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## IVERSON POLICY TO STOP TRESPASS

### AUDITOR'S REPORT HANDLES QUESTION PLAINLY.

He Says Rigid Enforcement of Present Law Will Put an End to Taking State Timber—Previous Laxity in Care of Mineral Property is Criticized—Considerable Attention Paid to Drainage Question.

**POINTS FROM AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
Promises rigid enforcement of timber trespass laws.  
Recommends that compromises be settled by state timber board.  
Recommends double estimate and appraisal on all state timber.  
Deplores lax handling of state mineral interests.  
Suggests increase in rate of tax on public service corporations.  
Recommends concessions to owners of land sold for taxes.  
Urges liberal appropriation for forestry work.  
Recommends deficiency appropriation to pay claims against timber trespassers.  
Urges survey to report on system of swamp land drainage.  
Urges appropriation to drain swamp lands in Indian reservations.  
Asks legislative authority to lease lake beds for mineral purposes.

State Auditor Iverson speaks in his report freely on several subjects in his mind to the legislature, which is now issued to the press. His remarks on the subject of timber trespass and supervision of state mining property are especially interesting.

Mr. Iverson reiterates former statements with regard to timber trespass. He says the present law was adopted as a stringent measure to stop taking of timber from state lands. The legislature believed that its rigid penalties, "when judiciously administered," would be a sufficient safeguard.

The report shows \$63,781.73 collected for trespass in the two years ending July 31. Mr. Iverson says:  
"From a money standpoint the collections are generally satisfactory, but it is nevertheless deplorable that so much timber was taken by so many people without legal permit. It is confidently believed that in the future very little trespassing or timber stealing will be committed. After an experience of nearly two years in attempting to enforce the law in trespass cases, it can be stated that the law is in the main being observed."

One criminal prosecution was made in Aitkin county. About 200,000 feet of timber was seized or confiscated, 75,000 feet of which was stolen from state school lands. This was sold at public sale for \$1,459.78, under section 40, chapter 163, General Laws 1895. The trespasser was arrested, indicted by the grand jury, pleaded guilty at the trial, and was fined \$100 by the court.

A rigid enforcement of the law compelling involuntary trespassers to pay two or three times the value of the timber on the stump will tend to make them more careful about their boundary lines and greatly decrease the repetition of such mistakes. And when timber has been wilfully taken with intent to steal, a confiscation of the timber, wherever found, and criminal proceedings against the trespasser will, we believe, stop such crimes entirely.

One improvement in the law is suggested. It now gives the auditor the power to settle cases of trespass. Mr. Iverson recommends that all compromises be placed in the hands of the state timber board, which now has no authority over such matters.

With regard to sales of state timber, Mr. Iverson recommends that the law require two separate estimates and appraisals on every tract sold. This would add to some extent, but would give the timber board more light in fixing the minimum price.

**Checked Up Mineral Leases.**  
Another important feature of the report is with reference to mineral state mining lands. Mr. Iverson explains that prior to his administration the state had no check on the reports made by the mining companies. During the past two shipping seasons the auditor has kept a mining inspector on the ground to verify weights. Owing to rumors about the Messabe Mountain mine, the state sent a special engineer to take measurements, and his report was received Nov. 30. It showed 3,323,465 cubic yards removed, while the mining company's figures showed 3,291,466 yards. The investigation showed also that 269,000 tons of low grade ore in the stockpile, once rejected, can now be used under improved processes, and will be marketed. Other developments are hinted at in the following:  
It is not necessary for us at this late day to discuss the manner in which this magnificent property has been treated. Being one of the first of the soft ore mines opened and much of its ore of doubtful merchantable value, a partial justification is found. But it can be truthfully said, however, that a private individual or corporation owning that property would not have permitted such work, nor would the state have allowed it if a proper supervision had been exercised while the work was in progress. If the state had done its duty from the start there would have been no cause for the rumors and insinuations respecting this property which, it appears, have been quite freely circulated. The state should, in its mineral, timber and all other business enterprises, conduct its affairs along the safest and best business lines.

are made by the report. Some deal with the tax question, which is briefly discussed. The auditor urges the adoption of the tax amendment to the constitution as early as possible. He suggests that the rate of taxation on other public service corporations be advanced to keep pace with the increase in railroad taxes. He urges the adoption of an inheritance tax law, and an increased state revenue from fire insurance taxes.

**Concessions to Delinquents.**  
After next May all lands sold at delinquent tax sales under the operations of the 1902 law will become the absolute property of the state, and may thus be decided to the purchasers. Mr. Iverson suggests that the legislature allow some concessions to the original owners, to permit them to redeem for less than the amount required by the law. This would bring a better return for the state.

The report recites the work done by the state forestry board, and urges an appropriation to make the work effective, and to an increased salary for the fire warden.  
It is urged that a new appropriation be made by paying claims to owners of horses and cattle condemned under provisions of the Krustue bill. This bill has been declared repealed by the act creating the livestock sanitary board, so the claims have been held up.

The settlement of Minnesota's Spanish war claims is recited, showing payment of \$103,511.95 made to the state, and stores received in kind to the value of \$59,653.80, while \$27,673.67 were disallowed. An attempt will be made to get these claims settled by act of congress.

**System of State Drainage.**  
Much attention is paid to swamp land drainage. Mr. Iverson estimates that while all the surveys made to date will be over 2,000,000 acres of swamp land belonging to the state school and institutions fund. These cannot be sold at the minimum price without drainage, and as long as they lie idle the development to the northern section is held back. Drainage would more than repay the state, Mr. Iverson says:  
"A start should be made looking to a comprehensive system of drainage of these lands. It will cost considerable money, but it is safe to reckon that every dollar spent in drainage will be returned tenfold. Not alone will it be profitable; it will be doing justice to those sturdy, hard-working settlers who are endeavoring to establish homes in those northern frontier townships. The work should be started. Chapter 90, General Laws 1901, creates a drainage commission and provides for the northern section. An appropriation should be made sufficient to make a general survey of the country effected and to begin the work of reclaiming the lands."

As a result of the state's claim for the swamp lands in the Indian reservations, about 141,000 acres will be added to state holdings, and the drainage of these lands is also earnestly recommended.  
The failure of the state's right to lease lake beds for mineral purposes is recited, and Mr. Iverson recommends that the legislature assert the state's right, and expressly authorize the auditor to make the leases.

Important chapters in recent state history, such as the contest for swamp lands, the fight for the "flat-iron" mineral tract, and the final decision in the beet sugar bounty case, are given in detail.

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Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, who speaks at Westminster Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, is more and more becoming known to Minneapolis. One of England's great men, fifty years ago he was ordained to the ministry. His work as an author dates back almost to the time of his ordination. One of these volumes is an inveterate such a knowledge of astronomy as to secure for him a membership in the Astronomical society of England.

At the present time he is putting a new volume thru the press. The work of Dr. Guinness in establishing a Bible training school, educating ministers, and opening up mission stations throughout the world has contributed more to his fame than any of his other labors.  
His son, Dr. Harry Guinness, is the superintendent of the great Upper Congo mission, with forty laborers under his direction. This same son has also completed a second visit to South America, holding great gospel meetings in Brazil, Ecuador, and Argentine. One daughter, Mrs. Howard Taylor, and his second son, Dr. Whitfield Guinness, are laboring in connection with the China Inland mission. Dr. Taylor is also an author of note, having written a number of books.  
Since coming to the city, Dr. Guinness has spoken in the First Baptist, St. Paul, M. E., Bethlehem Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Chicago Avenue Baptist, Swedish Tabernacle, State university, State Agricultural college, Macalester college, College of Hope Presbyterian church, St. Paul, and the people have followed him from place to place, constantly inquiring where he would speak next. It is expected that a great throng will meet in the evening at Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. This meeting is held under the auspices of the Northwestern Bible Training school.

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