

## STATE SCHOOLS TO PRESS M'CRAY WITH DEMANDS

Educational Funds Need One of First Problems of New Administration.

Warren T. McCray and the administrative officers who will assume control of the State government after the first of the year will be confronted with a gigantic educational problem. In general, the task before them is to bring Indians up from forty-second place in school circles to a first place. Probably no other administration ever faced such task, and that the Governor-elect realizes this is evident from the fact he has instructed a juking commission to investigate educational laws in other States.

The State institutions of higher learning, Purdue University, Indiana University and the Indiana State Normal school at Terre Haute are bankrupt and near Terre Haute are bankrupt and near. Probably no other administration ever faced such task, and that the Governor-elect realizes this is evident from the fact he has instructed a juking commission to investigate educational laws in other States.

The State Normal School does not have enough money in its general fund now to meet the monthly pay roll for the faculty and Purdue is contemplating limiting attendance in order to meet the restrictions imposed by a parsimonious financial policy.

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be found to dispose of the other two men, both of whom are Goodrich appointees.

### MAY RECOMMEND TAX LAW CHANGE.

"The fundamentals of the present tax law are all right," said Mr. McCray, "but I think some changes are required. I am having it investigated and I think some recommendations for revision will be made."

Mr. McCray said that he hoped to settle the standard of education in the State and that he expected to evolve some plan through conferences with educators whereby the financial situation of the State schools can be cleared up.

Mr. McCray does not intend to arrogate to himself the functions of the legislative department of the State government, emphatically declaring that he "will not be the Legislature." He will have recommendations to make in his first message, he said, and will leave it largely up to the assemblymen to enact needed measures and to correct some of those already in the statutes.

### TO RECOMMEND.

"I shall recommend in my first message to the Legislature the repeal of the primary law," he said. "I feel that it imposes too much of a burden on a candidate. However, it will be up to the Legislature to bring about the repeal, for I can not and will not be the legislative branch of the government."

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## SHIPPERS SPEAK FOR RATE BOOST

Interstate Commerce Commission Takes Testimony.

Indiana shippers on the stand today before the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the hearing being conducted in the Federal building for the purpose of determining whether Indiana railroad rates shall be further increased, endeavored to point out the reasonableness of the increase as fixed in the September order of the Indiana Public Service Commission.

In a comparison of rates on carloads of coal and iron, involving distance in a mile, a car mile, and earning based on weight to forty-five tons a car, the shippers declared that their haul earnings and rates as charged in intrastate transportation are now relatively higher than the rates charged in interstate commerce.

It is pointed out that coal shipped from the Clinton coal fields to Anderson, a distance of 122 miles, provides earnings of 87 mills a ton after the terminals charge of 30 cents a ton is deducted, while coal shipped from Artemus, Ky., to Anderson a distance of 329 miles, provides 100 mills a ton.

It was expected that the hearing would be concluded this afternoon, and Examiner Disque will submit his report to the Interstate commerce commission in the near future.

## STATE BUREAUS SUBMIT REPORTS

Reports of the various departments of the Department of Conservation submitted monthly and annual reports to the director and members of the Department of Conservation, at a meeting held yesterday.

Reports from the Department of Fish and Game, Forest Entomology and Geology Departments were received.

One hundred and eight acres of land in Scott County, adjoining the State forest reserve, have been purchased by the commission, according to the report of the forest department. The land was purchased from Max Finscher of Columbia City, at a price of \$10 an acre.

The forestry department also reported the completion of the planting of 500 trees in Turkey Run State Park, and reported completion of installation of the heating plant in the hotel and of the installation of electric equipment in the hotel laundry.

The resignations of John M. Davis and wife, superintendents of McCormick's Creek Canyon Park, was reported to the commission.

George C. Berg, superintendent of the State fish hatcheries, reported the hatching of 771,000 fish for October, as compared with 242,000 in September.

Report for the department of fish and game in October, according to the report of George Mannfeld, director, were \$1,000 more than in the corresponding month of 1919.

A. E. Bodine, State organizer for the department of fish and game, reported that 108 clubs had been organized in the State in the past month. The clubs are cooperative with the department in the enforcement of the game laws.

Great interest is being displayed in the state lands of Indiana, because of the possibilities for oil, by Eastern capitalists, according to the report of the geology department. The shortage of oil has caused Eastern firms to buy large tracts of shale land in this State, the report of the department stated.

The department also made a report on the pollution of St. Mary's River between Evansville and Princeton. The report states that the water awaiting word from the Holland St. Louis Refining Company at Indianapolis, who it is said, has caused the pollution of the stream.

The office of Frank N. Wallace, State entomologist, are to be moved to the northwest corner of the Statehouse basement to make room for the extension of the department of the secretary of State's office.

"A report of the departments of the department of conservation are now ready for submission to the governor.

The law should never be made instrumentally for persecution and invasion of private homes without warrant," said Charles J. Orbison, prohibition enforcement officer for Indiana, in regard to the government's action toward home brew, whereby the sale of malt and hops is restricted.

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