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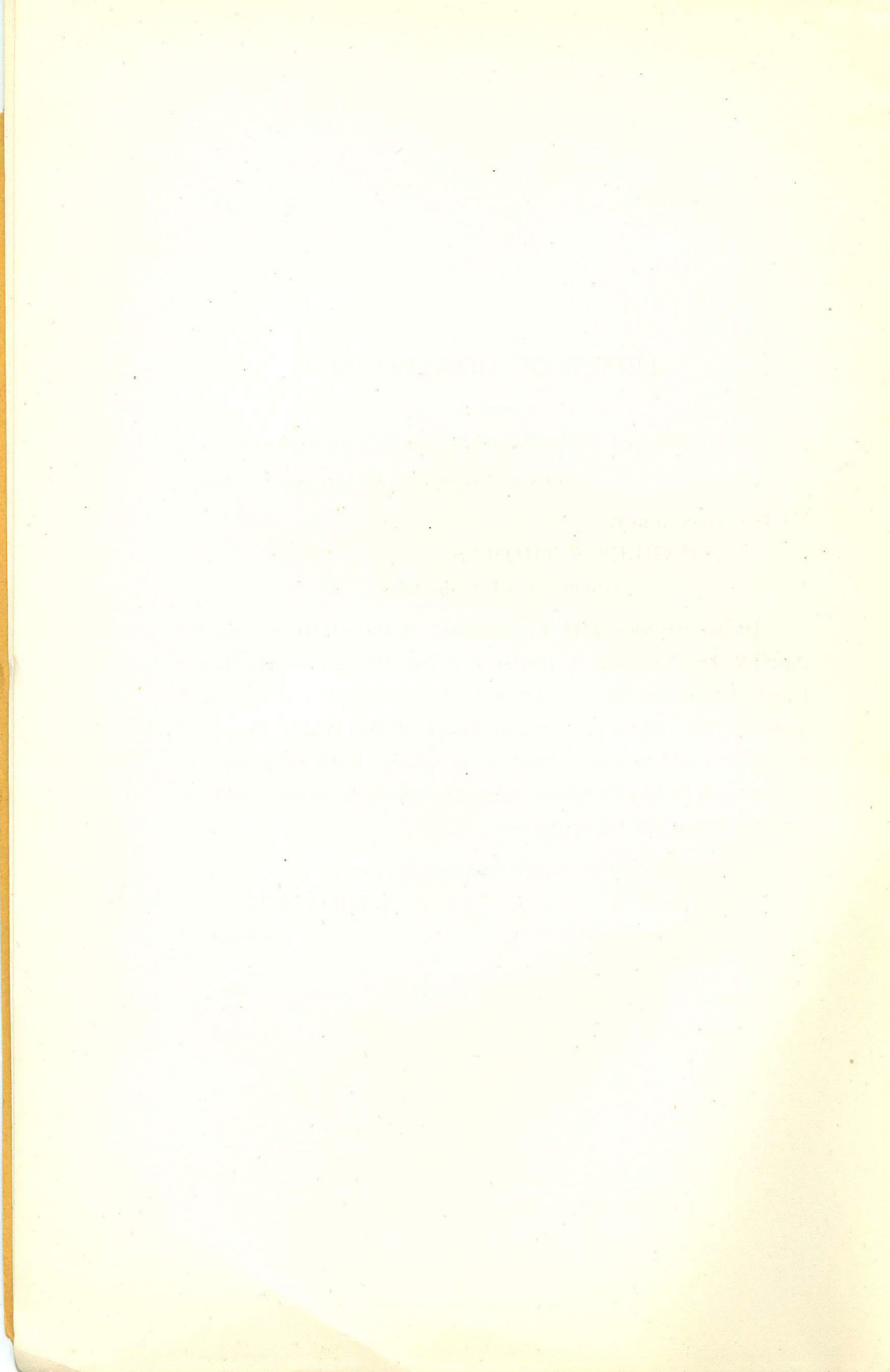
Office of State Board of Land Commissioners,
Denver, Colorado, December 1, 1900.

To His Excellency,
CHARLES S. THOMAS,
Governor of Colorado:

In accordance with a provision of the statutes, enacted April 2, 1887, section 4, House Bill No. 107, I have the honor to present herewith the eleventh biennial report of the business of this office, the transactions of the State Board of Land Commissioners, a statement of the land belonging to the several funds, to whom sold, the amounts leased, and the receipts from all sources.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. N. CHIPLEY,
Register.



BIENNIAL REPORT
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LAND COMMISSIONERS.

In submitting this report to your excellency, I would most respectfully invite your attention to certain changes in the existing laws for the regulation and control of this department, and the enactment of additional statutes, which, in my experience and judgment, I consider highly important.

REGISTER SHOULD BE MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

The Board, as now constituted, consists of four members, and, in case of a tie, no action can be taken; therefore, I believe the state would be best served by making the Register a member of the Board, with power to vote on all questions in which he is not personally interested.

TERM OF THE REGISTER.

I believe the interest of the state would be subserved by making the term of the Register four or six years.

SALARY OF THE REGISTER.

I consider the salary of the Register inadequate for the service rendered and would recommend that it be made \$3,000.00 per year.

MANAGEMENT OF THE OFFICE.

One of my predecessors said: "Serious difficulty would in many cases be averted if the direction and control, as well as the appointment of office clerks, were to be placed in the hands of the Register, subject, of course, to the ratification of the Board."

I regard this as a wise recommendation. It is true, as he further says: "Under the present system it is possible that appointments may be made solely from political motives, without regard to clerical ability or capacity for the duties of the office."

In the management, sale and leasing of upwards of 4,000,000 acres of land belonging to the state, many serious conflicts and complications of the most intricate character are bound to arise, the settlement of which requires calm and dispassionate judgment, based upon a special knowledge of this character of work, which arises alone from experience, in order to bring about an amicable final determination and even-handed justice to all parties concerned.

The legality of the title which the state conveys to its lands, be it in fee simple, or as a leasehold, depends entirely upon the accuracy of the office records and that accuracy depends entirely upon the efficiency and competency of the office force. Thus it follows that the utmost care should be used in the selection of the land office employees.

OFFICE FEES.

In addition to the fees as now established by law, I would recommend that Section 10 of the law authorizing the collection of fees in connection with the business of the office be amended so as to establish the following additional fees, viz.:

For issuing each lease for one section of land, or fraction thereof, the sum of one dollar.

For each additional section, or fraction thereof, in the same lease, the sum of twenty-five cents.

For issuing each metalliferous lease, the sum of one dollar per lot.

For lease for coal, stone, oil, fire clay, or other valuable substances, the sum of one dollar for each quarter section or fraction thereof, and for each additional quarter section or

fraction thereof, contained in the same lease, the sum of twenty-five cents.

For issuing permit for additional improvements on leased land, the sum of one dollar.

For recording each assignment, the sum of one dollar.

For issuing right of way deed and recording same, from two to five dollars.

For issuing each certificate of purchase for one section of land or fraction thereof, the sum of two dollars. For each additional section or fraction thereof contained in same certificate, the sum of fifty cents.

For making and recording each patent deed, the sum of two dollars.

For making each township plat, showing amount and status of state lands therein, the sum of two dollars.

My reasons for making the above recommendations are, in brief, as follows:

Under the present law, the purchaser or lessee of the smallest tract of land contributes as much to the Land Commissioners' general fund, as does the purchaser or lessee of the largest body of land from the state. And, in equal justice to all, each lessee or purchaser should contribute his share to the building up of the said fund in proportion to his holdings.

The moneys arising therefrom would so strengthen the above fund that the appropriation for incidental expenses, to be made by the next General Assembly, would be materially reduced.

INDEMNITY SELECTIONS.

Upon assuming the duties of this office, I found several lists of indemnity school selections, for which the state had previously applied to the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., to be selected in lieu of Sections 16 and 36, which had become lost to the state for various reasons, had been either rejected or canceled, because of lack of sufficient proof as to the character of the base assigned, and also of the tracts of lands sought to be selected in lieu thereof, and for failure upon the part of the state to comply with some of the requirements of the Land Department at Washington, D. C.

In the aggregate these selections amounted to about 145,000 acres.

These lands are regarded as very valuable and are eagerly sought for by stockmen, and when approved will add thousands of dollars annually to the school funds of the state, thus serving a most noble purpose in the maintenance and augmentation of our educational institutions.

The general government fees paid for the selections amounted to nearly \$3,000.00. To allow these selections to be lost to the state, and revert to the government, without an effort to save them would reflect with little credit upon this office. Therefore, acting under instructions from the Board, I secured the services of a competent land accountant, for the purpose of readjusting the said lists so as to conform with all of the requirements of the Government Land Office and to furnish the proof necessary for their reinstatement. This was most successfully accomplished, and, in addition thereto, about 90,000 acres of land in school sections which have been lost to the state because of mineral patents being allowed thereon were discovered and placed in the class of lands, to be used as bases for the further selection of other lands in lieu thereof.

The total indemnity selections made by this office since I assumed the duties of Register, amounts to 260,332.18 acres, of which 71,532.05 acres have already been approved, and clear lists received therefor. Clear lists have also been issued for 1,794.75 acres of Agricultural College lands. There is now pending in the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., and awaiting the consideration of the Honorable Commissioner, about 200,000 acres of indemnity land. As is usually the case in matters of this kind, further and additional proof, as to the validity of the base assigned and selection made, will undoubtedly be called for from time to time. It is thus evident that the amount of work of this character to be performed between this office and the General Land Office will be very heavy during the next biennial period and will necessarily require constant and careful attention.

SCHOOL LAND IN GOVERNMENT FOREST RESERVES.

By the decision of the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, dated January 3, 1899 (28 L. D., 57), the state can, if it so desires and elects, relinquish its right and title to school sections lying within the forest reservations, and select other lands in lieu thereof. This fact, being brought to

by attention by general circular of March 11, 1899, a careful examination of the records of school sections lying within the South Platte, Plum Creek and Pike's Peak forest reserves was made, disclosing many sections lying therein which had never brought to the school fund any revenue whatever.

This condition of affairs was duly reported to the Honorable Board, and, acting under its direction, I caused to be made by a competent civil engineer, a careful examination of these school sections in the field, and his report, recently filed, shows them to be almost denuded of timber, the general character being rocky, barren, and, containing no evidences of mineral, they are utterly useless and of no value to the state. The lands reported aggregate, in round numbers, about 40,000 acres. I would most earnestly advise the relinquishment of these lands and the selection of agricultural tracts in lieu thereof, thus acquiring for the state, lands at a minimum valuation, worth upwards of \$200,000, and of a rental value of at least \$2,500.00 per annum.

I would also advise further investigation of school sections lying within the various forest reserves of the state, with the object above suggested in view.

RENTAL VALUES.

I find it is a hardship in all cases, and in many absolutely prohibitory, for the state's tenants to pay ten per cent. of the value of the land as rental, and I would recommend that the law be amended so as to establish a five per cent. rate as the rental value of all land leased for agricultural purposes.

TIMBER DEPREDATIONS.

In numerous instances information was filed in this office of the cutting and removal of timber from the state lands, without authority. In each and every instance, I brought the matter to the attention of the County Superintendent of Schools and District Attorneys in the various counties, wherein it was alleged such depredations occurred, and whose duty it is to make complaint and prosecute the guilty parties. While in each case a suitable reward was offered for information necessary to convict, and I am satisfied the said officers tried to do their duty, yet no convictions followed.

Many personal investigations were made, under my direction, by the Appraiser of this Board, but were ineffective, inasmuch as no one was discovered cutting or removing the timber, and the person or persons making the complaints invariably refused to appear as prosecuting witnesses.

MINERAL LEASES.

I would recommend that frequent examination of all state land under mineral lease, such as coal, oil, brick, stone, fire-clay and the precious metals, for the purpose of enforcing the working covenants of the said leases, and thus bring about a more systematic and thorough development of the mineral lands belonging to the state, and also to prevent lessees from holding leases solely for speculative purposes.

CONCERNING APPRAISEMENTS.

I renew the recommendation of the previous Register, relating to the appraisement of state land, which I quote as follows:

“I recommend the repeal of the law constituting county commissioners appraisers of land. This law has been inoperative for years, since the board has an official of its own, the State Appraiser, who is especially charged with such service. County commissioners are difficult of access, may be often controlled by motives of friendship or sentiments of a purely local nature, and will certainly decline to act unless paid for viewing and appraising the land. While this statute (Laws, 1891, page 274, Section 1; Mills' Sup., Section 3631a) stands upon the books, serious questions may be raised touching the legality of any sale. Such a threat was made during the past two years, and this notwithstanding the refusal of the commissioners to act after being requested so to do.”

I feel that I can not urge too strongly the importance of favorable action being taken upon the above recommendation, so as to prevent any question arising in the future as to the legality of sales of state lands.

SIGNATURES TO PATENTS.

I desire to call your attention to the recommendations of both of my immediate predecessors with reference to conflicting statutes as to the manner of the signing and attestation of patents.

Section 19 of the Land Laws of 1891 requires that patents should be attested by the Register; whereas Section 8 of the Land Laws, of the same year, provides that patents shall be attested by the Secretary of State. I would suggest that the said law be amended so as to require only the attestation of the Register.

STATE SCHOOL LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF DENVER.

I desire to endorse the recommendation of my predecessor in reference to the school lands lying within the city of Denver, or contiguous thereto.

The state owns valuable land within the limits of the city of Denver, and some land near Manhattan Beach that is comparatively unremunerative. Under the limitations of the statutes, it has been found impossible to lease these tracts for residence or business, necessitating buildings of value, and the rents have been necessarily small. I believe the legislature should authorize the Board to execute long leases, with ten-year periods for reappraisalment of improvements and value of land, for the ascertainment of an equitable rental price. It is doubtful wisdom for the state to keep vacant or unoccupied, by make-shift and temporary structures, tracts of valuable land within the residence portion of its capital city, when by proper authorization of the legislature the Board could stimulate building thereon and earn for the school fund many thousands of dollars.

ERRORS IN RECORD.

I found the records in this office in bad shape, and incorrect in many instances, which I have tried to remedy, and have done so as far as I was able with the physical and financial assistance given me. The good work should go on until complete, and greater care should be exercised in the future to prevent irregularities from again occurring.

THE RECORDING OF CERTAIN LEASES.

I would recommend that leases for coal, oil, stone, brick, fire clay, soda, etc., be recorded in a separate book from the grazing and agricultural leases.

LIST OF SCHOOL LANDS FURNISHED TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Acting under the advice and direction of the Board, I had prepared and furnished to each of the county superintendents of public schools a list of the school lands in their respective counties, and I recommend that supplementary reports be made to each superintendent annually, to enable them to correct their lists so as to correspond with the records of this office, and thereby keep them in close touch with the condition of the school lands in their district.

TRACT BOOKS AND FILE CASES.

I earnestly recommend that the next General Assembly make an appropriation sufficient to furnish this department with a complete and up-to-date set of tract books and filing cases.

INDEXES.

I recommend that a new set of index books be immediately secured and a complete and corrected alphabetical index of all persons doing business with the state be made.

DELINQUENTS.

The law seems to be ample in regard to the cancellation of leases, on account of failure to pay the rental when due, but is very defective as to the power and authority conferred upon the Board respecting the cancellation of delinquent certificates of purchase.

I would therefore recommend that the present law be so amended as to give to the Board the power to cancel all certificates of purchase that have become delinquent and remain so for one year. And that, in case of cancellation of any such certificate, all previous payments made thereon shall become forfeited to the state, and the land described therein shall revert to the state, and again become the property thereof as though no sale had been made. Thirty days' notice, however, of such intended action to be given to the party or parties holding such certificates, to enable them to protect their interest before final action is taken.

NEW SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR KEEPING THE CASH RECEIPTS.

By authority and direction of the Board, I secured a new set of books, and employed an expert accountant to open the same in a manner to meet the demands of the present and future business of the office. At a glance, you can tell from whom money was received, the amount, how paid, for what purpose, and to which fund it was credited. The only additional recommendation I have to make to further perfect this system would be to have an alphabetical index made, and keep all names appearing on the said books therein, giving the number of the page on which they appear.

TIMBER SALES.

Timber sales aggregating 10,240,500 feet were made during the past biennial period, for which cash was received to the amount of \$13,402.00.

INCREASE OF BUSINESS.

You will observe, by the tabulated statements herein given, that there has been a large increase in the general business of the office, especially in the area of land leased, amounting to 391,819.77 acres, and a corresponding increase in the receipts of the office.

The total increase in the receipts of the office from all sources, during the fiscal years beginning December 1, 1898, and ending November 30, 1900, amounts to the sum of \$117,297.37 over the preceding biennial period. This increase of business has largely added to the work to be performed, both in the field and the office, and, as I feel sure it will continue, I would earnestly recommend that provision be made for the employment of an assistant to the Appraiser for field work, and one additional clerk for the office work.

SUMMARY OF LEASES.

SHOWING THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE STATE,
NOW UNDER LEASE AND THE ANNUAL RENTAL RECEIVED THEREFOR.

SCHOOL LAND LEASED.

COUNTY	Area Embraced in Leases issued Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Biennial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease in each County	Annual Rental
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
Arapahoe	27,438.47	38,826.10	66,264.57	\$ 5,485 24
Archuleta	480	1,812.48	2,292.48	165 80
Baca	1,600	1,270.40	12,707.40	863 30
Bent	5,520	42,175.34	47,695.34	2,737 98
Boulder	2,000	3,468	5,468	663 20
Chaffee	980	1,060	2,040	171 20
Cheyenne	800	1,920	2,720	156 00
Clear Creek	200	720	920	69 20
Conejos	3,280.16	25,520	28,800.16	2,576 40
Costilla	6,880.20	1,920	8,800.20	1,016 40
Custer	2,640	4,080	6,720	405 30
Delta				
Dolores	1,280	200	1,480	111 00
Douglas	6,600	9,302	15,902	1,142 50
Eagle	2,200	2,440	4,640	333 45
Elbert	30,257.17	32,362	62,619.49	4,227 10
El Paso	62,964.72		124,652.98	5,600 00
Fremont	8,320	18,066.62	26,386.62	1,661 05
Garfield				
Gilpin	240	160	400	22 00
Grand	1,917.70	5,400	7,317.70	507 80
Gunnison	120	280	400	113 00
Hinsdale	160	1,600	1,760	131 20
Huerfano	5,480	11,000	16,480	1,009 80
Jefferson	5,050	4,596	9,646	1,030 65
Kiowa	13,284.89	4,360	17,644.89	667 00
Kit Carson	1,520	4,955.54	6,475.54	324 00
Lake		377	377	30 80
La Plata	1,720	3,521.68	5,241.68	426 28
Larimer	25,760	30,080	55,840	4,725 03
Las Animas	26,930	29,287.95	56,217.95	2,552 90

SUMMARY OF LEASES—Continued.

SCHOOL LAND LEASED—Concluded.

COUNTY	Area Embraced in Leases issued Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Biennial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease in each County	Annual Rental
Lincoln	ACRES 13,906.69	ACRES 46,095.94	ACRES 60,002.63	\$ 2,133 58
Logan	6,840	11,885.44	18,725.44	1,458 90
Mesa				
Mineral	160	560	720	81 60
Montrose				
Montezuma	1,320	3,081	4,401	492 00
Morgan	16,000	19,480	35,480	2,295 90
Otero	13,230.20	52,831.38	66,061.58	4,668 39
Ouray	200	1,080.96	1,280.96	131 40
Park	3,040	11,362.92	14,402.92	915 30
Phillips	640	2,563.90	3,203.90	172 00
Pitkin	320	120	440	88 00
Prowers	8,349.73	15,015.60	23,365.33	1,318 87
Pueblo	55,952.07	67,461.38	123,413.45	5,799 99
Rio Blanco				
Rio Grande	4,730	3,400	8,130	1,416 00
Routt	4,120	14,400	18,520	1,585 00
Saguache	8,171.58	6,720	14,891.58	1,676 30
San Juan				
San Miguel	2,715.44	3,520	6,235.44	424 00
Sedgwick	1,120	3,520	4,640	298 50
Summit	320		320	24 00
Teller	960	2,880	3,840	290 20
Washington	2,880	12,760	15,640	831 40
Weld	17,929.98	49,064.52	66,994.50	4,824 58
Yuma	5,240	6,200	11,440	543 20
Totals	413,769	676,452.73	1,100,058.73	\$ 70,406 28

SUMMARY OF LEASES—Continued.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE LAND LEASED.

COUNTY	Area Em- braced in Un- expired leases issued prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Bien- nial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease	Annual Rental
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
Baca		636	636	\$ 50 85
Bent		360	360	18 00
Fremont	1,200	160	1,360	58 00
Larimer	2,579	80	2,659	114 47
Las Animas		400	400	32 00
Montezuma	840	560	1,400	218 00
Otero		5,400	5,400	300 00
Pueblo		160	160	25 00
Totals	4,619	7,756	12,375	\$ 816 32

SUMMARY OF LEASES—Continued.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT LAND LEASED.

COUNTY	Area Em- braced in Un- expired Leases issued prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Bien- nial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease	Annual Rental
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
Arapahoe	4,053	4,680	8,733	\$ 794 20
Bent	2,990	-----	2,990	137 40
Chaffee	320	-----	320	64 00
Conejos	3,579	4,217	7,796	1,238 45
Costilla	3,640	8,502	12,142	717 20
Jefferson	-----	200	200	10 00
Lake	-----	35	35	10 00
Logan	1,160	520	1,680	166 00
Otero	600	1,600	2,200	390 49
Park	6,633	4,840	11,473	677 23
Prowers	1,192	2,760	3,952	425 87
Pueblo	680	120	800	118 00
Rio Grande	17,642	2,920	20,562	4,189 00
Saguache	30,724	12,705	43,429	4,529 77
Washington	160	320	480	28 00
Totals	73,373	43,419	116,792	\$ 13,495 61

SUMMARY OF LEASES—Continued.

PUBLIC BUILDING LAND LEASED.

COUNTY	Area Embraced in Unexpired Leases issued Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Biennial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease	Annual Rental
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
Bent	320	-----	320	\$ 20 00
Conejos	160	975	1,135	111 20
Jefferson	120	592	712	64 80
Weld	2,240	160	2,400	107 00
Totals	2,840	1,727	4,567	\$ 303 00

PENITENTIARY LAND LEASED.

COUNTY	Area Embraced in Unexpired Leases issued Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Biennial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease	Annual Rental
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
Bent.....	1,280	440	1,720	\$ 174 00
Chaffee	80	560	640	40 00
Conejos	80	-----	80	10 00
Totals	1,440	1,000	2,440	\$ 224 00

SALINE LAND LEASED.

COUNTY	Area Embraced in Unexpired Leases issued Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Biennial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease	Annual Rental
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
Park	120	200	320	\$ 32 00
Totals	120	200	320	\$ 32 00

SUMMARY OF LEASES—Concluded.

UNIVERSITY LAND LEASED.

COUNTY	Area Embraced in Unexpired Leases issued Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Leased During Biennial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Total Area Under Lease	Annual Rental
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	
Conejos	-----	80	80	\$ 10 00
Jefferson	440	-----	440	26 00
Logan	2,286	600	2,886	459 00
Washington	-----	160	160	8 00
Totals	2,726	840	3,566	\$ 503 00

COAL LEASES.

COUNTY	Name of Fund		Total Area	Minimum Annual Royalty	Amount of Royalty Paid During Biennial Period Ending Nov. 30, 1900
	School	Agricultural College			
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES		
Arapahoe	640	-----	640	\$ 200 00	\$ 400 00
Douglas	640	-----	640	100 00	107 50
Fremont	640	-----	640	250 00	500 00
Huerfano	1,280	-----	1,280	2,150 00	4,300 00
La Plata	640	-----	640	200 80	451 60
Las Animas	1,600	-----	1,600	400 00	6,873 42
Montezuma	160	120	280	200 00	250 00
Totals	5,600	120	5,720	\$ 3,500 80	\$ 12,882 52

MINERAL LEASES.

COUNTY	Number of Lots Leased	Area	Minimum Yearly Royalty	Fund
Baca	17	ACRES 170	\$ 170 00	School
Bent	3	30	30 00	School
Boulder	1	10	10 00	School
Chaffee	4	40	40 00	School
Douglas	14	140	140 00	School
El Paso	8	80	80 00	School
Fremont	24	240	240 00	School
Gilpin	5	50	50 00	School
Jefferson	1	10	10 00	School
Larimer	6	60	60 00	School
Mineral	2	20	20 00	School
Park	1	10	10 00	School
Park	8	80	80 00	Int. Improvements
Teller	311	3,110	3,110 00	School
Totals	405	4,050	\$ 4,050 00	

MISCELLANEOUS LEASES.

COUNTY	Fund	For What Purpose Leased.	Area	Minimum Annual Rental
Arapahoe	School	Fire Clay	ACRES 180	\$ 200 00
Chaffee	School	Stone	20	25 00
Costilla	School	Soda	2	25 00
Fremont	School	Marble	160	34 00
Fremont	School	Oil	960	10 per ct. of Product
Jefferson	School	Stone	320	100 00
Las Animas	School	Stone	80	25 00
Pueblo	Ag. College	Stone and Lime	160	2c. per ton of Product
Totals			1,882	\$ 409 00

SUMMARY OF LAND SALES

BELONGING TO THE SEVERAL FUNDS, MADE DURING THE TWO YEARS ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 1900.

SCHOOL.

COUNTY	Date of Sale	Number of Patent	Number of Certificate	Acres	Price Per Acre	Per Cent. Paid	Amount Paid
Arapahoe	Nov. 5, 1899	1706	-----	160	\$ 7 00	---	\$ 1,120 00
Arapahoe	Jan. 8, 1900	1712	-----	17.33	25 00	---	433 25
Arapahoe	Feb. 9, 1900	1722	-----	40	25 00	---	1,000 00
Boulder	May 29, 1899	1677	-----	40	5 50	---	220 00
Fremont	Feb. 26, 1900	1724	-----	20	10 00	---	200 00
Fremont	Mar. 12, 1900	1728	-----	20	10 00	---	200 00
Fremont	April 4, 1900	1748	-----	59.95	10 00	---	599 95
Huerfano	May 22, 1899	1678	-----	640	4 00	---	2,560 00
Jefferson	June 11, 1900	-----	3861	40	10 00	10	40 00
Larimer	June 11, 1900	-----	3862	38	15 00	10	57 00
Otero	Aug. 31, 1899	-----	3838	80	15 00	10	120 00
Otero	June 12, 1899	-----	3842	640	5 00	10	320 00
Otero	June 12, 1899	1708	-----	640	5 00	---	3,200 00
Otero	Feb. 27, 1900	1726	-----	454.72	-----	---	3,057 06
Weld	Feb. 27, 1900	-----	3853	80	7 50	10	60 00
Weld	Aug. 27, 1900	-----	3866	160	11 25	10	180 00
Total	-----	-----	-----	3,130	-----	---	\$ 13,367 26

INDEMNITY SCHOOL.

COUNTY	Date of Sale	Number of Patent	Number of Certificate	Acres	Price Per Acre	Per Cent Paid	Amount Paid
Otero	April 16, 1900	-----	3860	40	\$ 5 00	10	\$ 20 00
Otero	Aug. 13, 1900	-----	3863	40	7 50	10	30 00
Otero	Nov. 12, 1900	1770	-----	80	7 50	---	600 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3822	80	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3823	80	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3825	80	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3826	80	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3827	80	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3828	80	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3829	40	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3830	40	3 50	10	28 00
Routt	Mar. 27, 1899	-----	3831	120	3 50	10	28 00
Total	-----	-----	-----	840	-----	---	\$ 902 00

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

COUNTY	Date of Sale	Number of Patent	Number of Certificate	Acres	Price Per Acre	Per Cent Paid	Amount Paid
Fremont	Jan. 5, 1900	1761	-----	40	\$ 3 50	100	\$ 140 00

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

COUNTY	Date of Sale	Number of Patent	Number of Certificate	Acres	Price Per Acre	Per Cent. Paid	Amount Paid
Conejos	Jan. 11, 1899	-----	3803	680	\$ 4 50	10	\$ 306 00
Conejos	Jan. 11, 1899	-----	3806	160	4 00	10	64 00
Conejos	Oct. 31, 1899	1704	-----	36.67	6 00	----	220 02
Costilla	Jan. 25, 1899	1717	-----	120	3 50	----	420 00
Costilla	Jan. 25, 1899	-----	3834	160	6 00	10	96 00
Costilla	Jan. 25, 1899	-----	3835	160	4 00	10	64 00
Costilla	Jan. 25, 1899	-----	3836	520	3 50	10	182 00
Costilla	April 3, 1899	-----	3850	40	4 00	10	16 00
Otero	Dec. 4, 1899	-----	3843	60.81	15 20	10	91 20
Otero	Feb. 27, 1900	1725	-----	160	5 75	----	920 00
Prowers	April 23, 1900	-----	3857	80	3 50	10	28 00
Prowers	April 23, 1900	-----	3858	200	3 50	10	70 00
Rio Grande	Jan. 8, 1900	-----	3849	158.20	25 50	20	806 82
Total	-----	-----	-----	2,535.68	-----	----	\$ 3,284 04

GENERAL SUMMARY.

SHOWING LANDS GRANTED TO THE STATE FOR VARIOUS FUNDS AND THE PRESENT STATUS THEREOF.

SCHOOL.
INCLUDING INDEMNITY SCHOOL LAND SELECTIONS.

COUNTY	Area Com- pained in School Sec- tions 16 and 36 in Place	Area of In- deemnity Se- lections Ap- proved	Total Area of School Lands in each County	Area Sold		Area Unsold.
				Patented	Embraced in Ctf. of Purchase	
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES
Arapahoe	166,701.78	-----	166,701.78	3,592.33	1,680	161,429.45
Archuleta	28,021.69	-----	28,021.69	-----	-----	28,021.69
Baca	88,715.11	-----	88,715.11	120	320	88,275.11
Bent	51,370.96	69,617.66	120,988.62	2,516.66	160	118,311.96
Boulder	22,720	-----	22,720	5,690	755	16,275
Chaffee	37,440	-----	37,440	160	-----	37,280
Cheyenne	64,000	-----	64,000	-----	-----	64,000
Clear Creek	9,760	1,679.45	11,439.45	160	-----	11,279.45
Conejos	44,200	-----	44,200	3,560	3,240	37,400
Costilla	17,280	-----	17,280	800	160	16,320
Custer	20,295.47	-----	20,295.47	640	-----	19,655.47
Delta	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dolores	23,040	-----	23,040	-----	-----	23,040
Douglas	30,680	80	30,760	2,720	1,120	26,920
Eagle	48,200	-----	48,200	-----	-----	48,200
Elbert	65,560	15,099.65	80,659.65	560	-----	80,099.65
El Paso	73,576.86	81,652.12	155,228.98	3,440	296.86	151,492.12
Fremont	47,275.76	6,031.20	53,306.96	100	1,240	51,966.96
Garfield	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Gilpin	3,000	-----	3,000	40	-----	2,960
Grand	65,280	24,035.35	89,315.35	400	240	88,675.35
Gunnison	34,600	-----	34,600	350	130	34,140
Hinsdale	31,680	-----	31,680	-----	-----	31,680
Huerfano	53,520	4,761.66	58,281.66	320	-----	57,961.66
Jefferson	29,600	-----	29,600	4,296.97	760	24,543.03
Kiowa	62,400	42,643.55	105,043.55	-----	-----	105,043.55
Kit Carson	74,544.25	-----	74,544.25	1,080	-----	73,464.25
Lake	3,840	-----	3,840	-----	-----	3,840
La Plata	37,520	-----	37,520	1,728.76	80	35,711.24
Larimer	152,760	16,632.99	169,392.99	3,483	341.10	165,568.89

GENERAL SUMMARY—Continued.

SCHOOLS—Concluded.

COUNTY	Area Con- tained in School Sec- tions 16 and 36 in Place	Area of In- demnity Se- ctions Ap- proved	Total Area of School Lands in each County	Area Sold		Area Unsold
				Patented	Embraced in Ctf. of Purchase	
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES
Las Animas ..	151,180.70		151,180.70	2,930.35	160	148,090.35
Lincoln	91,760	31,229.17	122,989.17			122,989.17
Logan	64,880	1,158.34	66,038.34	960	880	64,198.34
Mesa						
Mineral	25,840		25,840	5		25,835
Montrose						
Montezuma ..	27,920	12,722.67	40,642.67		40	40,602.67
Morgan	46,080	3,202.37	49,282.37	600		48,682.37
Otero	71,860.33	79,757.33	151,617.66	9,897.19	16,043.21	125,677.26
Ouray	5,520		5,520			5,520
Park	67,000	920	67,920	3,480	640	63,800
Phillips	22,537.60	1,045.24	23,582.84	40	280	23,262.84
Pitkin	20,704.91		20,704.91			20,704.91
Prowers	52,044.46	9,797.06	61,841.52	4,480	440	56,921.52
Pueblo	71,376.76	160,688.59	132,065.35	3,349.33	1,192	227,524.02
Rio Blanco ..						
Rio Grande ..	30,840		30,840	200	650	29,990
Routt	264,853.98	50,318.77	315,172.75	1,720	920	312,532.75
Saguache	107,240		107,240	240		107,000
San Juan	15,160		15,160			15,160
San Miguel ..	32,800		32,800			32,800
Sedgwick	19,040		19,040			19,040
Summit	16,160		16,160			16,160
Teller	18,320		18,320			18,320
Washington ..	38,400		38,400	640		37,760
Weld	142,245.24	4,578.45	146,823.69	5,721	1,999	139,103.69
Yuma	41,363.88		41,363.88		640	40,723.88
Totals	2,832,709.74	617,651.62	3,450,361.36	70,000.59	34,407.17	3,345,953.60

Total area granted to State in Sections 16 and 36, exclusive of School Sections lying within the Tierra Amarilla, Beaubien and Miranda, Sangre de Cristo Grants and Ute Indian Reservation 2,971,758.42 Acres

Area lost to State for various reasons, exclusive of School Sections lying within the above named grants and reservation. 139,048.68 Acres

Total area of said Sections 16 and 36 in place 2,832,709.74 Acres

Percentage of unsold School Lands under lease, .336.

GENERAL SUMMARY—Concluded.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

STATUTORY GRANT TO STATE, 90,000 ACRES.

COUNTY	Area Patented to the State	Area Sold Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Sold in Two Years, ending Nov. 30, 1900	Area Remaining Nov. 30, 1900
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES
Baca	635.42	-----	-----	635.42
Bent	1,903.95	949.38	-----	954.57
Fremont	9,585.44	5,152.63	40.00	4,392.81
Kit Carson	160.00	-----	-----	160.00
Larimer	5,601.50	-----	-----	5,601.50
Las Animas	1,994.45	-----	-----	1,994.45
Montezuma	19,161.29	-----	-----	19,161.29
Otero	42,589.61	38,869.61	-----	3,720.00
Pueblo	6,113.83	-----	-----	6,113.83
Routt	1,996.28	-----	-----	1,996.28
Totals	89,741.77	44,971.62	40.00	44,730.15

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

STATUTORY GRANT TO STATE, 500,000 ACRES.

COUNTY	Area Patented to the State	Area Sold Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Sold in Two Years Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Area Remaining Nov. 30, 1900
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES
Arapahoe	9,263.24	40.00	-----	9,223.24
Bent.....	9,211.68	2,745.36	-----	6,466.32
Chaffee	3,692.31	1,606.56	-----	2,085.45
Conejos	136,611.10	111,014.19	876.67	24,720.24
Costillo	57,984.60	13,685.41	1,000.00	43,299.19
Lake	3,839.06	2,769.98	-----	1,069.08
Logan.....	4,399.46	2,400.11	-----	1,999.35
Morgan	14,216.56	14,216.56	-----	-----
Otero.....	9,143.94	6,979.03	220.81	1,944.10
Park	57,761.86	8,707.19	-----	49,054.67
Prowers	10,423.02	3,160.00	280.00	6,983.02
Pueblo	3,524.18	1,277.13	-----	2,247.05
Rio Grande	83,835.50	55,804.08	158.20	27,873.22
Saguache	95,187.53	19,093.66	-----	76,093.87
Washington	3,105.48	2,625.48	-----	480.00
Totals	502,199.52	246,125.04	2,535.68	253,538.80

PENITENTIARY.

STATUTORY GRANT TO STATE, 32,000 ACRES.

COUNTY	Area Patented to the State	Area Sold Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Sold during Bien-nial Period, Ending Nov. 30, 1900	Area Remaining Nov. 30, 1900
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES
Bent.....	9,247.62	7,167.62	-----	2,080.00
Chaffee	8,380.65	1,697.63	-----	6,683.02
Conejos	13,637.22	12,319.72	-----	1,317.50
Totals	31,265.49	21,184.97	-----	10,080.52

PUBLIC BUILDING.

STATUTORY GRANT TO STATE, 32,000 ACRES.

COUNTY	Area Patented to the State	Area Sold Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Sold during Biennial Period, ending Nov. 30, 1900	Area Remaining Nov. 30, 1900
Bent	ACRES 6,301.02	ACRES 6,141.05	ACRES -----	ACRES 160.00
Clear Creek.....	1,427.56	-----	-----	1,427.56
Conejos	2,758.29	1,479.67	-----	1,278.62
Jefferson	2,233.49	320.00	-----	1,913.49
Morgan	16,784.23	16,784.23	-----	-----
Weld	2,400.00	-----	-----	2,400.00
Totals.....	31,904.62	24,724.95	-----	7,179.67

SALINE.

STATUTORY GRANT, TWELVE SPRINGS, SIX SECTIONS FOR EACH SALT SPRING DISCOVERED. FIVE SPRINGS ONLY DISCOVERED.

COUNTY	Area Patented to the State	Area Sold Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Sold during Biennial Period, ending Nov. 30, 1900	Area Remaining Nov. 30, 1900
Park.....	ACRES 18,836.62	ACRES 2,473.76	ACRES -----	ACRES 16,362.86

UNIVERSITY.

STATUTORY GRANT TO STATE, 46,080 ACRES.

COUNTY	Area Patented to the State	Area Sold Prior to Dec. 1, 1898	Area Sold during Biennial Period, ending Nov. 30, 1900	Area Remaining Nov. 30, 1900
Conejos	ACRES 1,040	ACRES 960	ACRES -----	ACRES 80
Jefferson.....	8,600	1,440	-----	7,160
Logan	24,020.95	20,607.59	-----	3,413.36
Morgan	4,595.92	4,595.92	-----	-----
Washington	7,627.56	6,187.56	-----	1,440
Totals.....	45,884.43	33,791.07	-----	12,093.36

RECAPITULATION.

CHARACTER OF LANDS	Total Area Patented to State ACRES	Area Sold ACRES	Area Remaining Unsold Nov. 30, 1900 ACRES	LEASES				Miscellaneous Stone, Oil, etc. ACRES	Total Area Under Lease ACRES	Area Unleased ACRES	Percentage of Unsold Lands Leased
				Agricultural and Grazing ACRES	Coal ACRES	Mineral ACRES					
School (including indemnity school)	3,450,361.36	104,407.76	3,345,953.60	1,100,058.73	5,600	3,970	1,722	1,111,350.73	2,234,602.87	.336	
Agricultural college	89,741.77	45,011.62	44,730.15	12,375	120		160	12,655	32,075.15	.285	
Internal improvements	502,199.52	248,660.72	253,538.80	116,792		80		116,872	138,666.80	.462	
Penitentiary	31,265.49	21,184.97	10,080.52	2,440				2,440	7,640.52	.243	
Public building	31,904.62	24,724.95	7,179.67	4,567				4,567	2,612.67	.640	
Saline	18,836.62	2,473.76	16,362.86	320				320	16,042.86	.020	
University	45,884.45	33,791.07	12,093.38	3,566				3,566	8,527.36	.295	
Totals	4,170,193.81	480,254.85	3,689,938.96	1,240,118.73	5,722	4,050	1,882	1,251,770.73	2,438,168.23	.330	
Total area under lease Dec. 1, 1898								859,950.96			
Total increase								361,819.77			

CASH RECEIVED

IN STATE LAND DEPARTMENT FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 1898, AND ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1900, AND PAID TO STATE TREASURER.

MONTH	School Fund		Internal Improvement Fund	
	Permanent	Income	Permanent	Income
1898				
December	\$ 3,299 53	\$ 5,095 43	\$ 634 55	\$ 1,184 14
1899				
January	3,371 97	6,086 17	1,488 89	1,623 73
February	488 03	4,518 72	422 36	747 62
March	681 58	5,444 77	1,475 20	2,320 31
April	264 70	4,017 25	3,217 25	3,951 86
May	3,501 51	9,370 72	1,562 72	2,548 03
June	703 67	6,201 89	214 73	2,076 69
July	125 13	5,864 09	478 83	4,566 80
August	351 30	4,198 96	481 70	1,057 44
September	997 48	6,551 24	66 54	1,841 53
October	16,051 81	13,066 65	771 87	1,446 27
November	880 08	8,619 12	450 54	867 54
Totals, 1899	\$ 30,716 79	\$ 79,035 01	\$ 11,265 18	\$ 23,201 96
1899				
December	\$ 5,028 74	\$ 6,943 15	\$ 5,147 09	\$ 5,761 78
1900				
January	4,418 35	9,547 08	6,044 88	2,539 11
February	5,573 29	4,598 12	2,390 97	1,329 81
March	768 74	10,649 49	1,280 27	2,485 81
April	1,784 22	7,051 25	5,612 42	3,315 64
May	279 00	6,210 24	539 24	2,189 30
June	1,180 17	11,264 57	339 87	1,999 59
July	90 00	6,335 18	559 96	1,695 61
August	1,260 35	6,555 75	835 27	1,912 19
September	2,335 44	9,514 71	1,397 65	2,401 26
October	934 65	8,005 38	1,034 41	2,243 06
November	868 00	7,020 87	1,255 87	2,253 15
Totals, 1900	\$ 24,520 95	\$ 93,695 79	\$ 26,437 90	\$ 30,126 31
Totals, 1899	30,716 79	79,035 01	11,265 18	23,231 96
Totals	\$ 55,237 74	\$ 172,730 80	\$ 37,703 08	\$ 53,358 27

CASH RECEIVED—Continued.

MONTH	University Fund		Penitentiary Fund	
	Permanent	Income	Permanent	Income
1898				
December	-----	-----	-----	-----
1899				
January	-----	\$ 107 20	\$ 45 19	\$ 149 12
February	-----	-----	-----	24 00
March	-----	54 80	-----	58 00
April	-----	30 00	-----	16 00
May	-----	100 00	-----	10 00
June	-----	-----	-----	-----
July	-----	28 00	-----	-----
August	-----	71 00	-----	20 00
September	-----	106 00	-----	-----
October	-----	10 00	-----	-----
November	-----	32 00	-----	-----
Totals 1899	-----	\$ 539 00	\$ 45 19	\$ 277 12
1899				
December	-----	-----	-----	-----
1900				
January	-----	\$ 59 20	-----	\$ 60 00
February	-----	216 00	-----	48 00
March	-----	-----	-----	24 00
April	416 00	1,786 59	-----	16 00
May	-----	104 00	-----	42 00
June	-----	26 00	-----	-----
July	-----	64 00	-----	20 00
August	1,960 00	1,580 00	-----	36 00
September	-----	32 80	-----	10 00
October	-----	52 40	-----	47 32
November	-----	42 00	423 65	595 67
Totals, 1900	2,376 00	3,962 99	423 65	898 99
Totals, 1899	-----	539 00	45 19	277 12
Totals	\$ 2,376 00	\$ 4,501 99	\$ 468 84	\$ 1,176 11

CASH RECEIVED—Continued.

MONTH	Public Building Fund		Agricultural College Fund	
	Permanent	Income	Permanent	Income
1898				
December		\$ 10 00	\$ 41 86	\$ 28 47
1899				
January		20 00	160 20	122 65
February		27 00	381 88	146 49
March		12 00	1,503 67	1,359 82
April		10 00	65 25	95 49
May		32 00		50 00
June				
July		10 00		45 00
August		20 00	380 00	107 95
September		38 00	89 75	591 76
October		30 00	2,895 45	614 03
November		32 00		66 00
Total 1899		\$ 241 00	\$ 5,518 06	\$ 3,227 66
1899				
December		\$ 42 40	\$ 894 00	\$ 231 44
1900				
January	\$ 22 56	22 08	7,359 40	1,217 36
February		29 00	1,476 85	1,316 51
March			40 00	101 81
April		26 00	12 45	27 67
May			204 00	55 21
June		22 00		62 00
July		10 80		18 00
August				
September		41 00	338 70	375 69
October		48 00		64 00
November		45 20		77 00
Total 1900	\$ 22 56	\$ 286 48	\$ 10,375 40	\$ 3,643 54
Total 1899		241 00	5,518 06	3,227 66
Totals	\$ 22 56	\$ 527 48	\$ 15,843 46	\$ 6,871 20

CASH RECEIVED—Concluded.

MONTH	Saline Fund		Appraisement	Mineral Survey	Fees
	Permanent	Income			
1898					
December	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$ 77 82
1899					
January	-----	-----	-----	-----	40 00
February	-----	-----	-----	-----	34 00
March	-----	-----	-----	-----	53 00
April	-----	-----	-----	\$ 20 00	39 00
May	-----	-----	\$ 10 00	-----	53 00
June	-----	\$ 12 00	45 00	-----	67 00
July	-----	-----	29 00	90 00	82 50
August	-----	20 00	30 00	10 00	78 35
September	-----	-----	50 00	30 00	71 00
October	-----	-----	110 00	140 00	106 48
November	-----	-----	90 00	-----	113 04
Totals, 1899	-----	\$ 32 00	\$ 364 00	\$ 240 00	\$ 815 19
1899					
December	-----	-----	\$ 90 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 152 30
1900					
January	-----	-----	10 00	-----	139 71
February	-----	-----	67 50	-----	168 68
March	-----	-----	70 00	40 00	196 45
April	-----	-----	30 00	60 00	218 45
May	-----	\$ 12 00	30 00	20 00	276 15
June	-----	-----	30 00	-----	238 00
July	-----	-----	30 00	10 00	176 00
August	-----	-----	130 00	-----	182 86
September	-----	-----	20 00	10 00	111 00
October	-----	-----	30 00	40 00	158 00
November	-----	-----	10 00	-----	200 15
Totals, 1900	-----	\$ 12 00	\$ 547 50	\$ 210 00	\$ 2,217 75
Totals, 1899	-----	32 00	364 00	290 00	815 19
Totals ..	-----	\$ 44 00	\$ 911 50	\$ 500 00	\$ 3,032 94

Grand total, \$355,305.97.

