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INTRODUCTORY.

Hon. Justus S. Stearns, Secretary of State,
Lansing, Michigan:

My Dear Sir—In compliance with your request I submit to you this compilation of the General School Laws of 1899, the same to be published and distributed in accordance with the provisions of act No. 44, Public Acts of 1899, for the use of all persons having official charge of the public schools of Michigan.

In making this compilation we have quoted from the Compiled Laws of 1897, making such additions and explanatory comments as became necessary through the enactments of the legislature of 1899. The numbers in parenthesis refer to the Compiled Laws, as also the chapters numbered in Roman; the section numbers correspond to those of the Public Acts.

Near the back part of this book it will be noticed that these numbers are not consecutive, but this is readily understood from the following comments:

1. The law for Uniformity of Text Books, being section 4781-4790, was repealed and therefore does not appear.
2. That part of the law referring to Teachers' Associations, the safe keeping of public moneys, the prevention of crime and punishment for truancy, is taken from different portions of the Compiled Laws of 1897.

I desire to call attention to the addition of the laws referring to the powers and duties of the State Board of Education in the control of the State Normal Schools, and the granting of degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

The laws enacted by the legislature of 1899, *amending* previous laws referring to education and the public schools, have been inserted in their proper places, with explanatory marginal notes. The new laws enacted are the following:

1. An act to change the name of the Michigan State Normal School at Ypsilanti.
2. An act to provide for the establishment of a Normal School at Marquette.
3. An act to provide for the establishment of loan funds for the assistance of students desirous to attend our higher institutions of learning.
4. An act to create a State Library Commission.
5. An act to maintain day schools for the deaf.
6. An act to provide for the publication and distribution of laws and public documents.

By reason of the reprinting of annotations, the publication of what was

designated as "Appendix A" in previous editions is no longer necessary. We, however, print as an appendix what was known as "Appendix B." Attention is also called to the note regarding apportionment of the dog tax, and the printing and distribution of the legislative Manual and annual report of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Very respectfully yours,

JASON E. HAMMOND,

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

N. B.—Inasmuch as following the Compiled Laws of 1897 necessitated so many changes from the order heretofore followed, we would suggest that all other editions of school law be discarded, and this substituted therefor.—J. E. H.



GENERAL
SCHOOL LAWS OF MICHIGAN.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS.

ARTICLE VIII.

STATE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be elected at each biennial election, a Secretary of State, a Superintendent of Public Instruction, a State Treasurer, Commissioner of the Land Office, an Auditor General, and an Attorney General, for the term of two years. They shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by law.

State officers to be elected.

Where to keep offices.

SEC. 2. Their term of office shall commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and of every second year thereafter.

Term of office.

SEC. 3. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any of the State offices, the Governor shall fill the same by appointment, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, if in session.

Vacancy, how filled.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

SECTION 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have the general supervision of public instruction, and his duties shall be prescribed by law.

Duties of superintendent of public instruction.

SEC. 2. The proceeds from the sales of all lands that have been or hereafter may be granted by the United States to the State for educational purposes, and the proceeds of all lands or other property given by individuals or appropriated by the State for like purposes, shall be and remain a perpetual fund, the interest and income of which, together with the rents of all such lands as may remain unsold, shall be inviolably appro-

School fund.