
Appropriations.—The appropriations for the U. S. Geological Survey for the fiscal year 1899–1900 amounted initially to the sum of $817,190. During the winter of 1900 additional appropriations were made for special purposes, making the total amount available for the year $889,740.89. For the fiscal year 1900–1901 the appropriations passed by the last Congress amount to $969,690, there having been important increases in response to public demand for work. The Division of Mineral Resources receives an advance of $20,000, raising its appropriation to $50,000; the Division of Hydrography receives $100,000 in lieu of $50,000 last year, and the demand for geologic work is recognized by an increase of that appropriation from $110,000 to $150,000.

Topographic Work.—The federal appropriation for topographic work remained the same as during the past year, namely $240,000, except that there was a considerable increase for the Alaskan surveys, the amount available for geologic and topographic investigations being $60,000. The list of states co-operating was increased by the addition of Ohio, the legislature having provided $25,000 for topographic mapping.

From the appropriation for surveying the forest reserves an allotment of $90,000 was

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