

these Bounties commenced in the year 1864, and many claims are still seeking payment under the law. I have paid but one of them since I have been in office, and do not intend to pay any except upon the most satisfactory proof; of course, when that is presented, the Comptroller has no other alternative but to issue his warrant for the Bounty. All parties entitled have had sufficient time to establish and receive their bounties, and the law should by all means be repealed and the further payment of these bounties be prohibited by the next Legislature.

The law granting a State Pension to the soldiers and the widows of soldiers of the War of 1812 was wisely repealed by the last Legislature; but the appropriation for the payment of pensions was continued, and I have been paying the parties entitled up to the time of the repeal of the law April 1st, 1878.

The receipts of the Tobacco Warehouses are set forth in Table No. 8, and amounted during the year to \$124,032.03, and the net earnings to only \$2,627.32, not enough by \$12,372.68, to pay the salaries of the Supervisor and Inspectors. These must be paid out of the General Treasury and the Tobacco Inspections are therefore a burthen to the State notwithstanding the large amount they pay to the Warehouses. This ought not to be, and it is to be hoped, that the next Legislature will either revise or repeal the whole system.

The State Grain Weighing Department is required to be a self sustaining institution and pays just as much money into the Treasury as it draws out, affording but small salaries to its officers. The receipts from this Department were \$6,469.25, and the disbursements for salaries a like sum.

The net earnings to the Treasury from the State Hay Scales were \$1,292.48, and from the Live Stock Scales \$13,911.22. (See Table 9.)

The last Legislature, to settle the controversy between the School-men and the late Comptroller, ratified and confirmed the apportionments and distributions of the school tax revenue that had been made by him, and to remove doubts as