

by this or any other law; provided, however, that such appointments and employments shall in each and every case be subject to the approval of the Governor and the compensation to be allowed therefor, be subject to the approval of the *Standard Salary* [Standard] Board.

2. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioner:

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.

[2nd. To collect information in regard to agricultural conditions 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.

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

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

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 directed to transmit to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and industry, all reports, as soon as published.]

[6th.] 2nd. To classify and arrange the information and data so obtained, and as soon as practicable after entering upon the duties of its office, publish the same in substantial book form and [annually] thereafter revise and publish the same [.] *from time to time.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 3 of said Article 89, sub-title "State Employment Agencies," be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

Approved April 11, 1953.