

ARTICLE LXXXIX.

Statistics and Information as to Branches of Industry.

1. A bureau of statistics and information concerning the various branches of industry practiced in this State, and the needs thereof, is hereby established, and a person, to be known as the "Chief of the Industrial Bureau," shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall hold office for the term of two years and until the appointment and qualification of his successor, and shall receive as compensation the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars a year.

Industrial
Bureau.

2. It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Industrial Bureau: 1st. To collect statistics concerning and examine into the condition of labor in this State, with especial reference to wages, and the causes of strikes and disagreements between employers and employees.

Labor.

2nd. To collect information in regard to the agricultural condition and products of the several counties of the State, the acreage under cultivation and planted to the various crops, the character and price of lands, the live stock, et cetera, and all other matters pertaining to agricultural pursuits, which may be of general interest and calculated to attract immigration to the State.

Agricul-
tural.

3rd. To collect information in regard to the mineral products of the State, the out put of mines, quarries and so forth, and the manufacturing industries.

Minerals.

4th. To collect information in regard to railroads and other transportation companies, shipping and commerce.

Transportation.

5th. To keep a bureau of general information, and to this end all officers and institutions of this State, including officers of the General Assembly, are hereby directed to transmit to the Chief of the Industrial Bureau, all reports, as soon as published.

Bureau of
Informa-
tion.

6th. To classify and arrange the information, and data, so obtained, and as soon as practicable, after entering upon the duties of his office, publish the same in substantial book form and annually thereafter revise and republish the same.

To pub-
lish.

7th. The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby annually appropriated to pay the salary of the Chief of the Industrial Bureau, and the expenses incident to the execution of the duties of his office; but no part of said expenses shall be paid until the same shall have been approved by the Governor, and the said

Appro-
priation.