

The salaries of the Land Office are as follows:

Commissioner of Land office,	\$1,500.00
Custodian of Maps, etc.	600.00
Chief clerk,	3,400.00
Principal Clerk	2,400.00
Principal clerk,	2,200.00
Senior Clerk,	1,700.00
Janitor,	240.00
Special Index Clerk,	7,600.00

It is evident from the above excerpt from the Laws that if Governor Ritchie appointed a Land Commissioner his term would automatically expire on January 9th, when the new Governor takes office. It would then be the right of the incoming Governor to appoint a Land Commissioner whose appointment would have to be confirmed by the Senate. It is a question as to whether Governor Nice will be inclined to re-appoint a Land Commissioner whom Governor Ritchie appointed at this late date. But whoever is appointed by Governor Nice and confirmed by the Senate would have the duty of moving the ~~xxx~~ important records of the Land Office into the new building; a section of which is reserved for the Land Commissioner and his office.

Mr. Lawrence Hall Fowler's plans for the new Hall of Records provide space in one-half of the building for an Archivist and research facilities. The fire-proof stacks in which the records will be kept provide space for much more than the Land Commissioner's records and also for future growth. There must be some action of the legislature if a Commission is to be appointed to have charge of the choosing of an Archivist to carry on such contemplated extension of the work now done by the Land Office. Unquestionably, the Land Commissioner and the Archivist should be able to work together in the development of the possibilities for the new Hall of Records. Until the legislature provides the means and authority for such an Archivist, the Land Commissioner is the only person in existence to take charge of the building and existing records and his office can only be abolished by a change in the Constitution. It is therefore important that this is not made a political football and that someone is appointed Land Commissioner who has the whole matter at heart.

I think the matter of legislation for the Archivist and care of the building, with proper appropriations, should be taken up at the earliest possible moment, to present to the legislature in January. But I think it is more important that a suitable Land Commissioner should be appointed by