

of Kalkaska, asking for the passage of certain bills relative to the practice of pharmacy;

Referred to the committee on public health.

No. 104. By Mr. Francis: Petition of Theodore Beck and 19 other citizens of the township of South Manitou for the amendment of the tax laws, etc.;

Referred to the select committee on taxation.

No. 105. By Mr. Francis: Petition of E. H. Green and 110 other citizens of Charlevoix, for the establishment of a soldiers' home;

Referred to the committee on military affairs.

No. 106. By Mr. Francis: Petition of J. Q. Adams, A. W. Maitland, Norman McLeod, and 97 others, taxpayers of the city of Negaunee, Marquette county, asking that the charter of said city be amended relative to the city assessor;

Referred to the committee on cities and villages.

No. 107. By Mr. Kempf: Petition of Emil Bauer, O. H. Richmond, and 127 others, relative to the protection of forest trees on banks of rivers, lakes, and bays, planting of trees, etc.

On motion of Mr. Kempf,

The petition was ordered printed in the journal, and referred to the committee on State affairs.

The following is the petition:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

We the undersigned, legal voters of the State of Michigan, respectfully represent that the climate of our State is injuriously affected and the danger and damage from severe winters, winds, floods, and inundations greatly increased by the destruction of our forests and by the neglect of new plantations of wind-breaks, especially on the highway all over our State.

Your petitioners therefore pray for the enactment of laws or the amendment of laws already in existence for the protection of trees on the banks of rivers, lakes, and bays, and for the encouragement of the planting of forest trees in said localities, especially willow along the banks of rivers, by exemption of the land occupied by such forests or tree plantations, not less than a rod apart, from taxation, or by other remuneration.

Also for the additional encouragement of the owners of forests and wind breaks, to preserve the same, and of the owners of land bordering on the public highway, to protect and plant trees, especially useful trees, such as nut trees and hardy winter apples, on the lines thereof, or evergreen trees at distances not less than a rod apart, by a remuneration for the planting and tending to such trees or hedges on the highway for ten years at least.

And, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

The select committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Hon. Henry Chamberlain, relating to the propriety of having a semi-centennial celebration of the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union, would most respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report to the Senate that they are in full accord with the sentiments expressed in said memorial, and do recommend that some action be taken by the present Legislature which shall provide for the celebration of a day commemorating the event, and in a manner befitting this commonwealth