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BIENNIAL REPORT
OF THE
SURVEYOR-GENERAL
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE TERM ENDING AUGUST 1, 1928

CALIFORNIA STATE PRINTING OFFICE
SACRAMENTO, 1928

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL,
SACRAMENTO, September 7, 1928.

*To His Excellency, C. C. YOUNG,
Governor of the State of California.*

SIR:

I have the honor to herewith submit a report covering the work of this office for the term ending August 1, 1928.

DURING THE PAST BIENNIUM

Fees and royalties amounting to \$12,989 were collected by the Surveyor General and Register of the State Land Office, as provided by sections 501 and 3574 of the Political Code and chapter 303, Statutes of California, 1921, and paid into the state treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund.

15,713 acres of state school lands were leased for a rental of \$3,267 under the provisions of chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917.

34,712 acres of lieu school lands were sold through the sale of scrip purchased under the provisions of section 3408d of the Political Code for the sum of \$225,628, an average of \$6.50 per acre.

Public auction sales of school lands were held under the provisions of chapter 207, Statutes of California, 1919, in the counties of Lake, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Napa, Riverside, and San Bernardino, 12,549 acres being sold for \$33,096, an average of \$2.64 per acre.

421 applications to purchase 48,182 acres of state lands were filed.

1152 reports of county treasurers, made under the provisions of section 3422 of the Political Code, showing the receipt of \$120,763.75 paid for state lands, were received and entered on the records of this office, as provided in section 3423 of the Political Code.

7968 acres of lake lands were leased for a rental of \$27,684 under the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911.

12 lists and patents conveying 25,620 acres of land from the United States to the state were recorded in this office, as provided in section 3406 of the Political Code.

444 certificates of purchase for 49,995 acres of state lands were issued under the provisions of section 3514 of the Political Code.

468 patents for 69,700 acres of state lands were issued under the provisions of section 3519 of the Political Code.

162 land surveyors' licenses were issued under the provisions of chapter 247, Statutes of California, 1907.

County registrars of land titles in seventeen counties in the state operating under "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the certification of land titles and the simplification of transfer of real estate,' approved March 17, 1897," Statutes of California, 1915, page 1932, reported to this office the number of registrations and of certificates of title issued, which reports were embodied in reports made by this office under the provisions of chapter 800, Statutes of California, 1917.

17 duplicate certificates of purchase were issued under the provisions of section 3518 of the Political Code.

51 certificates of status of state lands, 108 certified copies of records and 42 certified copies of records of patents were issued.

276 indemnity state selections were made under the provisions of section 3398 of the Political Code.

119 certified lists of lands sold by the state were issued under the provisions of section 3659 of the Political Code

Surveys, maps and tablings made under the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911, amounting to 5 in number, were checked.

1 survey with map and tabling made under the provisions of chapter 490, Statutes of California, 1915, was checked.

The field notes of the surveys of the areas covered by 104 applications to prospect for oil and gas upon tidelands, under the provisions of chapter 303, Statutes of California, 1921, were checked and platted.

10,000 letters have been written during the two years.

24 lists of persons licensed as land surveyors were transmitted to each of the 58 county recorders in the state as provided by section 4 of chapter 247, Statutes of California, 1907, a total of 1392 lists being transmitted.

Tabulated statements follow:

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Amount of fees and royalties collected by Surveyor General and Register of the State Land Office from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, and paid into the state treasury; to the credit of the general fund, or to the Secretary of State:

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Paid into state treasury</i>	<i>Paid to Secretary of State</i>
1926 -	August.....	\$578 62	\$38 00
	September.....	358 49	60 00
	October.....	378 35	23 00
	November.....	359 13	12 00
	December.....	1,165 43	26 00
1927 -	January.....	888 27	26 00
	February.....	393 66	29 00
	March.....	560 21	34 00
	April.....	388 09	20 00
	May.....	408 69	27 00
	June.....	615 93	14 00
	July.....	323 26	18 00
	August.....	1,039 24	37 00
	September.....	472 34	24 00
	October.....	350 56	32 00
	November.....	269 54	19 00
	December.....	680 97	26 00

1928 -	January.....	1,032 67	33 00
	February.....	353 77	23 00
	March.....	314 29	25 00
	April.....	368 12	21 00
	May.....	329 20	16 00
	June.....	376 20	30 00
	July.....	316 63	54 00
	Totals.....	\$12,321 66	667 00

Amount of annual rentals received by the Surveyor General for the lease of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917, from August 1, 1926 to August 1, 1928, and paid into the state treasury for the credit of the school land fund:

1926 -	August.....	\$106 00
	December.....	45 00
1927 -	January.....	330 00
	February.....	147 74
	March.....	344 30
	April.....	125 00
	May.....	34 00
	June.....	138 00
	July.....	232 00
	August.....	131 00
	September.....	156 00
	December.....	72 00
1928 -	January.....	343 13
	February.....	175 20
	March.....	440 30
	April.....	179 00
	May.....	46 00
	June.....	98 59
	July.....	124 00
	Total.....	\$3,267 26

STATE SCRIP

Amount of money received by the Surveyor General from the sale of scrip under the provisions of section 3408d of the Political Code, from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school land fund:

1926 -	August.....	\$3,245 46
	September.....	2,071 16
	October.....	17,515 22
	November.....	8,588 58
	December.....	24,285 04
1927 -	January.....	10,936 51
	February.....	4,898 08
	March.....	3,656 58
	April.....	10,307 33
	May.....	16,622 52
	June.....	7,346 90
	July.....	21,544 47
	August.....	12,470 80
	September.....	7,679 88
	October.....	4,619 62

	November.....	6,045 47
	December.....	650 00
1928 -	January.....	11,106 55
	February.....	7,631 20
	March.....	2,338 57
	April.....	13,311 68
	May.....	9,090 00
	June.....	14,918 48
	July.....	4,747 60
	Total.....	\$225,627 73

Amount of money received by the Surveyor General under the provisions of chapter 303, Statutes of California, 1921, for application fees for permits, permit fees, and royalties, and paid to into the state treasury to the credit of the school fund:

Application fees for permits.....	\$15 00
Permit fees.....	429 01
Royalties.....	4,544 41
Total.....	\$4,988 42

FINANCIAL RECAPITULATION

Amount of fees and royalties collected by Surveyor General and Register of the State Land Office...	\$12,321 66
Amount of fees collected by the Register of the State Land Office for Secretary of State.....	667 00
Amount of annual rentals received by Surveyor General for the lease of state land under chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917.....	3,267 26
Amount of money received by Surveyor General from the sale of scrip under section 3408d of the Political Code.....	225,627 73
Amount of money received by the Surveyor General under the provisions of chapter 303, Statutes of California, 1921, for application fees for permits, permit fees, and royalties.....	4,988 42
Total.....	\$246,872 07

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES OF SCHOOL LANDS

State school lands were sold at public auction under the provisions of chapter 207, Statutes of California, 1919, between August 1, 1926, and August 1, 1928, as follows:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Lake.....	August 8, 1927	200	\$400 00
Los Angeles.....	August 5, 1927	114	3,854 00
Mendocino.....	August 16, 1927	480	960 00
Napa.....	August 19, 1927	409	817 00
Riverside.....	August 25, 1927	5,162	14,292 00
San Bernardino.....	August 3, 1927	6,184	12,773 00
Totals.....		12,549	\$33,096 00

APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE STATE LANDS

From August 1, 1926 to August 1, 1928, applications to purchase state lands were received and filed as follows:

<i>School lands and swamp and overflowed lands</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Los Angeles Land District, school lands.....	279	25,656.99
Sacramento Land District, school lands.....	121	20,813.87
San Francisco Land District, school lands.....	10	904.90
Visalia Land District, school lands.....	6	720.00
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	5	86.40
Totals.....	421	48,182.16

STATE LAND PAYMENTS

Amounts of principal, interest and penalties received for the state by the county treasurers, on account of sales of school lands, from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928.

<i>County</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Penalties</i>
Alameda.....	-	-	-	-
Alpine.....	\$800 00	\$429 62	\$1,229 62	-
Amador.....	-	5 40	5 40	-
Butte.....	-	162 70	162 70	-
Calaveras.....	120 00	183 60	303 60	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	-	-	-	-
Del Norte.....	-	162 00	162 00	\$3 24
El Dorado.....	40 80	311 41	352 21	46
Fresno.....	-	992 58	992 58	49 66
Glenn.....	-	9 50	9 50	95
Humboldt.....	784 80	49 80	834 60	-
Imperial.....	3,244 00	6,194 47	9,438 47	571 86
Inyo.....	243 00	823 25	1,066 25	84 96
Kern.....	6,290 32	5,603 26	11,893 58	191 80
Kings.....	146 76	578 33	725 09	8 02
Lake.....	40 00	282 43	322 43	16 74
Lassen.....	144 00	9,560 54	9,704 54	55 04
Los Angeles.....	925 43	2,141 10	3,066 53	69 32
Madera.....	-	363 36	363 36	-
Marin.....	-	-	-	-
Mariposa.....	-	203 28	203 28	-
Mendocino.....	2,000 12	1,053 14	3,053 26	16 29
Merced.....	-	100 80	100 80	-
Modoc.....	640 00	647 16	1,287 16	5 18
Mono.....	5,158 75	1,337 22	6,495 97	44 76
Monterey.....	3,432 61	1,832 94	5,265 55	89 52
Napa.....	296 88	72 20	369 08	44
Nevada.....	-	58 80	58 80	2 80
Orange.....	-	-	-	-
Placer.....	-	17 86	17 86	3 62
Plumas.....	320 00	44 80	364 80	-
Riverside.....	8,382 35	5,916 32	14,298 67	341 62
Sacramento.....	-	-	-	-
San Benito.....	598 02	790 63	1,388 65	30 48
San Bernardino.....	13,801 59	13,867 92	27,669 51	553 60
San Diego.....	2,224 80	3,960 55	6,185 35	302 40

San Francisco.....	-	-	-	-
San Joaquin.....	-	-	-	-
San Luis Obispo.....	640 00	2,636 68	3,276 68	125 51
San Mateo.....	-	-	-	-
Santa Barbara.....	-	-	-	-
Santa Clara.....	-	109 14	109 14	86
Santa Cruz.....	-	-	-	-
Shasta.....	280 00	782 72	1,062 72	35 19
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	669 55	694 82	1,364 37	6 92
Solano.....	-	-	-	-
Sonoma.....	-	177 41	177 41	3 42
Stanislaus.....	-	134 40	134 40	-
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	1,728 00	650 84	2,378 84	25 92
Trinity.....	528 00	74 02	602 02	5 28
Tulare.....	202 85	430 44	633 29	1 24
Tuolumne.....	-	58 40	58 40	2 38
Ventura.....	-	59 00	59 00	5 48
Yolo.....	278 44	83 96	362 40	24 34
Yuba.....	166 40	307 18	473 58	1 00
Totals.....	\$54,127 47	\$63,955 98	\$118,083 45	\$2,680 30

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911, from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school land fund by the lessees was \$27,684.16.

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 829, Statutes of California, 1921, from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general fund by the lessees was \$946.

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 330, Statutes of California, 1923, from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general fund was \$40.

Amount of annual rentals received for the leasing of state lands pursuant to the provisions of chapter 121, Statutes of California, 1925, from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the school land fund was \$938.75.

LEASING OF STATE LANDS

The number of acres of state lands which were leased from the State of California from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, are as follows:

	<i>Acres</i>
State lands leased pursuant to the provisions of chapter 612, Statutes of California, 1911.....	7,968.05
State lands leased pursuant to the provisions of chapter 493, Statutes of California, 1917.....	15,713.06
Total.....	23,681.11

LANDS LISTED TO THE STATE

From August , 1926, to August 1, 1928, lands were listed to the State of California by the United States, as follows:

<i>Grant</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Indemnity or lieu lands.....	25,140.14
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	480.00
Total.....	25,620.14

CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE ISSUED (From August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928)

<i>Grant</i>	<i>Number of certificates</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections and indemnity or lieu lands.....	444	49,203.43
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	6	791.39
Totals.....	450	49,994.82

PATENTS ISSUED (From August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928)

	<i>Number of patents</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections and indemnity or lieu lands.....	459	69,246.25
Swamp and overflowed lands.....	9	453.79
Lake lands.....	3	133.72
Totals.....	471	69,833.76

LAND SURVEYORS LICENSED

Licenses issued to land surveyors from August 1, 1926, to August 1, 1928, numbered 162.

LAND TITLE LAW

September 7, 1928.

Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 800, Statutes of California, 1917, I beg to report that according to reports received, certificates of title have been issued pursuant to the registration of land titles under "The Torrens Law" in eighteen of fifty-eight counties, as follows:

Alameda County – 165 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Fresno County – 23 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Humboldt County – 223 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Imperial County – 373 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Inyo County – 5 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Kern County – 60 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Los Angeles County – 51,124 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Orange County – 5049 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Riverside County – 193 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
San Bernardino County – 2302 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
San Diego County – 3622 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
San Francisco County – 9 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
San Luis Obispo County – 3 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Santa Barbara County – 406 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Santa Cruz County – 10 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Sonoma County – 296 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.
Tulare County – 54 certificates issued to August 1, 1928.

Ventura County – 1 certificate issued to August 1, 1926. No report was received from the registrar of titles in Ventura County for the year 1927-1928.

The Torrens act provides that upon the original registration of any land, a sum equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the assessed value of the land including permanent improvements thereon as the same were valued for county taxation the last time said land and permanent improvements of either thereof were assessed for county taxes next preceding the filing of the petition shall be collected by the registrar and paid to the State Treasurer to be credited to the "Torrens Title Assurance Fund." The books of the State Treasurer show that on August 1, 1928, the "Torrens Title Assurance Fund" contained State of California Harbor Improvement 4 per cent bonds having a face value of \$28,000, which were purchased for the benefit of said fund, for the sum of \$27,308.23, and that the amount of cash in said fund on August 1, 1928, was \$1,352.52.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. KINGSBURY,
Surveyor General.