

STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

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AN ACT to establish a State Historical Library and Natural History Museum, to provide for its care and maintenance and to appropriate money therefor. Approved May 25, 1877. In force July 1, 1877.

WHEREAS, It is important and desirable that all books, manuscripts

and other matters illustrative of the early history of this State shall be preserved in some permanent form; and

WHEREAS, The collection of geological specimens accumulated in the progress of the geological survey of this State are lying in a disorganized mass in the basement of the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The large and valuable collection of specimens of zoology and botany in the Museum of Natural History at Normal are now in a building not fire-proof, and therefore in danger of destruction by fire; therefore:

SECTION 1. [ESTABLISHED.] *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That there is hereby established at the capitol of the State a State Historical Library and Cabinet of Natural History, to be known as "The Illinois State Historical Library and Natural History Museum."*

§ 2. [ROOMS.] The rooms in the west wing of the State House, known as the Miscellaneous Library rooms, are hereby set apart for the said Library and Museum established by this act.

§ 3. [MANAGEMENT—TRUSTEES.] The Illinois State Historical Library and Natural History Museum shall be under the management of three trustees, consisting of the Governor, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall have power to make all such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary for its management.

§ 4. [CURATOR.] It shall be the duty of said trustees to appoint a Curator, who shall be a person of competent scientific attainments, and who shall possess a practical knowledge of the science of geology.

§ 5. [LIBRARIAN.] The Curator shall act as Librarian and shall have the custody, superintendence and charge of all articles directed to be deposited in said Library and Museum, and shall also perform the acts which are or may be required by law of the State Geologist.

§ 6. [DUTY OF CURATOR.] It shall be the duty of the said Curator, as soon as the State House Commissioners furnish the book cases and furniture designed for the galleries of said rooms, to select from the State Library all books and documents relating to the history of this State and place them in the new rooms as a nucleus for a State Historical Library.

§ 7. [SPECIMENS REMOVED.] It shall be the duty of the Curator, as soon after this act takes effect as is practicable, to have the collection of geological specimens accumulated in the progress of the geological survey of this State, and the other specimens hereinafter named, removed to said rooms and classified, labeled and arranged in such a manner as to be effectually preserved and at the same time open to the inspection of the public.

§ 8. [DUPLICATE SPECIMENS.] One each of all the duplicate zoological and botanical specimens now on hand in the Illinois Museum of Natural History at Normal, which are not needed to illustrate the natural history work of the State Normal University, are hereby directed to be deposited as soon as practicable in the Museum established by this act by the Curator of said Illinois Museum of Natural History.

§ 9. [MUSEUM AT NORMAL.] It is hereby directed that the Illinois Museum of Natural History at Normal be converted into a State Laboratory of Natural History, at which, under the direction of the Curator thereof, the collection, preservation and determination of all zoological and botanical material for said State Museum shall be done. It is made a part of the duty of said Curator to provide, as soon as possible, a series of specimens illustrating the zoology and botany of the State, to deposit them from time to time in the Museum established by this act, and to furnish, as far as practicable, all zoological and botanical material needed by the State educational institutions for the proper performance of their work.

§ 10. [APPROPRIATION.] For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the following named sums are hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury for the purposes herein specified:

For the salary of the Curator provided for in this act, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per annum for two years, payable quarterly.

For the purpose of moving the geological specimens from the basement, and of moving the Natural History specimens at Normal to the rooms designated, and for arranging, classifying, labeling and putting all the said specimens in such condition that they will be effectually preserved and at the same time open to the convenient inspection of the public, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

For the purpose of increasing the collections in Natural History, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum, to be expended under the direction of the Curator of the State Laboratory at Normal.

§ 11. [WHEN AND HOW DRAWN.] The Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the moneys herein appropriated, upon order of the Board of Trustees: *Provided*, That no portion of said moneys, other than the annual salaries, shall be due and payable until satisfactory vouchers in detail shall have been filed with the Auditor for the expenditures incurred.

APPROVED May 25, 1877.