

The act also provided that the public archives shall be housed in the historical, memorial and art building in rooms to be known as the hall of public archives.

Chapter 157 acts of the thirty-second general assembly provided that the executive council should superintend the arrangement, labeling, filing and calendaring of the archives, the same to be delivered to the state library and historical department for preservation. An appropriation of \$4,000 was made by the thirty-fifth general assembly for the biennial period ending June 30, 1915.

The work of arranging, classifying, etc., is now under charge of Cassius C. Stiles, superintendent, at a salary of \$1,320 per year.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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The directors for the odd-numbered districts are elected in the even-numbered years, and those for the even-numbered districts in the odd numbered years.

Any resident of the state is eligible to membership in the society. The secretary will on application furnish information relating to membership.

The annual meeting begins on Tuesday before the second Wednesday in December of each year.

The society publishes an annual report full of valuable and interesting papers.

The object of this society is the promotion and encouragement of horticulture and arborculture in the state by the collection and dissemination of practical information regarding the cultivation of such fruits, flowers and trees as are best adapted to the soil and climate of the state. The rooms of the society are kept open at all times for the reception of visitors. All communications on horticultural topics will be promptly answered by the secretary.

STATE FORESTRY COMMISSIONER.

WESLEY GREENE, of Scott county, secretary of the state horticultural society is ex officio state forestry commissioner. His address is Des Moines, Iowa. He serves as commissioner without compensation. The law authorizes him to appoint deputies to serve without salary for each county or group of counties, who shall assist him in the performance of his duties, and also make report to him annually of forestry matters for the use of the horticultural society.

The object of the law is to encourage the planting of forest and fruit trees in the state. The act provides that any person owning land in the state may plant or select a tract of land not less than two acres in area for a forest reservation, provided there shall be not less than two hundred forest trees growing on each acre and that live stock is not permitted to pasture on it.