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MESSAGE

ALBERT G. PORTER,
GOVERNOR OF INDIANA,
TO THE LEGISLATURE
JANUARY 5, 1883.

SENATORS AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:—The condition of the State of Indiana, in which you assemble, could not be more satisfactory. The condition of the State has never been more prosperous. During the past five years, the growth of our population has been unusually abundant. Our manufacturing and mining industries have yielded good returns. Within the past year 500 miles of railway have been completed, and in any previous year, less than in any previous year. Of the ninety-two counties in the State, there are only four through which railroads now pass, and three of these are in the northern part of the State. More than 225,000 acres of land have, during the year, been brought for the first time into cultivation. The practice of the State of Indiana in the removal of excess of moisture has never been so energetically prosecuted. Along with it have come increased productiveness, and a lessening of all the evils of poverty. Our country, under the careful superintendence of a diligent and capable officer, have increased in usefulness and in public favor.

THE STATE DEBT.—
The State debt is as follows: Five per cent. certificates, State stock, \$14,693.99; Two and one-half per cent. certificates, \$2,353.13; Five per cent. bonds payable in New York, due Dec. 1, 1880, and payable at 90, \$1,000.00; State bonds, April 1, 1884, \$58,000.00; Twenty-four internal improvement bonds, \$24,000.00; Six per cent. internal improvement bonds, due July 1, 1886, held by the United States, \$6,000.00. Total.....\$54,649.99

The additional interest on the above old bonds above mentioned should be added, but the precise amount cannot now be stated.

The amount of the State to the school fund is evidenced by five non-negotiable bonds for the aggregate sum of \$3,904,282.22, bearing 6 per cent. interest; and the indebtedness to Purdue University is evidenced by one bond for \$340,000, bearing 6 per cent. interest.

EXCISES AND DUTIES.—

At the beginning of the fiscal year, 1881, there was in the general fund of the State treasury, a balance of \$304,894.91.

There was received into the fund from all sources during the year.....1,468,025.08

Total.....\$1,772,919.99

The total disbursements from the fund during the fiscal year were.....1,634,691.82.

Leaving a balance at the end of that year.....\$278,228.22

The estimates of expenditures for the support of the State Government for the fiscal year 1882, made by the Auditor of State, in 1879, amounted to the aggregate sum of.....1,206,575.00.

These estimates were insufficient with respect to several important items. The expenditures on account of benevolent and penal institutions, for example, were by far the largest.

The expenses of the Legislature con-

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The estimates did not include the following items of disbursements:

A transfer from the general fund to the State House fund, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly, of \$100,000.00.

A payment of remaining war loan.....130,000.00.

A payment of an old internal improvement bond, principal and interest, of a 2½ per cent. cr. in State of State.....5,563.13.

The amount of the old bonds, principal and interest, of the State of State, was \$61.12.

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