

time have abandoned their former habitations and pursuits, attracted by the advantages that our State presents, will be inclined to make it their future home, rather than again seek their fortunes in States with a population already overflowing.

We should therefore adopt a policy that will invite such immigrants; not only labor but capital will undoubtedly with proper encouragement seek investment here, and if such migration and enterprises can be stimulated, as is probable, by giving them the advantage of corporate powers, I can perceive no good reason why, with the observance of the proper precautions, we should not so encourage them.

There is also much information which the emigrant desires to acquire, and which it is important that you should provide and impart to him. He desires particularly to be informed by reliable authority of the character and condition of the soil in different sections of the State, and of its peculiar adaptation to the various productions of agriculture. The proximity to market, the course and capacity of our navigable streams, the water powers and facilities, and materials for manufactures, and the mineral resources and deposits of the country, are all, with him who proposes a change of residence, subjects of peculiar interest and importance, and in reference to which he desires information more authentic and reliable than that gleaned from neighborhood rumors, or procured from sources whose impartiality may be questioned. It seems to me, therefore, that in this connection you may render a most valuable and important service by taking immediate measures for providing in every county of the State such statistical information touching the interests to which I have referred, and others not enumerated, as will enable non-residents to form a proper estimate of the various advantages our State presents, and to select their location advisedly.

The statistical information thus procured should be immediately published in the German as well as the English language and extensively circulated.

Nor should we stop here, for whilst abundant and valuable mineral resources have already been disclosed in various sections of the State, there is good reason to believe that others quite as valuable and abundant still repose beneath its surface. In other States, as we are constantly advised, new and valuable deposits of subterranean wealth are being from time to time developed, many of which have doubtless existed for generations, and awaited only the researches of the scientific explorer to bring them to the light. No complete and satisfactory survey of the geological and mineralogical resources of this State has to my knowledge been ever completed, and