

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 12, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21:

Relative to rescinding and revoking a concurrent resolution for calling a convention to make the election of United States Senators elective by a direct vote of the people.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Harris moved to adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, May 13, 1903.

#### CONFIRMATION.

Bascom H. Palmer to be Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1903.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, 31 Senators answered to their names, showing a quorum present. Mr. Neel being absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal as corrected was approved.

## SPECIAL ORDER.

## Senate Bill No. 202

A bill to be entitled an act to provide pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors, and widows of all soldiers and sailors who were killed or died during the Civil War, or who have since died, of the State of Florida, and making an appropriation for payment of the same, and for creating a State Board of Pensions.

Was taken up.

The hour of 11 o'clock, a. m., having arrived, the time set for its consideration.

Mr. McCreary moved that Senate Bill No. 202 be temporarily passed.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 202, temporarily postponed, be taken up.

Which was agreed to.

And,

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and sailors who were killed or died during the Civil War, or who have since died, of the State of Florida, and making an appropriation for payment of the same, and for creating a State Board of Pensions.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 202 be placed on table subject to call, and House Bill No. 321 be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to.

And,

## House Bill No. 321:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors, and also the widows of all soldiers or sailors who were killed or died during the Civil War, or who have since died, and who were in the service of the Confederate States Army or Navy or of this State, and making an appropriation for payment of same, and for creating a State Board of Pensions.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Williams offered a substitute for House Bill No. 321, with the following title:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide pensions for the widows of certain deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

The substitute was then read a second time in full.

Mr. Williams moved the adoption of the substitute for House Bill No. 321.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll on the motion to adopt the substitute for House Bil No. 321, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Mesrs. Blicht, Blount, Carson, Crill, Dimick, Faulkner, Law, Palmer, Peacock, Raney, Sams, Scot, Stockton, Williams, Wilson of 7th.—16.

Nays—Messrs. Bailey, Brown, Crews, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Rouse, Wadsworth, Whidden, Wilson of 4th.—14.

So the substitute for House Bill No. 321 was adopted.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Add the following after Section 1:

Section 2. The Comptroller, the Attorney-General and the Governor, are hereby constituted a State Board of Pensions.

Section 3. The County Commissioners of each County shall at least once each year examine the pension roll of their respective counties and ascertain whether or not any person on said pension roll should be dropped from same by reason of not being entitled to draw said pension under the provisions of this Act, and make report of their findings to the State Board of Pensions, who are hereby authorized to drop said prisoners from the list, if in their judgment the same should be done.

Section 4. The State Board of Pensions shall prescribe rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of the pension laws of this State, see that said laws are complied with and shall make reports and recommendations to the Governor at least thirty days before the meeting of the Legislature. Said board may make such rules for the conduct of their business as they may deem proper, not in conflict with the spirit and purpose of the pension laws. They may employ a clerk, at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum, payable

quarterly out of the State treasury, on the certificate of the Chairman of said Board.

Section 5. This act shall be in force from and after July 1st, 1903.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Wilson of 4th offered the following amendment to the amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Strike out all after the word "laws" in line 10 of Sec. 5.

Mr. Wilson of 4th moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment offered by Mr. Harris was adopted.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Insert "Property qualification shall not apply to the widow."

Mr. Bailey moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Strike out the figures "1880" in section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "1885."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321.

Strike out the words in lines 9 and 10, section 1, after the words "seventy-two dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Ninety-six dollars."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321:

After the word "aforesaid" in line 21, section 1, add the following: "Provided that if such widow is over the age of 65 years she shall be entitled to such pension, provided she has resided in the State since 1885 and does not own property, real or personal, to the value of \$800.00, then such widow shall be required to prove the service of her deceased husband and that he did not desert the Confederate service."

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.  
Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bil No. 321:

Insert "The home of the widow shall not be considered in determining her property qualifications."

Mr. Bailey moved the adoption of the amendment.  
Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321:

Add to the title the following:

"And to create a State Board of Pensions and prescribe their duties and powers."

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.  
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321.

Make Section 2 of the Substitute Section 6.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mac Williams moved that 100 copies of Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 321, together with the amendments thereto, be printed, and that it remain on second reading.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Brown moved that Substitute for House Bill No. 321 be made a special order for Friday next at 11 a. m.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mac Williams gave notice that on tomorrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 128 passed on yesterday.

Which went over under the rules.

The regular order of business was taken up.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 303:

A joint resolution ratifying the action of the City Council of the City of Miami in declining to accept a dedication (in case any was intended) as a public park, of the Bay Front Land in that city, East of Biscayne Drive and North of Fourteenth street.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Blount:

Senate Bill No. 304

A bill to be entitled "an act to amend Sections 2022, 2023, 2025 (as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 4044 of the Laws of Florida) and Section 2029 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, all relating to timber and lumber adrift, and the appointment of a custodian thereof."

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Scott:

Senate Bil No. 305:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the inspection and analysis of and to regulate the sale of illuminating oils, kerosene, petroleum, gasoline, naphtha and similar hydrocarbons used for illuminating and heating purposes in this State; to prohibit the sale of fraudulent adulterated or dangerously inflammable illuminating oils, to fix the penalties for the violations of the provisions of this act, and to provide for the collection of an inspection fee from the manufacturers or dealers in illuminating oils, kerosene, petroleum, coal oil, gasoline, naphtha, and similar hydrocarbons used for illuminating and heating purposes, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Butler:

Senate Bill No. 306:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the assessment and levies of taxes for the year 1903 and previous years, by the town of Leesburg, and to legalize the tax sale certificates held by the town of Leesburg, for Taxes assessed in 1902 and years previous thereto, and to prescribe the method of collecting the same and to prescribe the method of collecting the taxes thereafter assessed and levied in said town.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Sams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 307:

A joint resolution containing a memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the use of the chemical or chemicals lately used by United States authorities in the attempted destruction of the water hya-

cinths in the waters of the St. Johns River and its tributaries be discontinued.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Kirk:

Senate Bill No. 308:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the salary of the Governor of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Kirk moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 308 be read a second time.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 308 was read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 308 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

By Mr. Blount:

Senate Bill No. 309:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a commission to re-cast, perfect and codify the school laws of Florida, and to submit the same to the next Legislature for enactment.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Miller:

Senate Bill No. 310:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the protection of sheep and lambs running at large in the ranges in the various counties of the State of Florida and for other purposes.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 311:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the salary of the Librarian of the Supreme Court.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Peacock:

Senate Bill No. 312:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2642 of the Revised Statutes of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

By permission—

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Special Committee on the part of the Senate to visit the Florida Agricultural College, submitted the following report, which was ordered spread on the Journal:

Report of the Joint Committee appointed to visit the Florida Agricultural College:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 13th, 1903.

Hon. Cromwell Gibbons,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives:*

SIR—Your Joint Committee, appointed under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, "to visit and inspect the Florida Agricultural College and report its findings," beg to submit the following report:

In the pursuance of its duty your committee went to Lake City, the seat of the college, on May 1st, and during its investigation found that it was inspecting the "University of Florida" as the act of the Legislature changing the name of the Florida Agricultural College to "The University of Florida" had been approved by the Governor on that day.

Your committee spent two full days viewing the practical class work of the various departments of instruction in the University; in inspecting and examining the buildings, equipments, grounds, model and experimental farms, cattle, etc., belonging to the University and the Experimental Station; in individual and separate audiences with the President and the heads of departments of the University; in examining and checking up the vouchers of the Auditor covering the time since the examination of the books by the State Agent, August 1st, 1902; and in interviewing citizens and business men of Lake City relative to the University and its faculty.

Your committee submits the attached Exhibit "A," the same being a copy of the report and recommendations of the Executive Departments of the University, which was handed to the committee by President T. H. Taliaferro, and which your committee begs to approve and endorse.

And your committee finds:

That the magnitude, scope and possibilities for good, both in the way of valuable information to the people of

the State in agricultural, horticultural and like matter, and in the way of the instruction and the training of the young men and women of the State is much greater than your committee anticipated, or the people of the State realize.

That the administration of the affairs of the University is wise, masterly and business like, and an atmosphere of harmony and unity of efforts prevail, indicating a discreet and careful directing influence. The Board of Trustees deserve commendation for the results it has brought about, and the field it has opened.

That the President, the heads of departments, assistants and instructors, twenty-five in number, form an intelligent, skilful and harmonious corps, most of them being young men, though experts and enthusiasts in their respective departments.

That while the attendance on May 1st, 1903, the date of the inspection, shows a slight decrease, your committee note that the decrease is in the preparatory departments, and is due to the raising of the standard of requirements. The College department has increased about 70 per cent. in attendance during the last two years, a very encouraging showing. The attendance of girls is also decreased, this is due to the fact that there is no department of music nor of domestic science.

Your committee is of the opinion that all of this tends towards a better and higher development for a first class University.

The attendance May 1st, 1903, was as follows:

List of those whose names were on the roll May 1, 1903:  
 College students ..... 75  
 Preparatory students taking some college classes.... 3  
 Preparatory students, including commercial students. 64

Total May 1. .... 142

List of those whose names had been dropped from the roll on or before May 1, 1903, for various causes.... 37

Total enrollment to May 1st..... 179

	For 1901-2	For 1902-3.
Number of Girls.....	65	48
Number of Boys .....	135	131
	200	179

Also see Exhibit "A."

That the curriculum is high and well graded, and compares favorably with any like institution in the land.

### BUILDINGS.

That the buildings of the University consist of:

1st. The main college building, a three-story brick vaneered structure, 90x50 feet. This is an old building and badly in need of repairs and more or less rearranging.

In this building is situated the small and meager library of the University. Something should be done to increase the library and give it proper quarters, with a suitable reading room attached for the use of the students.

2nd. Science Hall: This is a new, elegant and beautiful brick building, Spanish style, 130x100 feet, four stories high, well equipped for instruction and experiment in science, and is a credit to the State, the University and board that had the supervision of its construction. This is the building erected with the \$50,000 appropriated by the Legislature of 1901 for "New Buildings." It is the opinion of your committee that this money was wisely and judiciously expended and full value for every dollar was received.

3rd. Mechanical Engineering Building: This is a large and old frame structure, two stories, more or less dilapidated, and is altogether unsuited and inadequate to the requirements of this department, which, with its nearness to the new Science Hall, thus increasing the risk of loss by fire, makes it, in the opinion of your committee, advisable to have new and adequate quarters for this important department, and to have this old building removed.

4th. The Cadet Barracks consist of one frame and one brick building, each two stories. Both of these buildings are in more or less bad repairs, and out of date. The rooms are too small, and the general arrangement of the interior objectionable.

In the opinion of your committee, for the health and welfare of the students and attendants, the frame building should be abandoned and removed, and the brick building should be repaired and its internal arrangement altered.

A system of "Cottages," with capacity of about twenty persons each, would, in the opinion of your committee,

be a decided improvement upon the present barrack system.

5th. Foster Hall. This is a new, two-story frame building, modern and convenient in its fittings, and makes a pleasant and home like dormitory for the young women students.

6. The Chemical Laboratory. A two-story frame and brick building, with basement. This is an old building, and in it is situated the Chemical and Physical Laboratories and offices of the executive departments, all more or less crowded.

7th. The Flagler Gymnasium. Is a magnificent brick structure, 120x60 feet, white stucco covered, Oriental in design, and imposing in effect. It contains a main gymnasium room, with suspended running track; a basement in which are dressing rooms, lavatories, swimming pool and bathrooms. A heating plant is situated in one end of the building, with instructors' offices in the other end.

This building was erected in 1902-3, at a cost of about \$20,000, the same being a donation from Mr. H. M. Flagler, and for the equipment of which \$2,500 was appropriated by the Legislature in 1901, but which appropriation failed of effect by technical error in the form of the resolution. Your committee find that a large part of the equipment necessary to make this building an up-to-date, modern gymnasium, is already in place, and would recommend that \$2,500 be appropriated for the payment and completion of same, in carrying out, in good faith, the intention of the last Legislature.

8th. The other buildings in connection with the University and model farm consist of a green-house, very much in need of repairs, barns, stables, cattle houses, foreman's house, and other buildings on the farms.

## FARMS.

The farms and experimental station are intelligently and skilfully directed and handled.

With a part of the appropriation of \$10,000 for model farm made by the last Legislature, two tracts of good land, one of one hundred acres and one of 138 acres, have been acquired, at a cost of \$5,083.70. This land is well situated; it is contiguous and convenient to the 95 acres formerly owned by the University, and is a valuable acquisition to the station.

Only about half of this land was cleared. The remainder is now being cleared, and put in shape for the use of the model farm and the Experimental Station.

The 13 Acres passed into control of the University on January 1, 1903. This land will make a magnificent model farm for the people of Florida, and it will, under the present efficient management, soon develop into a source of great value to the farmers, fruit growers, and truckers, in the way of information coming from experiments along these lines. The good to be derived from such a farm in efficient hands cannot be realized by a casual observer.

The value of this connection of a model farm and agricultural experimental station, with an institution for the instruction and the mechanical and technical training of the brain, the eye and the hand of the coming citizens of the State, is of such importance, and in possibilities so far reaching, that your committee is satisfied that it is not properly understood nor appreciated by the citizens of the State.

It will be only a lack of sufficient funds that can keep this combination of investigation, experiment and instruction from keeping fully abreast of the rapid development, demands and necessities of Florida's intelligent and fast increasing population.

The following table gives the value of the property of the University of Florida and Experimental Station for the years 1898-9 and 1902-3, for the purpose of showing the increase during the four years:

	1898-9.	1902-3.
Value of Buildings.....	\$40,000	\$120,000
Value of Equipment .....	20,000	45,650
Value of Land .....	10,000	18,800
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$184,450</b>

The increase in the value of the buildings is made by the addition of Foster Hall, Science Hall, Flagler Gymnasium, Veterinary Barns and the buildings on the new farm.

The increase in the value of the equipment is made principally by the addition to the Mechanical, Physical and Chemical Departments and the new purchases of mules and thoroughbred cattle.

The increase in the value of the land is accounted for

by the increase in the number of acres and by the improvements on the old land. In 1898-9 the college owned 95 acres. Since that date the Hancock land of 100 acres and the Futch tract of 138 acres have been added, making a total of 333 acres.

#### FINANCES.

Your committee found that the books and accounts of the University were audited by the State Agent in August, 1902, for the period ending June 30, 1902, a copy of said report we beg to herewith submit, marked Exhibit "B." Your committee checked the vouchers from June 30, 1902 to March 31, 1903, and found same correct.

The State appropriations made by the Legislature of 1901, have been faithfully and wisely expended for the purposes of the appropriations as specified, and the same are fully and correctly accounted for.

The funds for the agricultural experimental station have been properly handled and judiciously expended and accounted for.

Your committee finds that it is the custom for the funds that come from the Federal Government in July of each year, for the use of the station, to be applied to the expenditure of the fiscal year then closing, thus carrying the expenditures a full year ahead of the income, and the payment of more than \$1,000 a year in interest results, a condition which it seems has been unavoidable in the past. In the opinion of your committee, this condition should be rectified, and this custom discontinued; and for that purpose, would recommend that sufficient appropriation be made to pay in full the accumulated deficiency of the University and the Station, so as to put them on a strictly cash basis, upon which they should remain.

Covering the period from August 1st, 1901, to April 1st, 1903, your committee finds State appropriations of 1901 and disbursement of same as follows:

1901, Appropriation for outstanding debt. ....	\$ 5,000.00
Mch 31, 1903, vouchers for expenditure of same	5,000.00

1901, Appropriation for repairs and improvements	5,000.00
March 31, 1903, Vouchers for expenditures. ....	6,473.92

Balance over expended	1,473.92
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1901, Appropriation for new building.....	50,000.00
March 31, 1903, Vouchers for expenditures.....	47,829.59

Balance .....	2,170.41
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1901, Appropriation for Model Farm.....	10,000.00
March 31, 1903, Vouchers for expenditures.....	7,216.89

Balance .....	2,783.11
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1901, Appropriated for Veterinary Department.	5,000.00
March 31, 1903, Vouchers for expenditures.....	4,304.23

Balance .....	615.77
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1901, Appropriated for Farmers' Institutes....	5,000.00
March 31, 1903, Vouchers for expenditures....	2,935.85

Balance .....	1,064.15
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All of above balances will be fully consumed by June 30, 1903, the close of the fiscal year.

Attached herewith, marked Exhibit "C," is estimated indebtedness of June 30, 1903, of \$20,306.09. This amount represents accumulated deficiency from year to year, and is now paying interest at about \$1,087.94 per year.

Your committee is fully convinced that the following suggested requirements are actually needed, and that it would be wise and advisable, and your committee begs to respectfully recommend that such appropriation be made for the two years between July 1st, 1903, and June 30, 1905. Viz.:

1. For deficiency, and the purpose of putting the University and Station on a cash basis...\$20,307.00
2. For running expenses ..... 25,000.00  
(General repairs, salaries, etc.)
3. For a new Mechanics Building..... 20,000.00
4. For Barrack Cottages and repairs of old Barracks Building ..... 15,000.00
5. For Model Farm ..... 2,000.00
6. For Chemical Equipments ..... 500.00
7. For Library ..... 500.00
8. For Equipments of Flagler Gymnasium..... 2,500.00
9. For a central heating plant ..... 14,000.00
10. For Farmers' Institutes..... 5,000.00

The same to be distributed through the period of time as in the wisdom of the Legislature may be advisable. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

P. W. BUTLER,

On the Part of the Senate.

W. A. TISON,

W. J. CARLETON,

On the Part of the House of Representatives.  
Committee.

### EXHIBIT "A."

#### Report and Recommendations of the Executive Department.

**Attendance**—During the season of 1900-1901 there were one hundred and eighty-three (183) students enrolled, who were classified as follows: Fifty-one (51) students in the College proper, (this number includes three (3) not classified as regular Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors, although having work in one or more of these classes); sixty (60) students in the Preparatory Department; and seventy-two (72) students in the special departments (consisting of the Normal, Business, Stenography, Typewriting and Telegraphy, and Mechanic Arts Departments, respectively. During the session of 1901-1902, there were two hundred (200) students enrolled, who were classified as follows: Seventy-four (74) students in the College proper (this number includes (13) not classified as regular Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors, although having work in one or more of these classes; sixty-six (66) students in the Preparatory Department; and sixty students in the Commercial Departments. It will be noted that the Normal Department was closed.

**Counties Represented in Enrolment**—During 1901-1902, two (2) counties, four states (4), and twenty-nine (29) of the counties in Florida were represented.

During 1901-1902, two (2) counties, three (3) states, and thirty (30) of the counties in Florida were represented.

**Graduates**—In 1901 there were fifteen (15) students who were graduated and received diplomas, who received certificates of proficiency in the Commercial Departments.

In 1902, there were six (6) students who were graduated and received diplomas, and eleven (11) students who received certificates of proficiency in the Commercial Departments.

**Improvements, Buildings and Real Estate**—During the past two years there have been several additions made to the buildings and real estate owned by the College. These have been made possible by the generosity of the Legislature, and of Mr. H. M. Flagler. A new Science Hall has been erected at a cost of about fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars. Alterations and repairs have been made in Foster Hall, in the Barracks, and in the main building. Sewerage has been instaled in several of the buildings, a gymnasium (in course of erection) is nearly completed and will cost about twenty thousand (\$20,00) dollars. A temporary building for the use of the Veterinarian as a hospital has been erected at a cost of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars. A college farm of two hundred and thirty-eight (238) acres, more or less, has been purchased at a cost of, approximately, five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, and is being improved. This farm is contiguous to the land that was already in possession of the College.

**Equipment**—During 1900-1901, additions were made to the equipment of the Mechanical and Physical Departments, respectively.

During 1901-1902, there was practically no equipment bought for any department except the Veterinary Department, and for this there was a special legislative appropriation.

**New courses, classes, faculty changes etc.**—In 1901-1902 many changes were made in the courses of instruction with a view of strengthening and moderizing them, and the following courses were added: Courses in chemistry, civil engineering, and general science, extending over four years, and a course in mechanic arts extending over two years.

A department of veterinary science was established and Chas. F. Dawson, M. D. D. V. S., was elected to fill the chair.

**Prospects. Prospective Improvements, Etc.**—During 1902-1903, after the completion of the gymnasium, there will be no further improvements in the way of buildings, except on the College Farm, since there are no funds available.

For the purpose of instruction in corrective gymnastics, Jas. C. Jeffery has been appointed Physical Director and is now giving instruction in that department.

**Outlook for Attendance for Coming Session**—In spite of the fact that many prospective students have been declined as not coming up to the entrance requirements, the outlook for attendance during 1902-1903 is good, and the gratifying feature is that, up to date, there are more students proportionately in the College Department than ever before. The class of students as a whole seems also to be better as regards age, ability and preparation.

**Pressing Needs of the School: Building, Equipment, Etc.**—New buildings, new equipment and funds for running expenses are very much needed. New buildings for engineering, buildings for barracks, and a new building for chemistry and physics, should be provided. Barns for College Farm, a new green house, cottages for the faculty and a residence for the executive are also necessary.

Educational equipment is needed in every department and more books should be provided for the Library. Funds to carry on educational work in the modern way are an absolute necessity.

**Faculty and Organization**—If the co-educational feature of the school is to be advanced, there should be a department of Domestic Science and a Department of Music added.

A department of Electrical Engineering might be added to the great advantage of the students.

**Scope and Field of the Work of the Institution**—The scope of the institution is best expressed in the law under which it was organized by the following clause: "The leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the Mechanic Arts." This clause is susceptible of a wide interpretation and it is the intention of the Executive Department of the College to carry out the letter and spirit of the law in such a manner as will meet the conditions now existing in Florida with a view to ameliorating them where harmful and advancing them where helpful so as to fit the youth of Florida for their life work.

**Plans Contemplated for Future Development**—As to plans for future development, there are none so absolute

ly formulated that they may not be modified at any time to meet the exigencies of the situation. The general plan is to follow a natural line of growth and extend our work in whatever direction it is most needed to be of assistance to the youth of Florida.

**Recommendations**—There are many things that might be recommended, a few of the most urgent of which are now presented.

An adequate appropriation to cover expenses not provided for in the government appropriations and for the support of the institution (including Veterinary and other new departments), should be made by means of a small tax, or otherwise, if the Legislature determine another method to be more feasible.

This appropriation is imperative for many reasons, among which may be noted: (A) Modern education with the immense amount of laboratory and research work involved, requires a larger outlay of funds than the old-fashioned classical education. (B) It is impossible to retain the services of good instructors for more than a few years, at the meager salaries paid them, and they have to accept more lucrative positions just when they are becoming most useful. This is of course detrimental to the College for, granted that the new appointee has as much ability, it takes him some time to become accustomed to his new conditions, and further, no instructor can do his best work when harrassed by the thought of how to make ends meet at home.

(C). Some money is necessary for running expenses where so much is given to the student free as at the Florida Agricultural College. In the past all appropriations made by the Legislature have, with a few exceptions, increased rather than diminished the running expenses of the institution.

(D). Justice demands such an appropriation; for, whereas, in most of the states very little if any of the twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars appropriated under the Morrill act of 1890, is given toward the support of the Negro Industrial Schools in the respective states, Florida diverts one-half of the fund, or twelve thousand five hundred (\$12,500) dollars to that purpose. While there is no desire on the part of any one to deprive the negro of any opportunity for advancement in education, etc., it does not seem just to divert money to that end

if it deprives the white of opportunities given in other states, and this it certainly does unless the fund is made up in some other way.

(E). It should be remembered also, that nearly one-half of our income is, by law, devoted to scientific work in connection with the station department for the benefit of the State at large, and is not used for the purpose of instruction.

In conclusion, it seem sonly necessary to indicate that the State should furnish more than buildings towards the support of a State institution.

(2). An appropriation should be made to efface the debt which burdened the institution when the present incumbent took charge and which must necessarily grow on account of interest and the additional running expenses.

(3). An appropriation for new cottages or barracks and the remodeling of the old brick barracks should be made if the comfort of the youth of Florida is worthy of consideration.

4). On account of the position of the old Mechanic Arts Hall, its inflammable character, and its inefficiency, an appropriation should be made for the erection and equipping of a new engineering building with shops and a central heating plant attached. This building should be designed to take care of the different branches of engineering as the institution grows.

(5). The appropriation of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars for the equipping of the gymnasium should be made again, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Flagler generously doubled his donation.

(6). An appropriation should be made for the erection of a new green house in connection with the Horticultural Department, where the work demands such a building. Many valuable plants have been and are liable to be killed each winter in the present building.

(7) An appropriation should be made for student labor, thus enabling the poor student, who desires an education, to earn at least a part of the money necessary for such an object.

(8) An appropriation should be made to finish the equipping and improving of the College Farm.

(9) The appropriation of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars should be received for the Farmers' Institutes which have been, are, and will be productive of so much good to the farmers of the State.

(10) An appropriation should be made for the Experiment Station Department to enable the work to be carried on more satisfactorily.

(11) It would be a most fitting tribute to the farmers and fruit growers of Florida, who have done so much to upbuild the State, to install in the new Science Hall the Departments of Agriculture, Botany and Horticulture, Entomology, Veterinary Science, and allied subjects, using the remaining rooms, if any, as class rooms for subjects not requiring laboratory facilities, and to appropriate a sum of money for the erection and equipping of a Chemical and Physical building which could be used for both College and Station work.

In making these recommendations, the Executive Department has borne in mind several things, among which may be noted the necessity for an institution in Florida as in other States, where the student of large or small means may obtain an education of hand and brain, commensurate with the requirements of the times; the ability of the State to furnish the funds necessary to carry on this great work, which, with the exception of buildings, it has done to a very small extent, in the past, as most of the funds for support have come from the General Government at Washington; and, finally, the fact that if such an opportunity for educating the youth of Florida be not given, the day will come when these children will be pushed to the wall, and the people will rise and ask of their representatives in Florida why the children, rich and poor alike, were not given an equal chance with the children of other sections of the country, to obtain an education that would prepare them to fight the battle of life to the best advantage.

#### EXHIBIT "B."

Tallahassee, Florida, Aug. 28th, 1902.

His Excellency, William S. Jennings,

Governor of Florida.

Sir—I have the honor to report that in accordance with the authority of your Excellency I have made an examination of the vouchers, books and accounts of the Florida Agricultural College and Experiment Station, Lake City, Florida, for the two years ending June 30, 1902, in particular, and a more general examination for several years previous, as hereinafter shown.

I find the balance as shown by the books of the College to correspond with the State Treasurer's balances, July 1st, 1902, after due allowance for unpaid warrants on the several funds and unremitted receipts on account of incidental funds at that date, except for a few clerical errors, which have now been corrected.

The several funds of the College are as follows:

Agricultural College Fund; Morrill Fund; Experiment Station Fund; Station Incidental Fund; College Incidental Fund; Mess Hall Fund and State Appropriation Fund.

Agricultural College and Morrill Funds:

The expenses on account of these two funds have been in excess of receipts for each of several years past. Taking the two funds combined there was a deficit July 1st, 1897, amounting to \$494.70.

1897-98	Rec'ts	\$20,607.00	Exp.	\$19,322.00	Bal.	\$ 790.30
1898-99	"	21,107.00	"	24,029.83	Defc't	2,132.53
1899-00	"	21,607.00	"	23,654.66	"	4,180.19
1900-01	"	21,607.00	"	26,330.20	"	8,903.39
1901-02	"	21,451.00	"	26,043.93	"	13,496.32

Attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A," is a statement of the receipts and expenditures on each of the two funds, the total corresponding with the figures above.

The figures here shown as expenditures are approximately the actual expenses incurred for a given year from July 1st to June 30th. The disbursements for a given year as shown by the College Ledger cover the actual disbursements made during such period, but frequently a portion of such disbursements is for expenses incurred during the previous year, hence this will account for any difference in the figures here shown and those of the college ledger for any given year.

#### EXPERIMENT STATION FUND.

The annual appropriation from the U. S. government is \$15,000.00.

The account stands balanced on the books of the College, July 1st, 1902. It appears that there was a deficit of \$1,732.70, July 1st, 1901, which was paid from the next year's receipts.

## STATION INCIDENTAL FUND.

(Receipts consists mostly of proceeds from sale of products of the farm, etc.)

## RECEIPTS

Balance July 1st, 1899, .....	\$ 17.70
1899-1900 .....	1,114.85
July, 1900, transferred from Expense Station Fund, .....	224.54
1900-1901, .....	592.17
1901-1902, .....	1,091.45

## DISBURSEMENT.

1899-1900 .....	\$1,085.59
1900-1901 .....	683.41
1901-1902 .....	721.12
Bal. to credit of Fund July 1, 1902	530.59
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	\$ 3,040.71
	\$3,040.71

## COLLEGE INCIDENTAL FUND.

(Receipts consist principally of incidental fees from students).

## RECEIPTS

Balance July 1, 1899. ....	\$ 25.90
1899-1900 from Students ....	2,182.50
1899-1900 from Insurance Co.'s. .	2,384.60
1900-1901 from Students, .....	1,844.91
1901-1902 frsm Students .....	2,218.17

## DISBUREMENTS

1899-1900 .....	4,573.88
1900-1901 .....	1,746.24
1901-1902 Paid before July 1, 1902, .	2,115.70
Unp'd before July 1, .02	220.46
Indebted to bank .....	338 57
Deficit. ....	338.37
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	\$8,994.65
	\$8,994.65

NOTE.—Of the \$2,674.53 it appears that \$997.51 was paid on account of the previous year's expenses, covering deficit of 1900-1901 on College Incidental

Fund of .....	\$497.51
And deficit of 1900-1901 on Mess Hall Fund of	500.00
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	\$997.51

## MESS HALL FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

1899-1900.....	\$5,214.64
1900-1901.....	6,922.78
1901-1902.....	6,712.58

## DISBURSEMENT

1899-1900.....		\$5,167.98
1900-1901.....		7,064.79
1901-1902.....		6,690.63
Indebted to Bank.....		500.00
Deficit.....	573.40	
	\$19,423.40	\$19,423.40

## RECAPITULATION.

Agricultural College Fund, Deficit July 1, 1902.....	\$6,836.29	
Morrill Fund deficit July 1, 1902.....	6,660.03	\$13,496.32
College Incidental Fund deficit July 1, 1902.....		338.37
Mess Hall Fund.....		573.40
		\$14,408.09
To credit of Station incidental.....		550.59
Total net deficit July 1, 1902.....		\$12,857.50

## ANNUAL RESOURCES.

The Agricultural College Fund bonds held by the State Treasurer have heretofore until the last year produced annually \$9,107.00. The receipts from that source for 1901-1902 were \$8,951.00 and will be the same amount for the year 1902-1903. The reduction having been caused by reason of \$3,900 of Florida 7 per cent. bonds, property of said fund, maturing January, 1901, and refunded in 3 per cent. bonds.

For the year 1903-1904 the receipts will be further reduced to the extent of \$3,957.00 by reason of \$131,900 Florida 6 per cent. bonds, property of said fund, maturing January 1st, 1903, and to be refunded in 3 per cent. bonds under Act of 1901. Thus the annual resources of this fund will be \$4,994.00 beginning July 1st, 1903.

Annual Resources prior to July 1st, 1901. (Not including Incidental Fund):

Agricultural College Fund.....	\$ 9,107.00	
Morrill Fund.....	12,500.00	
Experiment Station Fund .....	15,000.00	
		<u>\$36,607.00</u>

With further reference to deficit in Agricultural College and Morrill Funds.

As shown on page 1 hereof the highest amount of receipts in these two funds for any given year has been \$21,607.00, and the lowest amount \$20,607.00.

For the year 1897-1898 the expenditures were	\$19,322.00
“ “ “ 1898-1899 “ “ “	24,029.83
“ “ “ 1899-1900 “ “ “	25,654.66
“ “ “ 1900-1901 “ “ “	26,330.20
“ “ “ 1901-1902 “ “ “	26,043.93

Thus the expenditures have been on the increase and in excess of the receipts until at the close of the year ending June 30, 1902, the deficit aggregates 13,496.32. The U. S. government appropriation, or Morrill Fund, amounting to \$12,500.00 annually is received by the State Treasurer and credited to the College in July of each year and as a large part of the interest on bonds held by the State Treasurer for the College falls due in July, that amount is also credited to the College. These funds so credited in July are supposed to be for the expenses of the year, beginning the first day of the same month, and not for the previous year. The practice is and has been to issue warrants in July or later on current funds to pay deficit of the previous year.

Considering the expenditures for the two years last past it is perhaps safe to assume that the expenditures for the year 1902-1903 on these two funds will be in round numbers. .... \$26,000.00  
To this amt add deficit existing June 30, 1902.. 13,496.32

Will make total liabilities to June 30, 1903.....\$39,496.32

#### RESOURCES

Morrill Fund credited July 1902..	\$12,500.00	
Interest on bond credited and to be credited July 1, 1902 to June 30, 1903 .....	\$ 8,951.00	
Total .....	\$21,451.00	<u>\$21,451.00</u>

Would make the deficit June 30,  
1903

18,045.32

Resources in sight for the year 1903-1904.

Morril Fund,	\$12,500.00
Interest on bond (as explained on page 4)	4,994.00

Total resources for the yr. 1903-4	17,494.00	\$17,494.00
or less than deficit of previous year by	651.32	

Therefore, on the basis outlined, the deficit at the close of the year, June 30, 1903, will be more than the entire resources for the year following.

## STATE APPROPRIATION—ACT OF 1901.

	Ap'pri'n for 1901 and 1902	Exp'd to Aug. 1, 1902	Unex- pended	Over- draft
Outst'dg indebtedness..	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
Repairs and imp'm'ts..	3,750.00	6,473.92		\$2,723.92
New building.....	37,500.00	37,363.30	\$ 136.70	
Model farm, etc.....	7,500.00	5,908.02	1,591.98	
Vet. Department.....	3,750.00	2,171.92	1,578.08	
Farmers' Institute.....	3,750.00	2,126.67	1,623.33	
	\$61,250.00	\$59,043.83	\$4,930.00	\$2,723.92

Total appropriation for 1901-1902.....	\$61,250.00
Expended to August 1, 1902.....	59,043.83
Balance available in 1902.....	2,206.17

Total of balance available under the several heads.....	\$ 4,930.09
Deduct overdraft on repairs and im- provements.....	2,723.92

Net balance for 1902.....	\$ 2,206.17
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	Ap'pri't'n for 1903	Unexp'd as above	Total	Overdraft as redc.
Rep's and improve'ts..	\$ 1,250.00			\$1,473.92
New building.....	12,500.00	\$ 136.70	\$12,636.70	
Model farm, etc.....	2,500.00	1,591.98	4,091.98	
Vet. department.....	1,250.00	1,578.08	2,828.08	
Farmers' Institute ...	1,250.00	1,623.33	2,873.33	
	\$13,750.00	\$4,930.09	\$22,430.09	\$1,473.92

Total of unexpended appropriations under the several heads.....	\$22,430.09
Less overdraft on repairs and improvements	1,473.92

Balance unexpended of entire appropriation (Aug. 1, 1902)	\$20,956.17
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Note.—Of the 50,000 appropriated for New Building there remains unexpended Aug. 1, 1902 12,636.70

Which being reserved for new building and deducted from total balance above leaves an aggregate of 8,319.47  
for expenses under all other heads for the period from Aug. 1, 1902 to July 1, 1903.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. V. KNOTT, State Agent.

### EXHIBIT "C."

	Estimated Indebtedness June 30, 1903.
President and Director .....	\$ 1,458.31
Prof. Latin and Philosophy .....	999.96
Prof. Eng. and History .....	555.55
Prof. Mech. Eng. and Drawing.....	611.10
Com'dt of Cadets .....	444.41
Prof. of Mathematics .....	555.55
Prof. of Agriculture .....	349.98
Prof. of Chemistry .....	433.32
Prof. of Entomology .....	333.32
Prof. Botany and Horticulture .....	533.32
Prof. Physics and Electricity .....	460.62
Instructor Chemistry .....	150.00
Prof. Prep. School .....	555.55
Prof. Commercial Dept. ....	666.66
Instructor Stenog. and Typewriting.....	335.80
Instructor Spanish and French .....	480.00
Instructor Prep. School .....	499.98
Assistant Biology .....	150.00
Auditor and Bookkeeper .....	499.99
Supt. Buildings .....	133.34
Stenographer .....	70.00
Librarian and Mailing Clerk .....	65.00
Janitors .....	600.00
Night Watchman .....	245.00
Instructor Mech. Eng. and Drawing.....	483.30
Fireman and Engineer .....	150.00
Traveling Expenses .....	350.00
Mech. Engineering Dept. ....	200.00

Furniture and Equipment .....	625.00
Equipment for Military Dept. ....	75.00
Printing and Advertising .....	1,100.00
Postage and Stationery .....	125.00
Heat, Light and Water .....	1,350.00
Repairs and New Buildings .....	1,092.91
Feed .....	96.31
Freight and Express .....	50.00
Commencement Expenses .....	250.00
Insurance .....	1,977.87
Seed Plants and Miscellaneous Supplies.....	100.00
Interest .....	1,087.94
	\$20,306.09

#### MESSAGES FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 374:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds of the town of Quincy, for the construction, establishment, acquisition or purchase and operation of a waterworks and electric light plant, creating trustees of such bonds, and providing for the payment of the interest and principal of such bonds.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 374, contained in the above message was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 455:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Bradentown and to provide for its government and to provide for and declare its jurisdiction and power.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 455, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 455 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 455 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Whidden moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 455 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 455 was read third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blich, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Dimick, Faulkner, Gillen, Harris, Kirk, Law, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Peacock, Rouse, Sams, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th, Wilson of the 4th.

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Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 455 was passed, title as stated.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 338:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate money for the equipment of the gymnasium in connection with the University of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 338, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Gillen moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 338 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 338 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. Gillen moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 338 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote:

And House Bill No. 338 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on passage of the bill the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Blount, Brown, Butler, Carson, Crews, Crill, Dimick, Gillen, Harris, Law, McCreary, MacWilliams, Miller, Raney, Rouse, Sams, Scott, Stockton, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williams, Wilson of the 7th—24.

Nays—Messrs. McCaskill—1.

So House Bill No. 338 was passed, title as stated.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor to accept any grant by the United States of any part of the Naval Reservation of the United States in Es-

cambia county, Florida, and any cession of sovereignty thereover, and to extend the sovereignty of the State of Florida over the same.

Very respectfully,  
**WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,**  
 Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 181, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
 Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives passed—

Senate Memorial No. 180:

Being a memorial to the Congress of the United States urging the cession by it to the State of Florida of certain portions of the United States Naval Reservation in Escambia county, Florida.

Very respectfully,

**WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,**  
 Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Memorial No. 180, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Blount moved that House Joint Resolution No. 355 be recalled from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 202, now on table subject to call, be taken up and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 202:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors, and the widows of all soldiers and sailors who were killed or died during the Civil War, or who have since died, in the State of Florida, and making an appropriation for payment of the same, and for creating a State Board of Pensions.

Was taken up.

Mr. Harris asked permission to withdraw Senate iBill No. 202.

Which was granted.

And Senate iBill No. 202 was withdrawn.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide for the payment of witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the county prosecuting attorneys of the county courts.

Also,

An act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water lakes of Clay county, Florida, in the months of March, April, May, June and July of each year.

Also,

An act to make an appropriation for the estimated deficiency in the Pension Tax Fund for the year 1903.

Also,

An act to amend sections 26 and 43 of chapter 4869, being an act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Lakeland, in the county of Polk and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, approved May 19th, 1899.

Be it reported that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

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The act was, therefore, duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act giving to counties certain rights of eminent domain.

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4237 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to establish and keep in good repair the public roads and highways in the counties of Walton and Holmes in this State

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish at Bartow, Florida, the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and to provide an appropriation therefor, the same being Chapter 4334, Laws of Florida, ap-

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proved May 29, 1895, as amended by Chapter 4565, Laws of Florida, 1897.

Also,

An act to define the powers of corporations relative to the borrowing of money or incurring of indebtedness by them, and authorizing on the part of such corporations the power to execute mortgages or trust deeds; to secure their indebtedness and defining the rights of the purchaser, or their assigns, of the property of said corporations under such trust deeds or foreclosure of such mortgages.

Also,

An act to authorize the town of Eustis, in Lake County, Florida, to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said town to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

Beg to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

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The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to ratify and legalize the actions of the county commissioners of St. Johns County, for, on and in behalf of the county of St. Johns, in taking up from the First National Bank of St. Augustine the warrants of the Board of Public Instruction of said county, amounting to the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) bearing eight (8) per cent. interest, and substituting therefor county warrants in a like sum bearing five (5) per cent. interest.

Also,

An act to punish obtaining credit, goods, money or other property by any false statement in writing made to any merchant, dealer, bank or other persons with the fraudulent intent to obtain credit whereby any one relying upon the said statement is defrauded.

Be it reported that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
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An act to ratify and legalize the actions of the county commissioners of St. Johns County, for, on and in behalf of the county of St. Johns, in taking up from the First National Bank of St. Augustine the warrants of the Board of Public Instruction of said county, amounting to the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) bearing eight (8) per cent. interest, and substituting therefor county warrants in a like sum bearing five (5) per cent. interest.

Also—

An act to punish obtaining credit, goods, money or other property by any false statement in writing made to any merchant, dealer, bank or other persons with the fraudulent intent to obtain credit whereby any one relying upon the said statement is defrauded.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 272:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 5068, Laws of Florida, being entitled an act to confirm, amend, and supplement the municipal corporation of the town of Orange Park, and to give it certain powers and privileges in relation to the assessment, levy and collection of taxes.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that Senate Bill No. 272 do pass.

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 272, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:  
Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 273:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring the town of Graceville, in Jackson county, Florida, to be a legally incorporated town.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that Senate Bill No. 273 do pass.

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 273, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization to whom was referred—

Committee substitute for

House Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 4640, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of Daytona, Volusia county, Florida, and to organize a city government for the same, and to provide for its jurisdiction and powers, approved June 5th, 1897.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that committee substitute for House Bill No. 232 do pass.

Very respectfully,

GUY GILLEN,

Chairman of Committee.

And House committee substitute for House Bill No.

232, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gillen, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:  
Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 269:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of bonds by the town of Quincy, for the construction, establishment, acquisition or purchase and operation of a waterworks and electric light plant, creating trustees of such bonds, and providing for the payment of the interest and principal of such bonds.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that said Senate Bill No. 269 do pass.

Very respectfully,

**GUY GILLEN,**

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 269, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report.

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Agriculture to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 238:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing a penalty for permitting and allowing dogs that have injured or killed sheep, or are in the habit of injuring and killing the same, from running at large.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

**B. D. WADSWORTH,**

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 238 contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Kirk, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 288:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Jennette Prevett.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. F. KIRK,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 288, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Kirk, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 98:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Samuel R. Hudson.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 287:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of parties who have bought land from the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and whose title has failed.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that they do pass.

Also—

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Otto C. Butterwick for services as stenographer in circuit court, Sumter county, Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,  
**B. F. KIRK,**  
 Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 98 and Senate Bills Nos. 287 and 47, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Kirk, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
 Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.  
 Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 266:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Samuel R. Hudson.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a commission to investigate all claims against the Indian War Claims Fund and report conclusions of law and fact to the Governor and provide for the compensations and expenses of such commission, and providing the duties of the Governor in the premises.

Have had the same under consideration and report them without recommendation.

Very respectfully,  
**B. F. KIRK,**  
 Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 266 and 137, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Kirk, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
 Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.  
 Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

## Senate Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dickison, widow of the lamented General J. J. Dickison.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

In lines four and five and in line ten of section one, strike out the words and figures "Fifty (\$50.00)" and insert therein "Twenty-five (\$25.00)"

Very respectfully,

B. F. KIRK,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 212, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Kirk, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—

## Senate Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Volusia County Bank, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass with the following amendment:

In line one of section one, strike out the words "four hundred and twenty," and insert therein "three hundred." In line three of section two, strike out the words "four hundred and twenty," and insert therein "three hundred."

Very respectfully,

B. F. KIRK,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 247, contained in the above report, together with the amendments thereto, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Rouse, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 259:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the shooting of wild ducks in the State of Florida between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. C. ROUSE,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 259, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blitch, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 197:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring that certain facts constitute a fraud and to prescribe a punishment in such cases, and to repeal Chapter 4032, Appendix to Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 267:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower boards of public instruction of the several counties of this State to provide free kindergarten instruction in certain cases.

Have carefully examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 197 and 267, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Palmer, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments to whom was referred—

House Joint Resolution No. 355:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment of Sections 20 and 24, of Article III, and the repeal of Section 8, Article VIII, of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Return the same as per request of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

THOS. PALMER,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Joint Resolution No. 355, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to ratify and legalize the actions of the county commissioners of St. Johns County, for, on and in behalf of the county of St. Johns, in taking up from the First National Bank of St. Augustine the warrants of the Board of Public Instruction of said county, amounting to the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) bearing eight (8) per cent. interest, and substituting therefor county warrants in a like sum bearing five (5) per cent. interest.

Also,

An act to punish obtaining credit, goods, money or other property by any false statement in writing made to any merchant, dealer, bank or other persons with the fraudulent intent to obtain credit whereby any one relying upon the said statement is defrauded.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide for the payment of witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the county prosecuting attorneys of the county courts.

Also,

An act to prohibit the catching and taking of fish from the fresh water lakes of Clay county, Florida, in the months of March, April, May, June and July of each year.

Also,

An act to make an appropriation for the estimated deficiency in the Pension Tax Fund for the year 1903.

Also,

An act to amend sections 26 and 43 of chapter 4869, being an act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Lakeland, in the county of Polk and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary, and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges, approved May 19th, 1899.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Wilson of the 4th, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act giving to counties certain rights of eminent domain:

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4237 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to establish and keep in good repair the public roads and highways in the counties of Walton and Holmes in this State

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish at Bartow, Florida, the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and to provide an appropriation therefor, the same being Chapter 4334, Laws of Florida, approved May 29, 1895, as amended by Chapter 4565, Laws of Florida, 1897.

Also,

An act to define the powers of corporations relative to the borrowing of money or incurring of indebtedness by them, and authorizing on the part of such corporations the power to execute mortgages or trust deeds; to secure their indebtedness and defining the rights of the purchaser, or their assigns, of the property of said corporations under such trust deeds or foreclosure of such mortgages

Also,

An act to authorize the town of Eustis, in Lake County, Florida, to levy a special tax for the support of a free public library, and to authorize said town to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1903.

Hon. Frank Adams,

*President of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations have drafted the accompanying—

Senate Bill No. 313:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning corporations for profit, and fixing the amount of the charter fees, and defining certain powers thereof.

And recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

P. W. BUTLER,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 313, contained in the above report, was placed before the Senate.

By Permission:

The Committee on Corporations introduced—

Senate Bill No. 313:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning corporations for profit, and fixing the amount of the charter fees and defining certain powers thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Butler moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 313 be placed on calendar of bills on second reading.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 313 was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Br. Butler moved that 200 copies of Senate Bill No. 313 be printed for the use of the Senate.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Kirk moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Raney moved to adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Kirk was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday, May 14, 1903.