

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 230

House of Representatives, Feb. 25, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Cunningham from Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dutton of Bingham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

RESOLVE, for Further Maintenance of the State Forest
Nursery.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and
2 hereby is appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and
3 nineteen, and the sum of one thousand dollars for the
4 year nineteen hundred and twenty, to be expended by the
5 forest commissioner for the maintenance of the state forest
6 nursery, or for establishing auxiliary nurseries; and for
7 encouraging in any practical way the reforestation of waste
8 or cut-over lands in Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The support of the state forest nursery does not seem to need any extensive arguments, since it is now on a self-sustaining basis, and may soon become an asset to the state, capable of producing a greater annual revenue than is actually expended on it, not to mention the indirect benefits derived to the whole state from the forests planted.

The stock grown for forest planting is confined to a few species of economic importance, and these are produced in large quantities, so as to offer them at as low a price as possible to prospective forest planters in Maine. It is not the intention to carry stock over three years old, either seedlings or transplants, so that there can be no competition with commercial nurseries growing stock largely for ornamental purposes.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions for forest planting last spring, more than 135,000 plants were sent to various parts of the state, and more than 200,000 transplants are now ready for spring shipment, besides some 750,000 seedlings of various species.