This shows that the State has \$138,000 in gilt edge bonds, to apply to its Bonded Indebtedness.

I would recommend an increase in the appropriation of \$22,000 for Free Graded Schools for Outside Pupils, as the present appropriation is inadequate to meet the payments at the proper time, some of the schools being forced to wait until the next session of the General Assembly for their payments.

I would also recommend a Change in the time of the close of the fiscal year, this change has been recommended to previous Sessions of the General Assembly, but as yet no action has been taken in the matter.

At the present time the close of the fiscal year is about a week after the General Assembly convenes, which shows that the

amounts in the reports must be incomplete, or that time must be taken to close and balance the books, after the close of the fiscal year, and of course time to prepare reports, as was done this year. When there is a change of State Officers, the retiring officer's term expires a week previous to the close of the fiscal year, which has caused considerable inconvenience to this Department, as the work is rushed at this time of the year.

I am sure that all State Officers, both past and present will bear me out in this statement.

An itemized statement of the Assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements will be found in the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HASTINGS,

State Treasurer.

January 12th, 1915.

ASSETS OF GENERAL, SCHOOL AND SINKING FUNDS

Bank Stock—Par Value.

5,700 Shares Farmers' Bank Stock, \$50 per share.....	\$285,000.00
114 Shares National Bank of Delaware, \$100 per share.....	11,400.00
254 Shares Union National Bank, \$25 per share.....	6,350.00
114 Shares National Bank of Smyrna, \$50 per share.....	5,700.00
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	\$308,450.00

Bank Stock—Market Value.

5,700 Shares Farmers' Bank, \$125 per share.....	712,500.00
114 Shares National Bank of Delaware, \$225 per share.....	25,650.00

254 Shares Union National Bank, \$88 per share.....	22,352.00	
114 Shares National Bank of Smyrna, \$80 per share.....	9,120.00	769,622.00

Mortgages.

Junction and Breakwater Railroad Co., 3 %.....	185,000.00	
Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Co. 3 %.....	200,000.00	385,000.00

Bonds.

One Bond, State of Delaware to School Fund, 6 %.....	178,785.00	
Certificate of Indebtedness, State of Delaware to Sinking Fund, 4 %..	20,000.00	
Twenty-two New Castle County 4% Highway Improvement Bonds....	22,000.00	
Ten State of Delaware 4% Bonds, "Loan of 1909".....	5,000.00	
Five State of Delaware 4% Bonds, "Loan of 1907".....	5,000.00	
Two New Castle County 4% Work- house Bonds.....	2,000.00	
Seven New Castle County Highway Improvement 4½% Bonds.....	7,000.00	
Six Harrington 5% School Bonds.....	3,000.00	
Two Sussex County 4% Bonds.....	1,000.00	
Six City of Wilmington 4% Bonds....	6,000.00	
Six City of Wilmington 4½% Bonds...	6,000.00	
Thirteen New Castle County 4½% Bridge Improvement Bonds.....	13,000.00	
Three Town of Delaware City, Dela- ware, 5% Bonds.....	1,500.00	
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	270,285.00	

Real Estate.

State House, including Law Library, estimated.....	200,000.00	
State House Lot, estimated.....	5,000.00	
Armory at Wilmington, estimated.....	10,000.00	
Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst, estimated.....	270,000.00	
Delaware College, estimated.....	175,000.00	
Womens' Affiliated College, estimated .	125,000.00	
Delaware College Experimental Farm and Buildings, estimated.....	25,000.00	
State College for Colored Students, Farm and Equipments, estimated.	35,000.00	
Armory and Lot at Dover, estimated..	15,000.00	
Armory and lot at Newark, estimated .	15,000.00	
Armory and Lot at Milford, estimated	5,000.00	
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		880,000.00

Cash.

Cash in Treasury, January 11th, 1915 .	30,427.80	
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Total of Assets of General, School and Sinking Funds.....		\$2,335,334.80

ASSETS OF RAILROAD AND RAILWAY GUARANTEE DEPOSIT FUND.

Bonds.

Twenty-nine New Castle County 4% Highway Improvement Bonds....	29,000.00
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Fifteen New Castle County 4½% Highway Improvement Bonds.....	15,000.00	
Ten State of Delaware 4% Bonds, "Loan of 1907".....	5,000.00	
Two City of Wilmington 4% Bonds...	2,000.00	
		<hr/> 51,000.00
Bank-Stock		
Four Shares Farmers' Bank, \$125 per share, market value		500.00
		<hr/> \$51,500.00
Total Amount of Assets of General, School and Sinking Funds.....		\$2,335,334.80
Total Amount of Assets of Railroad and Railway Guaranty Deposit Fund..		51,500.00
		<hr/> \$2,386,834.80
GRAND TOTAL OF ASSETS		

LIABILITIES.

245 Bonds, \$1,000 each, @ 3%, issue of 1897, payable December 1, 1927; redeemable at option on any June 1, or December 1, after Dec. 1, 1922.....	245,000.00
230 Bonds, \$1,000 each, @ 4%, issue of 1907, payable June 1, 1932.....	230,000.00
40 Bonds, \$1,000 each, @ 4%, issue of 1907, payable July 1, 1927, redeemable at option on any January 1, or July 1, in or after 1917	40,000.00
20 Bonds, \$1,000 each, @ 4%, issue of 1907, payable July 1, 1917.....	20,000.00
20 Bonds, \$500 each, @ 4%, issue of 1909, payable July 1, 1919.....	10,000.00

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| 1 Bond, State of Delaware to School Fund, @ 6%, issued July 1, 1906, payable July 1, 1926..... | 178,785.00 |
| 1 Certificate of Indebtedness to the Trustees of Delaware College, @ 6%, perpetual..... | 83,000.00 |
| 1 Certificate of Indebtedness of State of Delaware to Sinking Fund, @ 4%, payable June 1, 1932..... | 20,000.00 |

TOTAL OF LIABILITIES.....	<u>826,785.00</u>
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Total of Assets.....	\$2,386,834.80
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Total of Liabilities.....	<u>826,785.00</u>
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Amount of Assets in Excess of Liabilities.....	\$1,560,049.80
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GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS

Bank Stock—Par Value.

40 Shares National Bank of Delaware, @ \$100 per share.....	4,000.00
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Bank Stock—Market Value.

40 Shares National Bank of Delaware, @ \$225 per share.....	9,000.00
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Mortgages.

Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company, @ 3%.....	185,000.00
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Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company, @ 3%.....	<u>200,000.00</u>
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	<u>385,000.00</u>
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Total Value of Investments...	<u>\$394,000.00</u>
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GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

1914

Balance.....		45,797.90
Clerks of the Peace-Licenses and Fees .		158,043.41
New Castle County.....	135,134.77	
Kent County.....	10,341.65	
Sussex County.....	12,566.99	
Insurance and Banking Department:...		72,172.95
Tax on Insurance Companies....	42,254.48	
Filing Annual Statements.....	1,850.00	
Licenses.....	9,243.00	
Tax on State Banks and Trust Cos.	14,695.06	
Tax on National Banks.....	4,130.41	
Railroads—State Tax.....		112,000.00
P. B. & W. R. R. Co.....	50,000.00	
Delaware Railroad Co.....	25,000.00	
Baltimore & Philadelphia R. R. Co.	30,000.00	
Philadelphia & Reading Railway		
Co.....	5,000.00	
D. M. & V. R. R. Co.....	1,500.00	
M. D. & V. R. R. Co.....	500.00	
Interest on Mortgages:		11,550.00
Junction & Breakwater R. R. Co..	5,550.00	
Breakwater & Frankford R. R. Co.	6,000.00	
Telegraph and Telephone Companies:..		14,023.26
Diamond State Telephone Co.....	12,296.00	
Western Union Telegraph Co.....	598.00	
American Telephone & Telegraph		
Co.....	73.76	

Wilmington & Philadelphia Traction Co.....	826.70	
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.....	228.80	
Express Companies:.....		2,003.10
Adams Express Co.....	1,753.10	
Wells, Fargo & Company.....	250.00	
Department of Secretary of State:.....		141,432.07
Corporations.....	78,256.57	
Civil Commissions.....	857.00	
Automobile Licenses.....	35,672.00	
Fees.....	26,646.50	
Manufacturers of Steam, Gas or Electricity:.....		976.92
Franchise Tax from Corporations.....		87,353.95
Collateral Inheritance Tax:.....		13,463.96
Register of Wills, N. C. Co.....	7,142.51	
" " " Kent Co.....	5,505.40	
" " " Sussex Co.....	808.53	
" in Chancery, N. C. Co....	7.52	
Sale of Laws and Codes:.....		204.85
Prothonotary, N. C. Co.....	57.45	
" Kent Co.....	5.40	
State Librarian.....	142.00	
U. S. Government Appropriation to Colleges:.....		50,000.00
" " " " " as per		
the Smith Agricultural Extension Act....		5,000.00
Sale of Old Furniture and etc.....		123.13
Dividends from Bank Stock:.....		400.00
National Bank of Delaware.....	400.00	

Fines and Forfeitures:.....	16.00
Judge Advocate General.....	
Delaware State Hospital.....	15,534.29
Receipts from pay patients, etc....	15,534.29
State Board of Pharmacy:.....	399.00
Appropriations Refunded:.....	90.86
Refund of overpayment of premium on insurance policy.....	47.48
National Guard, to refund unused portion of "Uniform Allow- ance.....	41.07
Insurance Commissioners Contingent Fund, to refund overdraft in 1913.....	2.31
Refund overpayment of tuition of Sus- sex County student at Normal School.....	129.00
Refund of Temporary Loan to School Fund:.....	156.89
Refund amount for the Pigeon and Poul- try Show Asso., not held on account of the foot and mouth disease.....	200.00
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	\$731,071.54

GENERAL FUND
EXPENDITURES

1914

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Governor.....	\$5,200.00
Salary.....	4,000.00
Contingent Expenses.....	1,200.00

Lieutenant Governor.....		100.00
Salary as member of Board of Par- dons.....	100.00	
Department of Secretary of State:....		9,350.00
Salary of Secretary of State.....	4,000.00	
" " First Assistant.....	1,200.00	
" " Second Assistant.....	600.00	
" " Third Assistant.....	500.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	3,000.00	
Official Bond.....	50.00	
Treasury Department:.....		5,099.76
Salary of State Treasurer.....	3,000.00	
" " Deputy.....	1,200.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	600.00	
Refund on Over-payment of Franchise Taxes.....	95.60	
Protested Checks.....	204.16	
State Law Library:.....		6,040.50
Salary of Librarian.....	1,200.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	250.00	
Law Reports.....	500.00	
Special book fund.....	90.50	
Law Reports, Vol. 3, Boyce's.....	1,000.00	
Catalogue of State Library.....	300.00	
100 each of Volumes 1, 2 and 3, Houston's Reports.....	2,700.00	
Department of Auditor of Accounts:...		3,700.00
Salary of State Auditor.....	2,000.00	
" " Deputy.....	1,200.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	500.00	
Department of Insurance and Banking		4,284.99
Salary of Insurance Commissioner	2,000.00	
" " Clerk.....	1,100.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	1,184.99	

State's Property—Care of and Insurance		5,604.04
Salary of Janitor.....	500.00	
" " Assistant.....	400.00	
Water Rent for State House and Armory.....	112.50	
Heat, Light & Repairs for State House.....	2,000.00	
Insurance on all State's Property..	2,591.54	
State Revenue Collector:.....		1,498.04
Salary.....	1,200.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	298.04	
Fish, Oysters and Game:.....		3,640.00
Salary of Chief Game Warden....	600.00	
" " Oyster Revenue Collector.....	700.00	
Salary of Crew of Oyster Guard Boat.....	2,340.00	
Child Labor Inspector:.....		2,090.00
Salary.....	1,790.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	300.00	
Ten Hour Law Inspector—Salary:.....		1,000.00
Board of State Supplies—Expenses:...		50.00
Cannery Inspector:.....		1,250.00
Salary.....	1,000.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	250.00	
Revised Code Commission—Expenses:..		1,465.63
Supervisors of State and New Castle County Institutions.....		50.00
Printing:.....		15,000.00
Total of Executive Department.		<u>\$65,422.96</u>

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Court of Chancery:.....		6,577.78
Salary of Chancellor.....	5,000.00	
" " " for reporting,	200.00	
" " Stenographer.....	1,200.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	177.78	
Chief Justice-Salary:.....		5,000.00
Associate Judges—Salaries.....	18,912.26	18,912.26
Associate Judge of Kent County for re- porting.....		200.00
Transcripts for Supreme Court and As- sistant Stenographer.....		1,223.36
Salary of Court Stenographer:.....		2,000.00
Department of Attorney General:.....		9,672.36
Salary of Attorney General.....	2,500.00	
Salaries of Deputies.....	2,000.00	
" " State Detectives.....	2,400.00	
Contingent Expenses.....	2,401.05	
Requisition Expenses.....	371.31	
Total of Department of Justice.....		\$43,585.76

CHARITIES AND ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS

Delaware State Hospital—Appropriation.....	\$72,500.00
" " " —Special Emergency Fund	16,637.25
" " " —Amusement Fund.....	197.74
Delaware Industrial School for Girls.....	3,000.00
" " " " " for erection of New Buildings—Special.....	35,000.00

St. Michaels Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies	500.00
Burial of Indigent Soldiers, Sailors and Marines...	750.00
Soldiers' Rest Room at Delaware City.....	200.00
G. A. R. Memorial Day Observance.....	1,000.00
Delaware Commission for the Blind.....	3,975.00
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children..	900.00
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	\$134,659.99

PRESERVATION AND PUBLICATION OF HISTORICAL RECORDS

Public Archives Commission—Expenses.....	997.01
“ “ “ —Compiling and publishing Delaware Archives.....	2,000.00
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	\$2,997.01

ELECTIONS

Department of Election of City of Wilmington....	4,233.08
Registrars and Assistant Registrars.....	15,000.00
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	\$19,233.08

EDUCATION

Annual Appropriation to School Fund.....	\$132,000.00
Interest on Bond to School Fund.....	10,727.10
“ “ “ “ Delaware College.....	4,980.00
Free Graded Schools.....	22,000.00
Education at Normal Schools.....	3,745.00
Salary of School Superintendents.....	3,600.00
Traveling Expenses of School Superintendents....	899.21

White Teachers' Institutes.....	450.00
Colored Teachers' Institutes.....	150.00
State Board of Education and County School Com- missions.....	2,500.00
Delaware College—U. S. Government Appropria- tion.....	40,000.00
Delaware College—U. S. Government Appropria- tion as per Smith Agricultural Extension Act	5,000.00
State College for Colored Students—U. S. Govern- ment Appropriation.....	10,000.00
Indigent, Deaf, Dumb, Blind and Idiotic Children	11,754.00
Improvement of Colored Schools.....	1,984.53
Delaware College—Chair of History.....	2,500.00
Free Libraries in School Districts.....	337.50
State Library Commission.....	2,200.00
State Federation of Women's Clubs—Committee on Traveling Libraries.....	100.00
Maps of State of Delaware for Schools—Special...	1,000.00
State College for Colored Students—Special.....	3,000.00
Delaware College—for Improvement of Buildings, Special.....	7,500.00
Delaware College—for Improvement of Buildings, on Farm, Special.....	2,500.00
Delaware College for Summer School.....	1,200.00
Womens' Affiliated College at Newark.....	30,000.00
Commissioner of Education:.....	2,291.70
Salary.....	2,000.00
Contingent Expenses.....	291.70
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\$302,419.04	

IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Appropriation to New Castle County.....	\$10,000.00
“ “ Kent County.....	10,000.00
“ “ Sussex County.....	10,000.00
Salary of State Highway Commissioner of New Castle County.....	1,000.00
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	\$31,000.00

PUBLIC HEALTH

State Board of Health.....	2,499.20
Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory.....	3,498.32
Delaware State Tuberculosis Commission.....	18,423.24
Delaware State Tuberculosis Commission for Hos- pital for Colored Patients.....	3,415.00
Medical Council of Delaware.....	300.00
Diphtheria Antitoxin.....	500.00
State Board of Pharmacy.....	644.06
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	\$29,279.82

AGRICULTURE

State Board of Agriculture.....	4,989.87
“ “ “ “ for Breeding Poultry..	300.00
“ “ “ “ for Poultry Competition at Newark.....	200.00
State Board of Immigration.....	2,420.31
State Live Stock Sanitary Board.....	4,998.92
Peninsula Horticultural Society.....	500.00
Farmers' Institutes.....	594.49
Delaware Corn Growers Association.....	1,000.00
Division of Agricultural Extension—Delaware Col- lege—Special.....	5,000.00
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	\$20,003.59

LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION

Salaries of State Senators.....	2,024.00
Salaries of State Representatives.....	3,872.00
Salaries of State Officers and Employees of General Assembly, including expenses of Session.....	3,985.91
Postage.....	520.00
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	\$10,401.91
Legislative Auditing Committee.....	1,500.00
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	\$11,901.91

PUBLIC DEFENSE

National Guard of Delaware—Maintenance.....	5,000.00
“ “ “ “ —Field Practice.....	8,000.00
“ “ “ “ —Uniforms & Equip- ment.....	2,500.00
Salary of Adjutant General.....	1,200.00
“ “ Clerk.....	600.00
State Armory at Dover—Special.....	1,363.00
“ “ “ Milford— “	1,313.50
“ “ “ Newark “	1,500.00
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	\$21,476.50

INTEREST ON BONDED DEBT

Interest on Outstanding Bonds, not including the interest on Bonds to School Fund and Delaware College, which have been accounted for under “Education”.....	\$20,150.00
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MISCELLANEOUS

Temporary Loan to School Fund.....	156.89
Drainage of Lowlands Commission.....	106.39

Commission for Decorating State House.....	1,925.00
Delaware Child Labor Commission.....	248.65
Uniform Motor Vehicle Law Commission.....	381.67
Secretary of State for Supervising printing of Election, Corporation Laws and etc.....	350.00
Public Lands Commission.....	1,036.52
Services of Assessors in making List, as per Chapter 44, Volume 27, Laws of Delaware.....	536.70
State House Portrait Commission.....	1,332.20
Bureau of Vital Statistics.....	1,994.50
Delaware State Fair.....	5,000.00
Panama Pacific International Exposition Commission.....	10.00
Valley Forge Marker Commission.....	485.65
Revised Statutes Committee.....	959.30
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	\$14,523.47
Balance January 12, 1915.....	<hr/>
	\$14,418.41

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND

Executive Department.....	65,422.96
Department of Justice.....	43,585.76
Legislative Department.....	11,901.91
Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions.....	134,659.99
Preservation and Publication of Historical Records	2,997.01
Education.....	302,419.04

Agriculture.....	20,003.59
Public Health.....	29,279.82
Improvement of Public Highways.....	31,000.00
Public Defense.....	21,476.50
Interest on Bonded Debt.....	20,150.00
Election.....	19,233.08
Miscellaneous.....	14,523.47
Balance.....	14,418.41
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	\$731,071.54

SCHOOL FUND

INVESTMENTS.

Bank Stock—Par Value.

5,700 Shares Farmers' Bank @ \$50 per share.....	\$285,000.00
254 Shares Union National Bank @ \$25 per share.....	6,350.00
114 Shares National Bank of Smyrna @ \$50 per share.....	5,700.00
74 Shares National Bank of Dela- ware @ \$100 per share.....	7,400.00
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	\$304,450.00

Bank Stock—Market Value

5,700 Shares Farmers' Bank, @ \$125 per share.....	712,500.00
254 Shares Union National Bank, @ \$88 per share.....	22,352.00
114 Shares National Bank of Smyrna, @ \$80 per share.....	9,120.00

74 Shares National Bank of Delaware, @ \$225 per share.....	16,650.00	
	<u> </u>	\$760,622.00
1 Bond of State of Delaware, 6%.....	178,785.00	
10 Bonds of State of Delaware, \$500 each, @ 4%.....	5,000.00	
	<u> </u>	183,785.00
Total.....		<u>\$944,407.00</u>

SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS

Balance.....		\$15,586.90
Interest:.....		10,927.10
Certificate of Indebtedness.....	10,727.10	
Bonds.....	200.00	
Dividends on Bank Stock:.....		30,648.50
Farmers' Bank of Delaware.....	28,500.00	
National Bank of Delaware.....	740.00	
Union National Bank.....	952.50	
National Bank of Smyrna.....	456.00	
Annual Appropriation:.....		132,000.00
Refund for Amount advanced on Text-books:.....		35.68
Temporary Loan:.....		156.89
		<u>\$189,355.07</u>

EXPENDITURES

Apportionment of School Fund:.....	\$161,944.61
City of Wilmington.....	38,400.00
New Castle County—Rural.....	32,813.03
Kent County.....	39,130.85
Sussex County.....	51,600.73
Free Text Books:.....	12,214.21
Refund of Temporary Loan:.....	156.89
Balance—January 11th, 1915.....	15,039.36
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	\$189,355.07

SINKING FUND OF STATE OF DELAWARE
INVESTMENTS

Bonds.

1	Certificate of Indebtedness of State of Delaware, @ 4%.....	\$20,000.00
22	New Castle County, 4% Highway Improvement Bonds.....	22,000.00
7	New Castle County 4½% Highway Improvement Bonds.....	7,000.00
5	State of Delaware 4% Bonds, "Loan of 1907".	5,000.00
2	New Castle County 4% Workhouse Bonds...	2,000.00
6	Harrington 5% School Bonds.....	3,000.00
3	Town of Delaware City, Del., 5% Bonds....	1,500.00
2	Sussex County 4% Bonds.....	1,000.00
6	City of Wilmington 4% Bonds.....	6,000.00
6	City of Wilmington 4½% Bonds.....	6,000.00
13	New Castle County 4½% Bridge Improvement Bonds.....	13,000.00
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		\$86,500.00

SINKING FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance.....	364.68
Collector of Oyster Revenue.....	7,760.79
Interest on Bonds.....	5,395.00
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	\$14,520.47

EXPENDITURES

Hatching, Propagating and Distributing Food Fish and Game.....	600.00
Investments of Sinking Fund:.....	12,950.44
\$7,000 New Castle County High- way Improvement 4½% Bonds, \$4.20 basis.....	7,384.94
\$1,500 Delaware City, Del. 5% Street Bonds, at par and interest	1,525.00
\$4,000 New Castle County Bridge Improvement, 4½% Bonds, @ \$100.90 and accrued interest....	4,040.50
Balance—January 12th, 1915.....	970.03
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	\$14,520.47

Secretary of State Thomas W. Miller, being admitted, presented to the Senate the following nominations for confirmation. Also the report of the Commission on Drainage.

The nominations for officers were as follows:

STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Dover, Delaware, January, 1915.

To the Honorable, the Senate of Delaware:

GENTLEMEN:

I hereby nominate and appoint for the consent and confirmation of the Senate, Leonard W. Lovett, to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for New Castle County for the term of four years.

CHARLES R. MILLER,
Governor.

STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Dover, Delaware, January , 1915.

To the Honorable, the Senate of Delaware.

GENTLEMEN:

In conformity with the Constitution and Laws I have, since the adjournment of the Senate on the nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1914, granted the following commissions to fill vacancies in offices.

I hereby nominate and appoint for the consent and confirmation of the Senate, the persons so commissioned, as follows:

Harry L. Cannon, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, for the unexpired term of Oliver A. Newton, whose term expires February 5, 1916.

Thomas S. Lewis, a Justice of the Peace in and for New Castle County, for the term of four years, from December 9, 1914.

CHARLES R. MILLER,
Governor of Delaware.

STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Dover, Delaware, January, 1915.

To the Honorable, the Senate of Delaware.

GENTLEMEN:

I hereby nominate and appoint for the consent and confirmation of the Senate, James H. Callaway to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for New Castle County for the term of four years.

CHARLES R. MILLER,
Governor.

The nominations having been read were referred to the Committee on Executive.

President Pro Tem announced that under the rule he would sign House Bill, No. 22.

The Secretary of State having presented the Report of the Commission on the Drainage of Low Lands.

Mr. Furniss moved the report be read . Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DRAINAGE OF LOW LANDS

To the General Assembly of Delaware:

At the last regular General Assembly of this State, a commission on drainage of low lands was created, "For the purpose of viewing the low lands in this State, of estimating their present value, the number of acres, the cost of drainage, and their probable value if drained." And the commission was further instructed, "To report their findings in regard to low lands, stating their views on the methods of draining, cost of drainage, and value to the State of such drainage, to the next General Assembly."

The joint resolution, providing for the drainage commission, appropriated the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of defraying the expenses thereof.

The utter inadequacy of this appropriation needs no comment, when the survey of Cedar Swamp in Sussex County, alone cost the Federal Government over seven hundred dollars.

It is evident that a scope of work enjoined upon the commission, entailing at least an expenditure of five thousand dollars, could not be accomplished in accurate detail for an amount that would be insufficient for the stenography and the printing of its findings.

In view of this fact, the commission at first hesitated to accept and prosecute the duties imposed upon them. After discussing the matter, however, and in view of the supreme importance of the subject to the commonwealth, they concluded to organize and to make the best report possible by gathering as many facts as were obtainable out of the common funds of knowledge, as well as from their own personal information and investigation, and submit the same to the General Assembly.

The work accordingly was divided into three parts, and the two commissioners from each County were assigned to make a report upon the County from which they were appointed.

PRESENT VALUE

In general terms it may be said that the present value of the swamp lands of this State differs materially by reason of location, character of the soil, and the cost of reclamation. It may also be stated that the cost of reclamation would vary but little in the two lower Counties, owing to the uniform character of the soil to be excavated.

In some localities, the present value of large tracts of swamp land is approximately six dollars an acre, an increase in ten years of one hundred per cent. by reason of the general increment to land values. This is specifically the case in the large swamp area of Sussex County, known as the Cypress Swamp. In another large swamp area, in the same County, known as Ellendale Swamp, the price is higher, owing to the better character of the soil, and to the fact that two railroads penetrate it.

NUMBER OF ACRES

The number of acres of Swamp land in Delaware, including the coastal marsh lands of the Delaware River and Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean, and those bordering upon the creeks and rivers, is estimated by the United States Geological Survey at one-eleventh of the entire area of the State. This estimate, however, evidently includes lands in cultivation, but whose fertility is largely destroyed by lack of drainage.

COST OF DRAINAGE

The cost of drainage is the minimum for such work anywhere within the limits of the United States, as the soil is wholly alluvial (outside of some portions of New Castle County, where the topography does not involve the question of drainage), and as all of these lands are well above the level of the sea, except, of course, some of the marsh lands. The best estimate that can be made as to cost of drainage in Delaware, is derived from the personal observation of Mr. Tatum, a practical engineer in the Geological Survey at Washington, who visited Sussex County some five years ago, and who has had extensive experience in large drainage enterprises in many parts of the county, together

with the actual cost of one drainage enterprise within the limits of Sussex County already completed. These two sources of information show that our swamp lands can be drained for a price not exceeding three dollars per acre.

In no case, at least as far as the internal swamp lands are concerned, is the cost of reclamation prohibitive.

THE VALUE OF RECLAIMED LANDS

The value of these lands when reclaimed will vary according to soil, use and location. If properly drained they will be worth from one to five hundred per cent, above their present value. It should be borne in mind in this connection, that all such lands will have an augmenting increment of value as time goes by, because of the certain rapid increase in national population, and of a corresponding demand for such varied products as these lands are adapted to.

In the judgment of the commission, it is highly desirable to impress upon the General Assembly, and thereupon the people generally, the significant fact that the State is the smallest in the Federal Union, save one; that our population is practically stationary; that our resources are wholly agricultural (except such as are derived from manufacturing in the extreme northern part of the State); and, therefore, necessity demands not only that every foot of our limited territory that is capable of production, shall be brought into the area of cultivated lands, but that public works should be undertaken, as the most modern and efficient means of advertisement, to draw immigrants within our borders for a greater State development. The State needs it for its own growth and development, and the nation at large needs our contribution to the general sustenance.

In this connection, the commission calls attention to the fact that the Emigration Bureau, created in 1903, has had over twenty-five thousand dollars appropriated to its use in ten years; that this sum would have constructed one, if not two, of the largest drainage canals necessary in any swamp area; that apparently the expenditure of this money in paper advertisements has been futile; and that the same amount expended in the digging of drainage canals, under the auspices of the State would be a far

more potential advertisement for increasing our population from outside sources. In this day, the accomplishment is regarded, and not mere words.

It is a subject worthy the thoughtful consideration of every patriotic citizen, both from the standpoint of pride in the commonwealth, as well as from the certain and necessary profits to be returned to the State by increased population, greater productivity, and the lessening of the death rate by the removal of these pest breeding areas. No higher ideal of government can be conceived than that of public officials really concerning themselves for the public welfare.

It is the unanimous opinion of the commission that the central or main drainage canals in every large swamp area in the State should be constructed at the expense of the State as a matter of good business, leaving the lateral drainage to be effected by the local land owners themselves.

For this purpose, they recommend the creation of a permanent drainage commission, with full power and authority, and with such an appropriation as will enable the construction of at least one drainage canal per annum.

The commission has not thought it necessary it go into a detailed description of the machinery involved in drainage enterprises. Any modern dredge manufacturing plant will furnish by catalogue, ample information. The real question is to drain the lands.

Whether this permanent drainage commission be created or not, the present commission unanimously recommend the passage of a new general drainage law, based upon the best experience of other States, conferring upon the land owners the power under proper conditions to organize a corporate body for drainage purposes, including the power to float bonds upon the security of the lands involved, which power does not exist under the present ditch laws, but which, as can be readily seen, would be a great advantage over the present laws which compel immediate payment of all taxes levied for ditch purposes before the work is done. The bond feature would give each land owner freedom from taxation for a fair time, and ample opportunity to derive greater value from his drained lands either from increased productivity, or from an enhanced value of his lands for purposes

of sale, before payments became due. Such an Act has been carefully drawn and is presented with this report. It is based upon the North Carolina drainage laws mainly, though certain features have been taken from the drainage laws of other States, as being better adapted to the purposes of this State.

The commission earnestly urges the Legislature to enact this legislation. Our present ditch laws would not be affected, but if this new drainage law were placed among the Statute laws of this State, an additional means for drainage would be obtained.

The commission also desires to state that the same general law has been recently enacted in our neighboring State of Maryland, and in as much as many problems of drainage are of reciprocal interest by reason of the same streams penetrating the territory of each State, uniformity of legislation is highly desirable.

CALEB R. LAYTON,
Secretary of Commission.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

The topographical condition of New Castle County presents little in the way of necessity for artificial drainage except the literal or marsh lands along the Bay and river banks.

The one exception is along the head waters of the Chester River, constituting what is known as "The Cypress Branch," involving about three thousand acres of land, all of which could be readily drained by dredging into the Chester River for a distance of about three miles, involving a cost of not more than four thousand dollars.

EDWARD HART.

SUSSEX COUNTY

Sussex County comprises the southern portion of Delaware, and is nearly half of its entire area. It is a large alluvial plain, one thousand and fifty square miles in extent, with an altitude of fifty-seven feet at its highest point, which is centered in the County town, Georgetown.

It is penetrated on its various borders by rivers, and creeks running in from the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean on the east, and from the Chesapeake Bay on the west and south. These streams in earlier days were used for furnishing the only power then known for the purposes of the people, accordingly, at the source, and at varying distances toward the mouth, the beds were dammed, and mill ponds created for the purpose of securing the power to grind the grain and saw the timber, and for such other industrial purposes as the times demanded. Accordingly, the natural drainage has been seriously impaired, and to-day these mill dams are one of the chief obstacles to the reclamation of low lands, and laws should be enacted to condemn them.

The soil of the County varies, running from stiff white, yellow, and partially red clays into loams, sands, black soils, and those that are so full of vegetable matter as to be readily burned on the surface in extremely dry weather. All of these lands, however, are valuable for various sorts of crops, and every acre of them should be reclaimed and made fit for production.

The internal swamp lands of the County are divided into three principal acres: the Ellendale Swamp; those lying around the County town, Georgetown; and the Cypress Swamp, in the southwestern part of the County.

ELLENDALE SWAMP

This is a large tract of swamp land that lies between the head waters of the Broadkilm and of the Nanticoke Rivers, evidently forming the bed by which these two streams connected in earlier geological times.

This swamp is grown up in pine, oak, gum, and maple, and possesses strong black soil, extremely valuable, if properly reclaimed, for corn, grass, wheat, potatoes, celery, strawberries, and other products.

It has an elevation of at least forty feet above sea level and there are no natural impediments to cheap reclamation.

It comprises in the neighborhood of twenty thousand acres of land, including therein a large amount of land upon the

periphery of the untilled swamp, which for lack of adequate drainage is uncertain in its production and lowered in its fertility.

A central canal, not over eight miles long, would furnish proper facilities for lateral drainage for all of the eastern part of this swamp area. Another canal, four miles long, would drain the western portion of the same. The cost of a canal for such a purpose, twenty-five feet wide, would not exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars.

In view of its location, and the fact that the D. M. and V. R. R. crosses it from north to south, and the Queen Anne R. R. from east to west, it is a poor advertisement to those who pass through the County by these routes, creating a bad impression as to the character and the development of the rest of the County.

It is also a menace to public health as all such lands are entailing a destruction of life and human efficiency that would have sufficed long ago to pay the cost of its reclamation.

GEORGETOWN

The town of Georgetown is supposed to be by actual survey, the highest point of the County. The water in the center of the town flows in three different directions: west—into the Nanticoke; northeast—into the Broadkilm and Delaware Bay; and southeast—into the Indian River and Atlantic Ocean.

The territory surrounding the town, comprising many large areas, though upon the highest part of the County plateau, is swampy in character, the waters being dammed back by the existence of numerous mill dams.

Three drainage canals are necessary to furnish proper outlet for lateral drainage in this section of the County. The one northeast, seven miles in length; the one west, six miles in length; and the one southwest, four miles in length. All of them should be twenty-five feet in width, with an angle of forty-five degrees running to the bottom.

These swamp lands, if properly drained, are among the best in the County, being eminently adapted to the growth of corn, potatoes, celery, hay, strawberries, and other profitable crops.

It is estimated that there are five thousand acres of the finest strawberry land in and near this district.

CYPRESS OR CEDAR SWAMP

The following is taken from a "Report upon the drainage of Cedar Swamp in Sussex County, Delaware, prepared by G. A. Griffin, under the direction of C. G. Elliott, Chief of Drainage Investigations, U. S. Department of Agriculture," which fortunately was made in the year 1908, and will be made the basis of all that is said upon this large swamp area in question.

"The large, flat area known as the Cedar Swamp, lies in the southern part of Delaware, in Sussex County. It is between the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad (Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia Division), on the east, and the headwaters of the Pocomoke River on the west, and extends from the State line north to a sand ridge about west of the towns of Frankford and Dagsboro. Its length is from about four and a half miles, and width about four miles."

"The swamp is largely covered with pine, gum and maple, and because of its flatness and lack of proper drainage, the rain water stands over almost the entire area, rendering it unfit for cultivation, except for growing small timber."

"The roads are impassable in wet seasons, thereby preventing to a great degree, the inhabitants on the west from social and business relations with those on the east."

"It is believed by the people living in the vicinity of this swamp, that it only needs proper drainage to make it suitable for cultivation, and with treatment, a fertile territory which would be a vast improvement to this part of the State and give an impetus to agricultural interests."

"The swamp has a general elevation of thirty-six to thirty-eight above the mean sea level, while there are scattered over it, several slightly higher areas, known locally as islands. These are from one to four feet higher, it being part of the Atlantic coastal plain."

"The general nature of the surrounding country is sandy. The higher lands in the vicinity as well as the highlands pre-

viously mentioned are of this nature, while the lower ones and especially the swamp lands are blackish. The soil of the swamp is a muck varying from three to five feet deep. On the top of this, is a layer of turf, from one-half to two feet deep, which when dry is very light in weight, and burns. The soil contains considerable sand, some clay, and a large amount of decayed vegetation." * * *

"The swamp was at one time covered with a heavy growth of large white cedar, three and four feet in diameter. These trees have long since blown or cut down, and their roots and trunks are found at or beneath the surface in a large part of the swampy area. Many of these are well preserved and have been dug out and used in making shingles." * * *

"Pine grows well on the sandy islands and tall pines are a distinguishing feature of these. It will also grow wherever the ground is dry enough to give the seeds a chance to sprout."

CULTIVATION

"Parts of the swamp have been cleared and in cultivation for some time, as it has been found that when properly treated, the land will produce the staple crops. The amount of land thus reclaimed is included in the area for which a drainage system will be planned, and is a small per cent. of the total. Those areas are in most cases located near the natural outlets." * *

"The staple crop of the region is corn, although some hay and grain have been grown. Sweet potaoes, white potatoes, tomatoes, cow peas, and millet are also grown. In the last five or ten years, the raising of strawberries has become an important agricultural resource."

PRESENT LAND VALUES

"Land values vary according to the nature of the soil and its dryness. The black lands are considered the best, and those which have sufficient drainage being from fifty to one hundred dollars an acre." * * *

"Up to within eight or ten years, the land in the swamp was considered of but little value, except for its timber, which

is small and in 1892, parcels were sold at from twenty-three cents to one dollar and seventy-five cents an acre. The land has now a speculative value of five dollars an acre." * * *

SURVEY

"There is apparently no sufficient outlet for any large portion of the swamp, although it is tapped on all sides by small natural or artificial drains. There is a prevailing belief among the inhabitants in the neighborhood of the swamp, that it is similar to a platter, flat with gentle slopes around the outside, sufficient to prevent the escape of water falling inside. This similarity was fairly well established by the survey. There are four possible outlets for the north half of the swamp," but, "Vines Branch or the southwest canal would be the key to the drainage of the north half of the swamp. and * * * was determined upon as the best outlet."

PLAN OF DRAINAGE

"The problem of draining the Cedar Swamp is a comparatively simple one, and it is believed that the plan herein proposed will solve it. This design is intended to provide a system of main ditches for the north half of the swamp. It will benefit approximately 5,320 acres."

"For the complete drainage of the land, small lateral ditches will be necessary."

"The outlet, Vines Branch, will receive and discharge from the entire drainage area of 7,110 acres."

COST OF DRAINAGE

The cost for the three lateral canals, including the excavation in Vines Branch, together with the cost of engineering, is \$18,467.40. For more complete details, reference can be had to the full report of the Government survey, which is appended to these findings.

As a commentary upon the appropriation of \$150.00, for viewing and reporting on all the swamp lands of the State, the

commission quotes the cost of the survey of Cedar Swamp alone at \$736.77, the same being taken from the Government records.

CALEB R. LAYTON,

Secretary of Commission.

DRAINAGE LOWLANDS COMMISSION

In Account with the State of Delaware—Appropriation \$150.00

1914

Oct.	14.	To Isaac T. Giles, Expenses attending meetings.....	\$4.64
"	"	" Estate of Remsen Barnard.....	2.32
"	"	" A. P. Corbit.....	4.23
"	"	" Caleb R. Layton.....	20.48
"	"	" Daniel J. Layton.....	57.00
"	"	" Margaret E. Lynch.....	4.50
Nov.	6.	" Edw. Hart, Attending meetings.....	5.22

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Jan.	11.	" Lelia Vincent, Typewriting.....	3.00
"	"	" Olive Roach, Typewriting.....	5.00

Total.....\$106.39

Mr. Furniss moved the Report of the Commission on the Drainage of the Low Lands be received, spread upon the Journal and that 200 copies be printed for distribution. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Hart on behalf of the Committee on Executive to whom had been referred the nomination and appointment of Harry L. Cannon, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, for the unexpired term of Oliver A. Newton, whose term expires February 5, 1916.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

EDWARD HART,
S. J. FURNISS,
Z. T. HARRIS.

Mr. Hart on behalf of the Committee on Executive to whom had been referred the nomination and appointment of James H. Callaway to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for New Castle County for the term of four years.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

EDWARD HART,
S. J. FURNISS,
ZACHARY T. HARRIS.

Mr. Hart on behalf of the Committee on Executive to whom had been referred the nomination and appointment of Leonard W. Lovett to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for New Castle County, for the term of four years.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

EDWARD HART,
S. J. FURNISS,
ZACHARY T. HARRIS.

Mr. Hart on behalf of the Committee on Executive to whom had been referred the nomination and appointment of Thomas S. Lewis, a Justice of the Peace in and for New Castle County, for the term of four years, from December 9, 1914.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

EDWARD HART,
S. J. FURNISS,
Z. T. HARRIS.

Mr. Gormley moved the Senate adjourn until 10.30 A. M., January 20th, 1915. Motion prevailed.

January 20, 1915, 10.30 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffeecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Mr. Carter absent.

Secretary having read the Journal, there being no objections the Journal was approved as read.

The President Pro Tem. introduced Ex-Lieutenant Governor Cannon and invited him to a seat by the Chair.

Mr. Cannon thanked the members of the Senate for the courtesy and favor.

Mr. Furniss asked to have his motion of the day before, asking for 200 copies of the Drainage Commission Report increased to 300 copies. The request was granted.

Mr. Frazier gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: A bill to bond the Town of Frederica for the purpose of purchasing and installing a water plant.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to Re-Organize the Levy Court of Sussex County, to Define its Powers and Duties with Respect to the Management and Control of the Affairs of said County, and the Construction and Maintenance of the Roads and Bridges therein.

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Anderson presented (S. B. No. 8) entitled:

An Act entitled, "An Act to promote the public health, convenience and welfare by leveeing, ditching and draining the

wet, swamp and overflowed lands within the State, and providing for the establishment of levee or drainage districts for the purpose of enlarging or changing any natural water courses, and for digging ditches or canals for securing better drainage or providing better outlets for drainage, for building levees or embankments and installing tide gates or pumping plants for the reclamation of overflowed lands, and prescribing a method for so doing; and providing for the assessment and collection of the cost of expense of the same, and issuing and selling bonds therefor, and for the care and maintenance of such improvements, when constructed."

Mr. Wharton moved that Rule No. 13 be suspended and the bill be given the second reading by title only. Motion prevailed.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Lands."

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Hickman presented (S. B. No. 9) entitled: An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, making it unlawful to use a facsimile of the Great Seal of the State, or the State Coat of Arms as an advertisement or upon the Stationery or papers of any corporation, firm or individual.

Mr. Hickman moved that rule No. 13 be suspended and the bill be given the second reading by title only. Motion prevailed.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Pursuant to a previous notice, Mr. Anderson presented (S. B. No. 10) entitled:

An Act providing for the separate classification of the people of the Moor Race in the registration and election books of Sussex County.

Mr. Anderson moved that rule No. 13 be suspended and the bill be given the second reading by title only. Motion prevailed.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Pursuant to a previous notice Mr. Hoffecker presented (S. B. No. 11) entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, providing for the appointment of Notaries Public.

Mr. Hoffecker moved that Rule No. 13 be suspended and the bill be read the second time by title only. Motion prevailed.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson moved that 250 copies of Senate bill No. 8 be printed for distribution. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Furniss moved the Senate go into Executive Session.

Motion prevailed.

Senate reassembled at expiration of Executive Session.

Mr. Newton moved the Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock P. M.

At expiration of Recess, Senate reconvened.

Mr. Newton gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to Authorize the Levy Court of Sussex County to Borrow a Sum of Money not to Exceed Five Thousand Dollars for the Proper Furnishing and Equipment of the Court House in Sussex County.

Mr. Newton gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill, entitled: An Act to Provide for the Better Assessment of Persons and Property in Sussex County.

The Secretary of State being admitted presented the following nomination for confirmation.

STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Dover, Delaware, January , 1915.

To the Honorable, the Senate of Delaware.

Gentlemen:

I hereby nominate and appoint for the consent and confirmation of the Senate, Harvey P. Quattlander to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for Sussex County for the term of four years.

CHAS. R. MILLER,
Governor.

Having been read was referred to the Committee on Executive.

President Pro Tem read the following:

The Chair wishes to announce that in Executive Session this morning the following nominations of the Governor were confirmed:

Thomas S. Lewis, a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, term four years.

L. W. Lovett, a Justice of the Peace, and Notary Public, term four years.

James H. Calloway, a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, term four years.

Harry L. Cannon, a Member of the State Board of Agriculture for the unexpired term of Oliver A. Newton, expiring February 5, 1916.

Mr. Hoffecker moved the Senate take up the report of the Senate Committee on Rules, recommending certain amendments to the rules of the Senate. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Hoffecker moved that the report of the Committee on Amendments to rules be adopted as amended.

Mr. Gormley amended Mr. Hofferger's motion to take up one section at a time. Motion prevailed.

Rule No. 12, being taken up Mr. Hofferger moved it be adopted as amended. Motion prevailed.

Rule No. 13 was next taken up Mr. Gormley moved the rule be adopted as amended. Motion prevailed.

Rule No. 14, Mr. Hickman moved rule No. 14, be adopted as amended. Motion prevailed.

Rule No. 19 as amended was read by the Secretary. Mr. Gormley presented the following:

AN AMENDMENT TO SENATE RULE 19.

Amend Rule 19 by striking out said rule and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Rule 19. That upon request of five members of the Senate in writing any Bill or Joint Resolution which shall have been in Committee for a period of ten days or more shall be reported to the Senate for a decision as to its further disposal.

Mr. Furniss moved that rule No. 19 as amended by Mr. Gormley be adopted. A vote was called for on Mr. Gormley's amendment to the amendment of rule No. 19.

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Mitchell, Wharton, Williams. Total, 6.

NAYS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Harris, Hickman, Hofferger, Newton, Webb, Walker Total, 9.

The nays having received the majority the Chair declared Mr. Gormley's amendment to the rule as amended by the Committee lost.

Mr. Furniss stated that he wished to make a protest against the adoption of rule No. 19, claiming it was not fair to the minority members.

Mr. Wharton also made a protest to the adoption of rule No. 19 as amended not thinking such a rule fair to the minority side of the Senate.

Mr. Hoffecker spoke for the adoption of the rule as amended claiming that the members of his side of the Senate are going to be fair to the minority side.

Mr. Gormley also spoke against the rule as amended.

Mr. Barnard spoke in favor of the rule as amended.

Mr. Hoffecker moved rule No. 19 be adopted as read. Motion prevailed.

Rule No. 20, was next taken up. Mr. Hickman moved rule No. 20 be adopted as amended. Motion prevailed.

Rule No. 23, Mr. Hickman moved it be adopted as amended. Motion prevailed.

Rule No. 28, Mr. Wharton moved it be adopted as amended. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Hickman on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 12) entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the assessment of real estate in School Districts.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Anderson on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 13) entitled:

An Act proposing certain amendments to Article 3, of the Constitution of the State, relating to the County offices in the several counties by permitting the consolidation of one or more of said offices with another or the abolishment of one or more thereof.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Newton on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 14) entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, Providing for the admission of Insane Persons to the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Harris on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 15) entitled:

An Act proposing an amendment of Section 2, of Article 5, of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, so that all citizens of said State shall have equal rights of voting without distinction of sex.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Hickman moved that a copy of Senate bill No. 12 be furnished each member.

Mr. Hart amended the motion to have 200 copies printed. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Wharton moved Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock tomorrow. Motion prevailed.

January 21, 1915, 11 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. President, Presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Mr. Carter absent.

Secretary proceeded to read the Journal.

Mr. Newton moved the reading the Journal be dispensed with. Motion prevailed.

Former President Pro Tem Marshall being in the Senate Chamber, President Pro Tem Walker invited him to a seat on the platform. Mr. Marshall accepted with thanks. The Chair received the following:

DEAR SIR:

As one of your Constituents, I write to tell you I desire you to vote in favor of an amendment to the Delaware constitution enfranchising women.

Very truly yours,

HANNAH J. MARTIN.

Mr. Newton asked for the privilege of the floor for Mr. Bradford. Mr. Bradford wishing to explain certain parts of a bill to be presented regarding Fish and Game, asking for the same amount of approbation and explaining benefits of the State Game Preserve.

Mr. Hoffecker on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 16), entitled:

An Act appropriating five Hundred dollars to Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company, of Newark, Delaware.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gormley on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 17), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 90 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, in relation to Female Employe.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Gormley on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 18), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, being an Act in relation to the taxation and licensing of Clubs.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Furniss moved the Senate take a recess until 2.15 o'clock P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2.15 o'clock, P. M.

At expiration of recess, Senate reconvened.

Every person in the Senate Chamber was presented with two fine apples of the (Lily of Kent) variety as a present from Senator Barnard.

Mr. Furniss moved that the Senate extend a vote of thanks to Senator Barnard for the delicious apples presented to this body. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred, (S. B. No. 1), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by making Good Friday a legal Holiday.

Reported the same back to the Senate on its merits.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred, (S. B. No. 7), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by requiring vehicles to carry lights at night.

Reported the same back to the Senate on its merits.

Mr. Hoffecker on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 19), entitled:

An Act in reference to Elections for members of the Board of Education of Newark Public Schools.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Anderson on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 20), entitled:

An Act to Re-Organize the Levy Court of Sussex County, to Define its Powers and Duties with Respect to the Management and Control of the Affairs of said County, and the Construction and Maintenance of the Roads and Bridges therein.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Highways.

Mr. E. C. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. J. R. No. 2) entitled:

Resolution Giving the Assent of the State of Delaware to the Act of Congress of May 8, 1914.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. J. R. No. 3) entitled:

Relating to Charles Warner Co. Bill for Coal furnished.

Whereas, Charles Warner Company of Wilmington, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State supplies with one hundred tons of coal for use in heating the State house, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met:

That the State Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay the said firm of Charles Warner Company the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-six Dollars and ten cents being payment in full for the one hundred tons of coal aforementioned and in accordance with the bid of said firm transmitted to the Board of State Supplies.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. J. R. No. 4) entitled:

Relating to Starling & Wise Bill for Supplies.

Whereas, Starling & Wise of Dover, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State Supplies with merchandise for the use of the members of the present General Assembly to the extent of over Eighteen Hundred Dollars, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met:

That the State Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the said firm of Starling and Wise the sum of One Thousand Dollars, to be applied to the payment of the above stated account.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 47), entitled:

An Act to Authorize "The Commissioners of the Town of Middletown" to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the purpose of paying certain bonds of the said Town.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 38), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act Entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ellendale," passed at Dover, March 30, A. D. 1905, by regulating the amount to be raised in the town of Ellendale, and to regulate the sum that the Levy Court of Sussex County shall annually appropriate for the repairs of the roads and streets in said Town.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 36) entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Hickman on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 21), entitled:

An Act Relating to the Juvenile Court for the City of Wilmington; Changing the name thereof, and the Judge and Clerk thereof; Amending Chapter 116, Revised Code; and Giving, Granting and Imposing upon the City Judge and the Clerk of the Municipal Court for the City of Wilmington certain rights, Duties, Power and Jurisdictions.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Cities and Towns.

On motion of Mr. Harris, (H. B. No. 47), entitled:

An Act to Authorize "The Commissioners of the Town of Middletown," to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the purpose of paying certain bonds of the said Town.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Hofferker (H. B. No. 36), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wharton (H. B. No. 38), entitled:

H. B. No. 38.

An Act to amend Chapter 186, Vol. 23, Laws of Delaware, being an Act Entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Ellendale," passed at Dover, March 30, A. D. 1905 by regulating the amount to be raised in the town of Ellendale, and to regulate the sum that the Levy Court of Sussex County shall annually appropriate for the repairs of the roads and streets in said town.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wharton (H. J. R. No. 2), entitled:

H. J. R. No. 2.

A Joint Resolution giving the assent of the State of Delaware to the Act of Congress of May 8, 1914.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Gormley (H. J. R. No. 3), entitled:

H. J. R. No. 3.

A Joint Resolution: Whereas, Charles Warner Company of Wilmington, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State Supplies with One Hundred Tons of Coal for use in heating the State House.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Newton (H. J. R. No. 4), entitled:

H. J. R. No. 4.

A Joint Resolution: Whereas, Starling and Wise of Dover, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State Supplies with merchandise for the use of the members of the present General Assembly to the extent of over Eighteen Hundred Dollars.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Newton on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 22), entitled:

An Act in relation to the lien of County Taxes in the County of Sussex.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Newton on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 23), entitled:

An Act to provide for the Permanent Improvement of the Public Highways in Sussex County, and to repeal Sections 1551 to 1559, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Permanent Improvement of the Public Highways in Sussex County.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Building and Highways.

Mr. Hickman notified the Senate that he is paired with Mr. Carter for to-morrow, January 22, 1915.

Mr. Hart moved the Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock A. M. January 22d, 1915.

Motion prevailed.

January 22, 1915, 11 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, Presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffeecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore.

Mr. Hickman paired with Mr. Carter for January 22d, 1915.

Secretary proceeded to read the Journal. Mr. Furniss moved the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and Journal be approved. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Newton, on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 24), entitled:

An Act providing for the Regulation and Inspection of Public Laundries and Public Wash-Houses, within the Towns and Cities of the State.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Cities and Towns.

The following message was received from the Governor:

Wilmington, Delaware, January 19, 1915.

HON. CHARLES R. MILLER,

Governor of Delaware, Dover, Delaware.

SIR;

Our Society aims to perpetuate the memory of events connected with the war of 1812.

Several years ago we erected a tablet in the State House to the memory of Commodore Thomas MacDonough, and as it

happens that February 18th, next, is the One Hundredth Anniversary of the ratification of the peace treaty signed at Ghent, and one of the signers was a distinguished Delawarean, the late Honorable James Asheton Bayard, elder, our Society desires to commemorate the event by erecting in the State House a tablet to the memory of Mr. Bayard, and we would appreciate very much if you would give us the necessary permission, and we would like very much to have you preside over our exercises, which we would like to hold in the State House, and we would like to have the General Assembly attend the exercises, and indeed would welcome a legislative committee to assist us in the matter, as we believe the importance of the presentation of the tablet would thereby be called to the attention of the people of the State, and renew interest in the patriotic deeds of Delawareans in the War of 1812.

Respectfully,

National Society, U. S. Daughters of 1812,
State of Delaware.

By

MARY HOLCOMB WILSON,
Chairman of Committee on Arrangements.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Meeting called to order by State President, Mrs. Thomas C. Munn.

Invocation by Chaplain of Senate, Rev. W. E. Gunby.

Introduction of his Excellency Governor Charles R. Miller, as presiding officer.

Greetings by President, National Society, Mrs. Wm. Gerry Slade.

Presentation of Tablet by Thomas Francis Bayard, Esq.

Acceptance by Governor Charles R. Miller.

Address, U. S. Senator Willard Saulsbury.

Unveiling tablet by Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles.

Song, Star Spangled Banner, by students Dover Public Schools.

Benediction by Chaplain of House, Rev. O. T. Baynard.

Which having been read was ordered spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Wharton on motion for leave introduced the following Senate Concurrent Resolution, No. 6.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, No. 6.

WHEREAS, The Governor, Honorable Charles R. Miller, has communicated to the General Assembly a request made by the National Society U. S. Daughters of 1812—State of Delaware, for permission to erect a tablet in the State House to the memory of James Asheton Bayard, elder, a signer of the Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and the United States, War of 1812, and extending an invitation to the General Assembly to be present at the exercises in connection with the unveiling thereof on Thursday, February 18, 1915, being the one hundredth anniversary of the ratification of said Treaty of Peace:

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED By the Senate of the State of Delaware, the House of Representatives concurring therein,

That permission is hereby given the National Society U. S. Daughters of 1812—State of Delaware, to erect a tablet in the wall of the main hallway of the State House opposite the Mac-Donough tablet already erected, and that the said Society be given permission to hold such exercises as they may arrange in the hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, February 18, 1915 at one o'clock P. M., the said exercises to be presided over by his Excellency Governor Charles R. Miller, and the General Assembly accepts the invitation of said Society to be present at the exercises, and be it further

RESOLVED That the following committee be appointed to act with a committee from the said Society to carry the intent of this resolution into effect, namely, the Honorable Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker

of the House, and two members of the Senate be appointed by the President Pro Tempore thereof and three members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker thereof.

Which on his motion was read.

Mr. Wharton moved the adoption of the concurrent resolution.

On the question "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

A vote was taken.

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker. Total, 15.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the concurrent resolution having received the required majority, was declared adopted.

Ordered to the House for concurrence.

The Chair appointed the following committee on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6. Mr. Newton and Mr. Wharton.

Mr. Hoffecker moved the Senate take a recess until 11.45 o'clock A. M. in order to visit the Archives Commission. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 11.45 o'clock, A. M.

At expiration of recess Senate reconvened.

Mr. Hoffecker moved Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.

At expiration of recess, Senate reconvened.

Mr. Hickman on behalf of the Committee on Passed Bills reported as approved by the Governor the following, entitled:

Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5.

Entitled: No. 3, relative to the appointment of auditors.

No. 4, authorizing the State Treasurer to pay bills accruing in advance of the passing of the annual appropriation bills.

Entitled: No. 5, relative to adjournment until January 18th.

Approved on Jan. 18th, 1915, for No. 5.

“ “ “ 19th, “ for No. 4.

“ “ “ 14th, “ for No. 3.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred, (S. B. No. 14), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, Providing for the Admission of Insane Persons to the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably, with substitute.

Mr. Hart on behalf of the Committee on Executive to whom had been referred the nomination and appointment of Harvey P. Quattlander to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for Sussex County for the term of four years.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Newton on motion for leave introduced (S. J. R. No. 1), entitled:

Appointing Directors on the Part of the State for Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at Georgetown.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

Mr. Newton on motion for leave introduced (S. J. R. No. 2), entitled:

Appointing Directors on the Part of the part of the State for the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware at Dover.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

Mr. Newton on motion for leave introduced (S. J. R. No. 3), entitled:

Appointing Directors for the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware for the Branch at Wilmington.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Insurance and Banking.

The Chair presented a communication from Mr. Edwin A. Thompson of Brandywine Springs, School District, No. 33.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Mr. Williams moved the Senate adjourn until Monday, January 25th, 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Motion prevailed.

January 25th, 1915, 11 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President, Presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Mr. Harris and Mr. Williams absent.

Secretary proceeded to read the Journal.

Mr. Furniss moved the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Journal be approved. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Furniss moved the Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock P. M.

At expiration of recess Senate reconvened.

Mr. Wharton asked to call the attention of the members of the Senate to the report of the State Auditor for his account of 1913 asking to have him explain certain parts of his report to the Senate.

Mr. Wharton made a motion to this effect. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Hoffecker on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 25), entitled:

An Act Appropriating the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Forty cents to the Board of Education of the Newark Public Schools to cover an insufficiency in the amount applicable out of the sum appropriated to carry out the provisions of "An Act providing Graded School Facilities for Children of this State "being Chapter 219, Vol. 21, Laws of Delaware."

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Barnard on behalf of the Committee on Accounts to whom had been referred, (H. J. R. No. 4), entitled:

A Joint Resolution, Whereas, Starling & Wise of Dover, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State Supplies with merchandise for the use of the members of the present General Assembly to the extent of over Eighteen Hundred Dollars.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Barnard on behalf of the Committee on Accounts to whom had been referred, (H. J. R. No. 3), entitled:

A Joint Resolution, Whereas, Charles Warner Company of Wilmington, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State Supplies with One Hundred Tons of Coal for use in heating the State House.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Furniss on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 26), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware in Respect to Hunting Licenses for Residents.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters, and Game.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 63), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 65 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by Providing for the Regulation of Foreign Corporations doing business in this State.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following House Concurrent Resolution:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, the Senate concurring therein, that we extend to Senator John A. Barnard our thanks for the Apples which he so kindly distributed to members of the General Assembly, and we do further congratulate him upon producing such delicious fruit.

And presented the same to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Newton was adopted and ordered that House be notified.

Mr. E. C. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 19) entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 13), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, being an Act Relating to the State Board of Health.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 57), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 72), entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 2375 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware by changing the open Season for Hunting and Killing of Squirrels.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. B. No. 41), entitled:

An Act for Relief of Hannah Mary Holloway.

And presented the same to the Senate.

Mr. Pierce, Clerk of the House, being admitted, informed the Senate that the House had passed and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the following:

(H. J. R. No. 5),

Authorizing the Governor of the State of Delaware to appoint a Commission to meet with a like Commission from the State of New Jersey and draft modifications of the laws regulating the taking of fish in the Delaware River and Bay and report same to the General Assembly of the State of Delaware.

And presented the same to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Furniss (H. B. No. 63), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 65 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the regulation of Foreign Corporations doing business in this State.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Newton moved the Senate go into a Committee of the Whole to act on House Bill No. 63. Mr. Newton's motion prevailed.

Mr. Hoeffcker on behalf of the Committee, Committee of the Whole to whom had been referred, (H. B. No. 63), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 65 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the regulation of Foreign Corporations doing business in this State.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

On motion of Mr. Hoeffcker (H. B. No: 63), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 65 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the regulation of Foreign Corporations doing business in this State.

Was taken up for consideration and read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the Senate.

On the question "Shall the bill pass the Senate?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Hickman, Hoeffcker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Walker. Total, 15.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority, passed the Senate, ordered that the House be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Furniss moved the Senate go into a Committee of the Whole, to act on House Joint Resolution No. 5. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Newton from the Committee of the Whole reported back with favorable recommendation (H. J. R. No. 5), entitled:

Authorizing the Governor of the State of Delaware to appoint a commission to meet with a like commission from the State of New Jersey and draft modifications of the laws regulating the taking of fish in the Delaware River and Bay and report same to the General Assembly of the State of Delaware.

On motion of Mr. Furniss, that the rules be suspended, the resolution just reported was taken up for consideration and on his further motion was read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the Senate.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass the Senate?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Walker. Total, 14.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the resolution having received the required constitutional majority, passed the Senate.

Ordered that the House be informed thereof, and the resolution returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Gormley (H. B. No. 13), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, being an Act Relating to the State Board of Health.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Newton (H. B. No. 19), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

On motion of Mr. Newton (H. B. No. 72), entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 2375 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware by changing the open Season for the Hunting and Killing of Squirrels.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

On motion of Mr. Barnard (H. B. No. 57), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Furniss (H. B. No. 41), entitled:

An Act for the Relief of Hannah Mary Holloway.

Was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Barnard (H. J. R. No. 4), entitled:

H. J. R. No. 4.

Whereas, Starling and Wise, of Dover, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State Supplies with merchandise for the use of the members of the present General Assembly to the extent of over Eighteen Hundred Dollars.

Was taken up for consideration and read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the Senate.

On the question "Shall the Resolution pass the Senate?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Walker. Total, 14.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the resolution having received the required constitutional majority, passed the Senate.

Ordered that the House be informed thereof, and the resolution returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Barnard (H. J. R. No. 3), entitled:

H. J. R. No. 3.

Whereas, Charles Warner Company of Wilmington, Delaware, have furnished the Board of State Supplies with One Hundred Tons of Coal for use in heating the State House.

Was taken up for consideration and read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the Senate.

On the question "Shall the Resolution pass the Senate?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Walker. Total, 14.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the resolution having received the required constitutional majority, passed the Senate.

Ordered that the House be informed thereof, and the resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Hickman moved the Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock A. M., January 26th, 1915. Motion prevailed.

January 26th, 1915, 11 o'clock, A. M.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. President Pro Tem; Presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Walter E. Gunby.

Roll called.

Members present: Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Harris, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Williams, Walker, Mr. President Pro Tempore, Mr. President. Mr. Gormley absent.

Secretary proceeded to read the Journal.

Mr. Frazier moved the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Journal be approved. Motion prevailed.

The following communications were received:

Wilmington, Del., January 21, 1915.

DEAR SIR:

As one of your constituents, I write to tell you, I desire you to vote in favor of an amendment to the Delaware constitution, enfranchising women.

Very truly

Executive Committee of New Castle
County W. C. T. U., representing 1000
members.

MARY B. DONNELL,
President.

LILLIE B. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

On motion was received and filed.

Wilmington, Del., January 20, 1915.

Hon. John M. Walker, Speaker of Senate.

DEAR SIR:

We, the Methodist Preachers' Association of Wilmington, Delaware, representing a constituency of more than 25,000, enter our emphatic protest against the Gormley Bill now before the Legislature, which proposes to grant liquor licenses to organized clubs.

It is a well-known fact that selling liquor in clubs, directly or indirectly, is one of the worst forms of the liquor evil and should not be sanctioned by the law. Neither is there any necessity for this extension of the business, as there are sufficient opportunities to secure intoxicating drinks already. And in the name of this large constituency we earnestly protest against the passage of the bill.

Cordially yours,

E. L. HOFFECKER,
VAUGHAN S. COLLINS,
G. T. ALDERSON,
GEORGE A. COOKE,
W. A. WISE,

Committee.

On motion was received and filed.

HON. JOHN W. WALKER,
Dover, Del.

DEAR SIR:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs, on January 21, 1915, was ordered spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to every member of the General Assembly.

Resolved: That the Executive Board of the Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs in session at Georgetown, January 21, 1915, realizing the great benefit that the present Ten Hour Law has been to the working women of Delaware, endorse the

present Ten Hour Law and protest against its repeal or any adverse amendments.

ANNA D. HOUGH,
Secretary of the Federation.

SARAH REYNOLDS,
President.

On motion was received and filed.

Mr. Frazier on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 27),
entitled:

S. B. No. 27.

An Act to amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware by providing for the taking of Fish between High and Low water mark in the Delaware River and Delaware Bay.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game.

Mr. Joseph on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 28),
entitled:

S. B. No. 28.

An Act Providing for the Protection of Property along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean at Rehoboth, Sussex County, the Appropriation by the State of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars for such purpose, and creating a Commission to carry into effect the Provisions of this Act.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Building and Highways.

Mr. Joseph on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 29),
entitled:

S. B. No. 29.

An Act to Amend an Act entitled, "An Act to Re-incorporate the Commissioners of Rehoboth," being Chapter 240,

Volume 26, Laws of Delaware, by Increasing the Amount of Tax which may be levied and collected by the said the Commissioners of Rehoboth.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Joseph on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 30), entitled:

S. B. No. 30.

An Act Authorizing the Commissioners of Rehoboth to Borrow money and issue Bonds to secure the Payment thereof for the Purpose of Improving and Protecting the Streets and Ocean Front of the Town of Rehoboth.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Furniss moved Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Motion prevailed.

Same day, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Senate re-assembled at expiration of recess.

On motion of Mr. Newton, Sen. Sub. for (S. B. No. 14), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, Providing for the Admission of Insane Persons to the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

Was taken up for consideration and read a third time, by paragraphs, in order to pass the Senate.

On the question "Shall the bill pass the Senate?"

The yeas and nays were ordered, which being taken were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Anderson, Barnard, Carter, Frazier, Furniss, Gormley, Hart, Hickman, Hoffecker, Joseph, Mitchell, Newton, Webb, Wharton, Walker. Total, 15.

NAYS—None.

So the question was decided in the affirmative, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority, passed the Senate.

Ordered to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Anderson on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 31), entitled:

S. B. No. 31.

An Act to Amend Chapter 74 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware relative to Title to Oyster Bottom in the Delaware Bay within the jurisdiction of the State of Delaware.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Walker on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 32), entitled:

S. B. No. 32.

An Act to Provide for a Home for the Care and Training of Indigent, Feeble-minded Persons of both Sexes, and Appropriating for the Erection and Maintenance of said Home.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. President announced that under the conditions he would now sign H. B. No. 63.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Senate now go into executive Session. Motion prevailed.

Senate convenes at expiration of Executive Session.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred, (H. B. No. 36), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Walker on behalf of the Committee on Public Buildings and Highways, to whom had been referred, (H. B. No. 57), entitled:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Mitchell on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 33), entitled:

An Act to Incorporate United School Districts Nos. 24 and 159 in Dagsboro, in Sussex County and for other purposes.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Barnard on motion for leave introduced (S. B. No. 34), entitled:

Senate Bill No. 34. An Act Providing for the Protection of Owners of Land above Mill Ponds in Kent County.

Which was given first and second reading, the second by title only, and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Highways.

Mr. Harris on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary to whom had been referred, (S. B. No. 11), entitled:

An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, providing for the Appointment of Notaries Public.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes to whom had been referred, (S. B. No. 29), entitled:

An Act to Amend an Act entitled: "An Act to Re-incorporate the Commissioners of Rehoboth," being Chapter 240, Volume 26, Laws of Delaware, by Increasing the Amount of tax which may be levied and collected by the said The Commissioners of Rehoboth.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Newton on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture to whom had been referred, (H. J. R. No. 2), entitled:

A Joint Resolution giving the assent of the State of Delaware to the act of Congress of May 8, 1914.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Hickman on behalf of the Committee on Corporations to whom had been referred, (H. B. No. 47), entitled:

An Act to Authorize "The Commissioners of the Town of Middletown," to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the purpose of paying certain bonds of the said Town.

Reported the same back to the Senate favorably.

Mr. Carter moved the Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock, A. M. January 27, 1915.