

ment, and in less than one year I have the satisfaction of giving to those who bear the burdens of taxation, what is to my mind conclusive evidence that the fulfillment and realization of the promise is not only within the range of possibilities, but with economy on the part of the Legislatures that are to follow can be looked forward to with reasonable assurance.

But to realize continuously year by year, these results under the present rate of taxation and the laws for the raising of revenue, it must be apparent to every thoughtful mind that the strictest economy must be practiced, and if we would have these results made secure for us in the coming years beyond the possibility of a doubt, some additional Legislation may be necessary to secure this end.

I therefore hope to be able to present to the next Legislature that shall assemble, some considerations which if adopted, will I believe, materially increase the revenues and thus assure permanently the results which we have for the fiscal year just closed attained, and set forth in this Summary and Statement of the financial condition of the State.

In conclusion, it gives me pleasure to state that the accomplishment of these results has been facilitated and made easy by the good management of my predecessors in office, and the faithful and efficient discharge of their duties by the several clerks in this Department.

With great respect,

I am, Your obedient servant,

J. FRANK TURNER,

*Comptroller.*