

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE
TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
STATE HATCHING HOUSE

LOCATED AT
SPIRIT LAKE.

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To the Twentieth General Assembly:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee, who were appointed by Concurrent Resolution No. 10 to visit the Fish Hatching-House at Spirit Lake, Iowa, would respectfully submit the following:

We visited said hatching-house on February 6th, and found it supplied with with 3,500,000 eggs of the salmon trout, and white varieties, just beginning to hatch out. These young fish will be ready for distribution in the spring. Two small ponds adjoining the hatching-house are supplied with fish of numerous varieties, weighing from one to three pounds, some of the same having been taken from the lakes, which are the produce of eggs from foreign fish.

The ponds and some other incidental improvements have been made at the expense of the State. These improvements, including hired help, amount to \$1,046.85 during the past two years. The proper vouchers are on file in the office of the Assistant Fish Commissioner, A. A. Mosher. All moneys have been economically and judiciously expended, in accordance with the laws of the General Assembly. The grounds and the hatching-house belong to the said A. A. Mosher, who has furnished the use of the same to State without cost. Your committee would recommend that the State pay A. A. Mosher a rental of \$300 per annum for the use of said property, for the next two years, believing that this rental, with the Assistant Commissioner's salary of \$600 per annum, is a reasonable compensation for services and use of property.

You committee deem it inexpedient for the State to expend any more money on the grounds while they are the property of another. The water and other natural facilities at Spirit Lake for propagating fish cannot, in the opinion of your committee, be excelled anywhere in the west. We believe that the results of the work of the Assistant Fish Commissioner compensates for the cost of the same, and we further believe, and recommend, that the Fish Commission should be continued, believing that it is now on a line of work that will result in good to the State.

J. G. BROWN,

J. P. HUSKINS,

Committee.