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REPORT OF THE STATE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD.

ALBANY, N. Y., *January* 31, 1913.

*Honorable William Sulzer, Governor of New York,
Executive Chamber, Albany, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR,—Pursuant to requirements of chapter 785 of the Laws of 1911, the State Advisory Board in relation to agricultural education and country life advancement, has the honor to report as follows:

At a meeting held in the office of Honorable Andrew S. Draper, Commissioner of Education, Albany, N. Y., on January 14, 1913, on motion of Dr. Boothe C. Davis, seconded by Dr. V. A. Moore, it was voted that the chairman and secretary transmit to Governor Sulzer, on or before February 1, a copy of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of this Board held December 27, 1912; and

also a copy of the resolutions on the sale and shipment of immature calves, and regarding agricultural publications, adopted at this meeting, as follows:

At a meeting held December 27, 1912, the following members being present:

Dean L. H. Bailey,
Dr. W. H. Jordan,
Dean H. E. Cook,
Dr. Thos. E. Finegan, representing Commissioner
A. S. Draper,
Dr. Boothe C. Davis,
Mr. Jas. A. D. S. Findlay,
Director Frank G. Helyar,
Dr. V. A. Moore,
Mr. H. B. Winters, representing Commissioner
Calvin J. Huson.

(Absent: Hon. Chas. A. Wieting, Hon. Ralph
W. Thomas.)

it was *voted*,

That this Board reaffirm its position on the following resolutions:

1. That the main effort toward the introduction of agricultural education, whether through State or local aid, be directed toward the study of agricultural and rural subjects in the public high schools.
2. That in addition to those institutions already authorized to train teachers of agriculture, special and adequate provisions be made for training such teachers at the State Normal College and in one or more normal schools.
3. That the State Department of Education give direction, at a few points distributed with reference to the leading agricultural industries, to the development of

adequate teaching equipments in high schools which may serve as examples and illustrations for the further extension of such equipment.

4. That the special State schools already established be developed toward teaching home economics and agricultural technology, the latter somewhat specialized for each school.

5. That the further development of the special State schools, when this may safely and wisely be accomplished, shall be made with reference chiefly to the fruit and vegetable growing interests, under which policy the southeastern and western parts of the State would be considered by the establishment of one school in each of those sections; and thereafter special schools of agriculture shall be established only if the people of a locality determine whether they desire a school and will take a substantial part in its financial support.

6. That this Board favors legislation enabling cities of the first and second class to establish public schools of agriculture either within or without the limits of said cities.

7. That in schools of agriculture hereafter established, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Director of the State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, shall be ex-officio members of the board of trustees.

Voted,

That this Board reaffirm the following resolutions:

Such national legislation as is contemplated by the so-called Page bill and those similiar to it, is inadvisable on the following grounds:

1. It is coercive as to policy and method and is unduly stimulating as to rate of growth of vocational education. It violates the biological law governing the sound and efficient development of educational and social agencies.

2. It proposes an educational scheme on an immense scale for which there is little experimental support.

3. It is not adjustable to the educational policy and administrative machinery already established in many states, including New York.

4. It opens the way for bureaucratic regulations on the part of the federal government that might limit the autonomy of the states in the administration of their educational affairs.

5. This bill is in opposition to the sound policy of fostering the agriculture and country life of a state, through the activity of state agencies which shall have their source in local initiative support.

6. The agricultural extension bill, providing for extension work in agriculture by the colleges of agriculture, is practically free from the objections that hold against the other measures herein mentioned that are now before Congress, in that it is in harmony with the acts of 1862 and supplementary acts granting federal aid to state agencies.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That if the policy is adopted of returning to a state for specific purposes a portion of the income that the federal government derives from the indirect taxation of the citizens of that state, the state should have the same liberty in the application of these funds to the purposes named that it has in the use of any other portion of its income.

Voted,

That the following resolution be reaffirmed:

That this Board recommends to the State: The policy of the further introduction of instruction in agriculture into the public schools; and that to better accomplish this

result, plans should be perfected as rapidly as possible for maintaining agricultural instruction with large allotments; and that an allotment be provided each school, union or high school, teaching a class of not less than 15 in agriculture, and for the common district school giving an approved course in nature study.

At a meeting held January 14, 1913, the following members being present:

Dean L. H. Bailey,
Dr. W. A. Jordan,
Dean H. E. Cook,
Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, representing Commissioner A. S. Draper,
Dr. Boothe C. Davis,
Mr. Jas. A. D. S. Findlay,
Director Frank G. Helyar,
Dr. V. A. Moore
Hon. Ralph W. Thomas,
Mr. H. B. Winters, representing Commissioner Calvin J. Huson.

(Absent: Hon. Chas. A. Wieting.)

it was *voted*,

That this Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the law relating to the sale and shipment of immature calves and carcasses be modified so that the age limit will be three weeks instead of four weeks and thus conform with the federal law.

Voted,

That this Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That it be recommended in the report of this Board to the Governor that all agricultural books be hereafter distributed by the institution or State department by which such publications are prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. BAILEY,

Chairman.

HARRY B. WINTHROP,

Secretary Pro Tem.

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