

TWINE AND CORDAGE PLANT.

CHAPTER 163.

[H. B. 129.]

ESTABLISHING A TWINE AND CORDAGE PLANT.

AN ACT Entitled "An Act Establishing a Hard Fibre Twine and Cordage Plant at the State Penitentiary near Bismarck, and Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the said State Penitentiary to Construct and Operate said Plant on the State's Account, and Prescribing Certain Duties for the State Auditor and State Treasurer in Connection Therewith."

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. CORDAGE PLANT.] The board of trustees of the state penitentiary is hereby authorized and empowered to establish a hard fibre twine and cordage plant at the said penitentiary and to operate the same for the benefit of the state in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

§ 2. TRUSTEES SHALL CONSTRUCT BUILDINGS.] The said board of trustees shall at as early a date as practicable construct the necessary buildings and purchase the machinery, tools, fixtures and all other things that may be necessary to establish such twine and cordage plant at a cost not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

§ 3. SHALL PURCHASE STOCK AND SUPPLIES.] Whenever in their judgment it shall seem wise the said board of trustees shall purchase the stock, material, supplies and all other things necessary or incident to the successful operation of said plant and shall proceed to operate the same, subject to the conditions hereinafter contained and under such regulations as said board of trustees may from time to time prescribe.

§ 4. \$150,000 APPROPRIATED.] In the operation of said plant the said board of trustees shall be and are hereby authorized to use the balance of the one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), (appropriated in and by a joint resolution of the Sixth legislative assembly for the purpose of establishing and operating such plant), which may remain after the expenditures referred to in section 2 of this act have been made, and they are further authorized to use for the purposes specified in this section and the last preceding section, any additions to this fund arising from sales of product of the plant, or so much thereof as may be necessary and the

funds or money referred to in this section shall be known as the "operating fund."

§ 5. AUDITOR AUTHORIZED TO DRAW WARRANTS.] The expenditures under this act shall be made in all respects as now provided by law, except that the state auditor is hereby authorized and required to issue his warrant on the state treasurer for the cost of fibre and transportation charges on the same, and for any other item or thing purchased which must be paid for in cash before delivery, at such times and in such amounts as may be needed by said board of trustees to pay for the fibre purchased and transportation charges thereon, and are to be issued upon the written application therefor, signed by the officers of said penitentiary who are authorized, from time to time, to sign the expense lists and orders for the institution, and contracts for the delivery of such fibre and bills for transportation of same must be delivered to said state auditor, by said officers of the penitentiary, at the time of making such written application, and are to be accepted and held by him as vouchers for the warrants issued by him, until such time as the regular vouchers therefor can be obtained and filed with the state auditor, which shall be done by the board of trustees of said penitentiary at the earliest practicable date.

§ 6. PRODUCT OF THE PLANT TO BE DISPOSED OF BY TRUSTEES.] The product of said twine and cordage plant shall be disposed of by the board of trustees of said penitentiary under regulations to be prescribed by them, subject only to the following restrictions, viz: The board of trustees of said penitentiary, at its regular meeting held in the month of April in each year, shall fix prices at which the product of the plant shall be sold during that season, such prices to be based on the cost of the product and the demand for it; prices for car load lots shall be one-half cent per pound under prices for smaller lots; the product shall be sold only to those living in the state, and intending and agreeing to use it or sell it for use in the state; the price of the product of the plant so established at the April meeting of the board of trustees shall continue to be the price for the season, unless it shall become evident to the board that the price so established is such that it will prevent the sale of the product, or such that the state will not receive a fair price, based on the market value of like product, in which cases a change in price can be made at any regular meeting of said board thereafter held.

§ 7. DUTY OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER.] It shall be the duty of the accounting officer of the said state penitentiary whenever the amount received by him for the product of said plant and deposited with the institution treasurer of said penitentiary shall exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to draw his order for the amount so deposited on the said institution treasurer in favor of the state treasurer, and deliver same to the said state treasurer, at the same time furnishing the state auditor with a statement showing the amount of same and the source from which it came and all

sums so placed in the hands of the state treasurer, arising from sales of the product of said plant, shall be placed to the credit of the "operating fund" hereinbefore mentioned and referred to.

§ 8. EMERGENCY.] An emergency exists in that there is a lack of employment for the inmates of the state penitentiary and there are no provisions of law under which the same can be obviated; therefore, this act shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

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UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER 164.

[S. B. 174.]

AUTHORITY OF TRUSTEES.

AN ACT Authorizing, Empowering and Directing the Governor and Secretary of State to Grant and Convey Unto the University of the State of North Dakota a Certain Tract of Land, and Authorizing the Trustees of the University to Negotiate the Exchange of a Portion Thereof.

Whereas, By chapter 124 of the Laws of 1890, the legislative assembly permanently located the state fair at or near Grand Forks, upon condition that there be deeded the state for state fair purposes a tract of land not less than eighty acres in extent, and

Whereas, In compliance with said condition, there has been deeded in fee simple to the state the south half of the southwest quarter of section 5, in township one hundred fifty-one (151), north of range fifty (50) west, eighty acres more or less, according to the United States government survey thereof, and

Whereas, By chapter 134, Laws of 1897, the legislative assembly located the state fair at Mandan, and made an appropriation therefor, thereby and in that way by implication repealed the act locating said fair at Grand Forks, and

Whereas, the parties who purchased the tract of land before named, have consented and agreed that the same may be granted and transferred to the University aforesaid, therefore,

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN DEEDS.} That the governor and secretary of state are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to grant and convey unto the University of the State of North Dakota the south half of the southwest quarter