

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION AND ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

There could, with benefit to the State, be abolished the Live Stock Sanitary Board and the Commissioners of Immigration, and established in lieu of these two Bureaus a Department to be known as the Commissioner of Immigration and Animal Industry, who, by the employment of a Secretary conversant with foreign languages, and with the aid of a skilled veterinarian, accomplish the work of both Bureaus, thus dispensing with the services of the six commissioners now presiding over these two departments, which it is suggested be abolished.

FIRE MARSHAL.

Likewise, would efficiency and economy be procured by placing the office of the State Fire Marshal immediately under the control of the State Insurance Commissioner.

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT.

In my recommendations to the General Assembly of 1914, the wisdom of creating a department of publicity, in the office of the Secretary of the State, was urged. It is now suggested that such a department might be properly organized under the Bureau of State Immigration and Animal Industry, heretofore referred to in this message.

The object, as said in a former message, of a "department of this character is, the development of the natural resources of the State, by the collection, preparation, publication and distribution of information and statistics respecting its natural, agricultural and industrial conditions; the putting into the hands of people in and out of the State tracts and pamphlets, sign cards and other literature dealing with these and other kindred subjects, namely: "Maryland, the State of Mountain, Plain and Sea"; "Maryland Farms, its Truck, Fruit and Grain Lands"; "Baltimore City and its Sites for Manufacturing Plants"; "Maryland State Roads and Sceneries."

It is not to be supposed that people living beyond the borders of our State should have that familiarity with our advantages and beauties that those of us living here possess. It is, there-