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CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF MINNESOTA.

MAY 28, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 9952.]

The act for the relief and civilization of the Chippewa Indians, in the State of Minnesota, approved January 14, 1889, provided, among other things, for a cession of all their reservations in Minnesota, except a portion of White Earth and Red Lake, the lands reserved to be allotted in severalty. The lands so added to be surveyed, the pine lands to be appraised, and all to be sold and the receipts to be placed in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of all the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota.

Section 7 of said act provides that the United States shall advance to said Indians annually, as interest on said receipts, \$90,000, counting from the time when the removal and allotments shall have been made; this payment to be made yearly in advance, to be used, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, as follows: Three-fourths to be used in procuring live-stock, teams, farming implements, and seed for such of the Indians as are fit and desire to engage in farming, and as to the rest, in cash; the United States to be fully re-imbursed for such advance interest out of the receipts of lands sold.

The Interior Department estimates that the further sum of \$250,000 will be required for survey, appraisals, removal, and allotment of said Indians; for the purchase and erection of saw and flour mills; for the erection and maintenance of schools, subsistence and pay of employes. The bill provides that this sum shall be re-imbursed to the United States out of the receipts of sales of lands, these sums being necessary to carry out the act of January 14 heretofore referred to.

Therefore your committee report the bill favorably, with an amendment striking out all from lines 11 to 53, inclusive, and, as amended, recommend that the same do pass.