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OF THE
Sixty-Ninth Legislature
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE.

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Phillips of North Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

SENATE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

Resolve for the purpose of operating fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game law.

An act to extend the charter of the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association.

An act to amend chapter 203, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the education of the deaf, dumb and blind.

Resolve to provide means for examination of claims for State pension.

On motion by Mr. Chase of Portland, the rules were suspended and bill, an act to change the name of Colby University, was taken up out of order, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was passed to be enacted.

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to incorporate the Winthrop Electric Light and Power Company.

By Mr. Fuller of Kennebunk—Bill an act to repeal chapter 461, of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, and chapter 377, of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, relating to school district No. 5, in the town of Kennebunk.

By Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell—Bill an act to amend charter of city of Hallowell.

By Mr. Deering of Saco—Bill an act to authorize the Pepperell Manufacturing Company and the Laconia Company to consolidate.

By Mr. Perkins of Cornish—Bill an act to provide for notice of actions against railroad and steamboat companies.

By Mr. Carr of Old Town—Petition of Joseph Francis for an act authorizing the Public Works Company to extend its mains to Indian Island.

By Mr. Tyler of Bradley—Bill an act to amend and extend the charter of the Public Works.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Bill an act to further regulate the organization and control of business corporations.

By Mr. Tyler of Bradley—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Orono Water Company.

By Mr. Merrill of New Gloucester—Bill an act to amend sections 22, 24, and 28 of chapter 102, of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to printing and distributing ballots at the public expense, and to regulate voting at State and city elections.

By Mr. Hassell of Sebec—Petition of H. J. Cross and 9 others in favor of increased salaries for judges of the supreme court.

By Mr. Perkins of Cornish—Petition of the selectmen of Parsonsfield, for a voting precinct in Kezar Falls in said town.

Bill an act to create a board of overseers of the poor and workhouse for the city of Portland.

Pending reference the bill was tabled and ordered printed on motion of Mr. Chase of Portland.

Bill an act to carry into effect the provisions of chapter 250 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, and also of chapter 193, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, providing for the building of a railroad from Van Buren to Caribou.

Pending reference the bill was tabled and ordered printed on motion of Mr. King of Caribou.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Bill an act relating to the organization and stock and bonds of the United States Envelope Company.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act relating to the title of real estate.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Bill an act to make the 22d of February a legal holiday.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of Wayland Knowlton and 11 others, members of the Waldo county bar, for a law giving trial justices concurrent jurisdiction with the police court of the city of Belfast in civil cases wherein the debt or damage does not exceed \$20.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Bill an act relating to chapter 366, of the Private and Special Laws of 1897,

entitled an act to incorporate the Livermore Light and Power Company.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Bill an act to amend section 17, of chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes.

By Mr. Gurnsey of Dover—Bill an act to amend section 18, of chapter 63, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of register of probate.

By Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield—Bill an act to legalize the doings of lot owners in Pine Grove cemetery in the town of Cherryfield.

By Mr. Kilborn of Bethel—Bill an act to establish a municipal court at Rumford Falls in the town of Rumford.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Bill an act giving trial justices within and for the county of Waldo, concurrent jurisdiction with the police court of the city of Belfast in all matters wherein the debt or damage does not exceed \$20 and in actions of forcible entry and detainer.

By Mr. Eaton of East Livermore—Bill an act relating to chapter 368, of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company.'

Bill an act to amend section 48, of chapter 77, Revised Statutes.

By Mr. Ridlon of Stetson—Petition of Walter G. Loud and 25 others of Plymouth, for repeal of chapter 329, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the election of road commissioner.

Petition of M. C. Chapman and 42 others of Newburg, for same.

Petition of Joseph E. Friend and 52 others of Etna, for same.

By Mr. Blackstone of Perham—Petition of W. T. Barton and 36 others of Perham, for same.

By Mr. Pierce of Blaine—Petition of E. B. Briggs and 28 others of Westfield Plantation, for same.

By Mr. Blackstone of Perham—Petition of C. L. Stoddard and 101 others of Washburn, for same.

By Mr. McFadden of Dresden—Petition of the municipal officers of Jefferson, for an act to legalize the calling and doings of their town in its annual meeting in 1897.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Statement of facts relative to the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering.

Statement of facts relative to same.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of Mrs. L. W. Stevens and 8 others of Fort Fairfield, in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Kernon of Sanford—Petition of E. M. Goodall and others for authority to build a street railroad from Biddeford to York Beach.

By Mr. Spurr of Otisfield—Bill an act to incorporate the Cumberland and Oxford Railroad Company.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to incorporate the Winthrop Telegraph and Telephone Company.

By Mr. Cobb of Limerick—Bill an act to amend the charter of the Ossipee Valley Telegraph and Telephone Company.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Deering of Saco—Bill an act extending certain powers of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. West of Biddeford—Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Annuity Company.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Petition of Seth E. Berry and 45 others of Bridgton, for a bounty on henhawks.

Petition of C. W. Kimball and 48 others of Bridgton, for same.

Petition of William F. Perry and 41 others of Bridgton, for same.

By Mr. Irving of Kennebunkport—Petition of J. M. Hill and 26 others for a law for the extirmination of weeds.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Bill an act addition to chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, establishing a bounty on henhawks.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke—bill an act to regulate the sale and analysis of food.

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska—bill an act entitled an act to incorporate the Madawaska Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Resolve in favor of the extirpation of diseased cattle.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Petition of C. H. McKenney and 19 others for an improvement of Songo and Chute's rivers.

Petition of Warren B. Chute and 78 others, for same.

Petition of J. C. Richardson and 59 others, for same.

Petition of J. S. Chaplin and 32 others, for same.

Petition of I. S. Webb and 43 others, for same.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Bill an act to amend the charter of the Bangor Boom Co.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Resolve for improvement of Songo and Chute's rivers.

By Mr. Morey of Lewiston—Petition of the city of Lewiston for permission to take water for domestic purposes.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Petition of E. and I. K. Stetson and others for amendment of charter of the Bangor Boom Co.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Resolve in favor of the city of Gardiner to reimburse it for the amount of money expended in aid of Private Charles L. Rice, Battery C, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Resolve in favor of Howard Whittier.

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Petition of F. L. Palmer and 24 others for better observance of Memorial day.

By Mr. Prince of Yarmouth—Bill an act to establish a naval reserve as a part of the National Guard of the State of Maine.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Resolve to reimburse Deering for supplies furnished the families of volunteers in late war.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Farrell of Van Buren—Petition of Lewis Parrent and others in favor of road from Van Buren to Caribou.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Wood of Camden—Petition of C. P. Brown and 39 others of Knox county in favor of allowing open time on deer in said county during the month of October in each year.

By Mr. Esty of Rangeley—Petition of W. S. Marble and 68 others of Range-

ley, to prohibit fishing for or taking landlocked salmon or trout in outlet of Rangeley lake above the bridge, between July 1 and May 1, for a term of six years.

Petition of H. A. Furbish and 36 others, for same.

Petition of W. S. Marble and 63 others to prohibit the taking of blue backs from the Rangeley lakes for a term of six years.

Petition of H. A. Furbish and 34 others, for same.

By Mr. Goss of Stonington—Bill an act to prohibit the killing of deer on the Isle au Haute in Hancock county.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of H. W. Eaton and 120 others in favor of extending the time for weir fishing below the breakwater in the St. Croix river.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of A. I. Brown and 50 others of Belfast for a law prohibiting the use of any purse net or siene in the waters, bays or tributaries of Penobscot bay.

By Mr. Harman of Machiasport—Petition of F. S. Stevens and 49 others, in regard to fishing with nets in the waters of the town of Cutler.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Craig of Island Falls—Petition of C. S. Lougee and 53 others, for the repeal of chapter 329, Public Laws of 1897, relating to election of road commissioner.

By Mr. Dawson of Monroe—Petition of N. L. Woodman and 40 others of Monroe, for same.

By Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield—Petition of E. A. Wyman and 75 others, for an appropriation in aid of repairing a bridge across the Narraguagus river at Millbridge.

Petition of G. R. Campbell and 44 others of Cherryfield, for same.

By Mr. Pierce of Blaine—Resolve in favor of aid in building bridge across St. Croix stream in the town of Masardis, county of Aroostook.

By Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield—Resolve in aid of repairing the bridge across the Narraguagus river in the town of Millbridge.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Bridgman of Sullivan—Petition of William Robertson and 12 oth-

ers. to be set off from Plantation No. 7 and annexed to town of Sullivan.

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska—Petition of E. R. Michaud and 14 others, for the division of the town of Frenchville and incorporation of the town of Ste. Agatha.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Remonstrance of F. B. Jeffords and 203 others of Deering against the annexation of Deering to Portland.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Donham of Hebron—Resolve in favor of the town of Waterford.

Resolve in favor of the town of Canton.

LIBRARY.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Bill an act to provide for establishment and maintenance of free public libraries in cities and towns and for the purchase of books for the use of plantations out of the money raised and collected from the licensing of dogs.

SALARIES.

By Mr. Hassell of Sebec—Bill an act to establish the salary of the county attorney of Piscataquis county.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield—Bill an act to regulate the salary of the register of probate in and for the county of Aroostook.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Petition of A. D. Brown and others of Chester, for an increase in the salary of the judge of probate of Penobscot county.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Petition of A. B. Farnum and 252 others of Bangor and Brewer, for same.

By Mr. Sanborn of Newport—Petition of N. R. Packard and 57 others of Corinna, for same.

By Mr. Porter of Burlington—Petition of H. W. Lord and others of Lowell, for same.

By Mr. Freese of Argyle—Petition of Jacob Bemis and others of Lagrange, for same.

By Mr. Ridlon of Stetson—Petition of Joseph E. Friend and 30 others of Etna, for same.

By Mr. Carr of Old Town—Petition of F. H. Drummond and 62 others of Corinth, Old Town and Bangor, for same.

By Mr. Carr of Old Town—Petition of Charles E. Sutton and 16 others, of Old Town and Orono, for same.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Petition of Albert W. Paine and 57 others, members of the Penobscot bar, for same.

By Mr. Chick of Clifton—Petition of Jessie Prentiss and 15 others of Milford, for same.

By Mr. Jones of Springfield—Petition of James D. Murphy and 20 others of Kingman, for same.

By Mr. Tyler of Bradley—Petition of Samuel Libby and 8 others of Orono, for same.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Bill an act to fix the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Penobscot.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Bill an act relating to the salary of the judge of the Bangor municipal court.

YORK COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford—Bill an act to amend chapter 625 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled "an act to establish a board of police of the city of Biddeford."

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Kilborn of Bethel,

Ordered, That the committee on judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the constitution that a citizen of the United States, not less than 30 years of age, who has been five years a resident of the State, may be eligible to the office of Governor, though he be not a natural born citizen of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Rockland,

Ordered, That the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 207, Private and Special Laws of 1895, and chapter 344, Private and Special Laws of 1897, so that the acts shall apply to present wants of company and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey of Dover,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the committee on inland fisheries and game inquire into the expediency of requiring the county attorneys and sheriffs of the several counties to enforce the laws for the protection of game; the fines collected to go one half to the county attorneys and sheriffs and the other half to the counties, making such changes in the laws relating to game protection as

may be needed, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Purington of Woolwich,

Ordered, That the committee on sea and shore fisheries be required to inquire into the necessity of amending the law pertaining to Nequasset stream in Woolwich and other towns in Sagadahoc county, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McFadden of Dresden,

Ordered, That the State superintendent of schools be requested to furnish a detailed statement for the school year ending June 30, 1898, showing the number of free high schools; the whole amount paid by the State in aid of same; the amount raised by towns in aid of same, number of scholars registered and average attendance on same.

Also the number of academies or private institutions of learning receiving aid from the State; amount special appropriation for each, and amount received by them under the free high school act; amount of fund, if any, possessed by each, with the whole number of scholars, and average attendance of each; and that the same be printed and laid upon the desks of members.

On motion of Mr. Chick of Clifton,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that a list of the committees of this Legislature together with the order of proceedings and rules of each branch and the joint rules be printed in pamphlet form, 300 copies for the use of the Senate and 600 copies for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Blaine,

Ordered, That the State treasurer be and hereby is requested to furnish forthwith for the information of this House, a detailed statement of the State tax assessed against and paid by the electric street railway companies for the years 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brown from the committee on military affairs, reported "leave to withdraw" on petition of 17th Maine Regiment Association and 3d Army Corps Union, for the erection of a monument to the memory of Major General Hiram G. Berry.

Report was accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. King from the committee on interior waters, reported "ought to pass"

on bill "An act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river in the town of Bucksport."

The report was accepted and bill ordered printed under joint rules.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve providing for the payment to the town of Jay the amount deducted from said town's proportion of the school fund for the year 1898 on account of an imperfect school return.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the order instructing the committee on legal affairs to inquire into the expediency of creating the office of State auditor in accordance with the recommendations relating thereto contained in the inaugural address of Governor Powers, and report what legislation is necessary or otherwise, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey of Dover, the order was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Hassell of Sebec, Adjourned.