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

1899.

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PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to incorporate the Manufacturers' Trust Co.

An act to authorize the Webster Woolen Co. to supply the village of Sabattus with water for municipal purposes.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend sections 2, 7 and 13, chapter 180, Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine hospital for the insane.

On motion by Mr. Whitehouse of Sagadahoc,

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 2, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. George of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Gorham, the following Senate order was laid on the table:

Ordered, That the trustees of the University of Maine be instructed to obtain for the benefit of the members of the Legislature the salary and perquisites received by the president, professors and instructors, and all other attaches, including clerks, stenographers and typewriters, and all others drawing compensation at the University of Maine, and the duties of each, and report the same as soon as practicable to the Legislature.

The order was passed.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to amend section 1, chapter 350, Private and Special Laws of 1897, relating to the erection and maintenance of booms in the Penobscot river.

An act additional to and amendatory of chapter 458, of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled "An act to incorporate the Northern Development Co."

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred, matters of a private nature being introduced under suspension of the rule limiting the same to February 1:

[Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor, in the chair.]

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Dunning of Winslow—Remonstrance of L. S. Starky and 18 others of Winslow, against increasing the salaries of judges of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Purinton of Woolwich—Remonstrance of J. M. Curtis and 68 others of Bowdoinham, against same.

By Mr. Bird of Rockland—Remonstrance of Charles Weymouth and 13 others of Rockland, against same.

Remonstrance of M. M. Richardson and 108 others of Monmouth, against same.

By Mr. Fitz of Durham—Remonstrance of S. N. Keep and 33 others of North Jay, against same.

Remonstrance of A. Moulton and 14 others of North Jay, against same.

Remonstrance of E. E. Paine and 19 others of Jay, against same.

Remonstrance of Arthur C. Macomber and 32 others of North Jay, against same.

Remonstrance of Eugene E. Ham and 58 others of Wales, against same.

Remonstrance of R. A. Keene and 68 others of West Poland, against same.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Remonstrance of A. A. Soaper and 52 others of Orland, against same.

These remonstrances were ordered filed with other papers relating to same subject.

By Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell—Petition of J. W. Church and others in favor of an act to prevent the use of trading stamps and other devices.

By Mr. Leavitt of Eastport—Petition of S. Sherlock and 50 others of Eastport, in favor of same.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Remonstrance of George F. Hale and 5 others against an act to amend Section 1, of chapter 201, of the Private and Special Laws of 1854, relating to the Bridgton Center Village Corporation.

By Mr. Sanborn of Newport—Remonstrance of C. A. Knights and 99 others of Newport and Plymouth, against an act to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry.

By Mr. Harris of Auburn—Bill an act additional to chapter 28, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the business of an apothecary.

By Mr. Morey of Lewiston—Bill an act to amend and extend chapter 556, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to the Lisbon Water Company.

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Bill an act to repeal section of chapter 306, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to taxes on wild lands.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the vote was reconsidered whereby these various remonstrances against increase of judges' salaries, were referred to the judiciary committee, and on further motion by the same gentleman the remonstrances were ordered filed with other papers relating to the same subject.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Mosher of Rome—Petition of Frank Lord and 29 others of Belgrade, for the repeal of chapter 329, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the repair of highways.

By Mr. Dunning of Winslow—Petition of B. W. Phillips and 18 others of Winslow, for repeal of same.

Remonstrance of Charles E. Varney and 18 others of Winslow, against creating the office of State highway engineer.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Bill an act to authorize the record of contracts for sale of land.

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 60, of the Revised Statutes, relating to divorce.

Bill an act to amend chapters 217 and 218, of the Public Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to amend section 43, of chapter 70, of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvent debtors."

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Petition of A. R. Bixby and 66 others of Skowhegan, for a law requiring railroads to issue mileage ticket books for 1000 miles at two cents per mile, good to bearer.

Petition of J. Putnam Stevens and 49 others of Portland, for same.

Petition of J. F. Parkhurst and 26 others of Bangor, for same.

Petition of E. Merritt & Sons and 69 others, for same.

Petition of John A. Decker and 120 others, for same.

Petition of C. J. Clukey and 125 others for same.

Petition of Willis M. Gates and 64 others, for same.

Petition of Joseph A. Barry and 28 others for same.

Petition of J. A. Rawson and 45 others for same.

By Mr. Forham of Raymond—Petition of Henry Harmon and 64 others of Raymond, for renewal of charter of the Westbrook, Windham & Harrison Railway Company.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Bill an act to incorporate the Old Town Navigation Company.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Cartret of Baldwin—Petition of H. B. Hartford and 17 others of Standish, for a close time on deer in Cumberland county for a term of six years except the month of October.

By Mr. Perkins of Cornish—Remonstrance of Stephen Rounds and 54 others of Cornish, against the passage of any game law discriminating between York and Cumberland counties and the remainder of the State.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Hix of Rockland—Bill an act to amend and additional to chapter 235, Public Laws of 1897, relating to sea shore fisheries.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Deering of Saco—Petition of Joseph Walker and others in favor of setting off Ocean Park so-called from the town of Old Orchard and annexing the same to the city of Saco.

Bill an act to set off a part of the town of Old Orchard and annex the same to the city of Saco.

Pending reference the petition and bill was tabled on motion of Mr. Deering of Saco.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Macfarlane of Greenville,

Whereas, Chapter 30, of the Revised Statutes and the acts of every session of the Legislature since the revision of 1883, contain laws pertaining to inland fisheries and game, and whereas, chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes and the acts of the Legislature in every session passed since 1883, contain laws pertaining to inland fisheries and game, and sea and shore fisheries as well, all combined and intermingled, thereby creating much confusion, therefore be it,

Ordered, That the Senate concurring, that the committee on inland fisheries and game be directed to inquire into the expediency of consolidating into one chapter and revising and amending the laws Public, Private and Special

pertaining to inland fisheries and game and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, this order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Rockland,

Ordered, The Senate concurring that the several joint standing committees be and are hereby instructed to make their final reports on or before March 3, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Virgin of Portland,

Ordered, That the committee on judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law relative to the sale of real estate for non-payment of taxes, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of the same gentleman,

Ordered, That the committee on judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law relating to the support of paupers so that any town in the State that has or may hereafter furnish pauper supplies to any person whose settlement has been or shall be made void by the action of the Legislature shall be reimbursed by the State upon pauper settlement, and report by bill or otherwise.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hopkins from the committee on legal affairs, on bill an act to secure the secret ballot, reported that same be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Mcfarlane from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on bill an act providing for a State hunting license and to obtain revenue for the protection of moose, deer and caribou, reported that same be referred to the next Legislature.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of L. M. Blanchard and 212 others in favor of electing fish and game wardens.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on petition of Charles L. Brown and others to be allowed to take and transport for sale white perch during the months of July and August from East Machias river, its lakes and tributaries.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to protect tern in the county of York.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on resolve to restock with smelts the brooks tributary to the Penobscot river between the

north and south line of the town of Winterport.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported legislation inexpedient in order to 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.

The reports were accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Smith from the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on resolve to enable the county of Aroostook to refund its debts.

Mr. Chase from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to hawkers and pedlers.

Mr. Gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 436 of the Special Laws of 1834 entitled "an act to incorporate the city of Bangor, approved Feb. 12th, 1834."

Mr. Morey from same committee, reported same on bill an act to amend Chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895.

Mr. Burns from the committee on financial affairs, on petition of E. B. Winslow and others, reported resolve in favor of the Home for Friendless Boys in Deering.

Mr. Drummey from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend Chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 as amended by Chapter 344 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, relating to the Rockland and Vinal Haven Telegraph and Telephone Company.

Mr. Bird from same committee, reported same on bill an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 96 of the laws of the year 1887 providing for the extension of railroads.

Mr DeCoster from the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend Chapter 334 of the Public Acts of 1897, regulating the sale

and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuffs.

Mr. McFarlane from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on bill an act for the better protection of deer in the county of Sagadahoc, reported ought to pass in new draft bill an act for the better protection of deer in the counties of Cumberland, York and Sagadahoc.

Reports were accepted and bills and resolves ordered printed under joint rules.

Mr. Manley from the committee on financial affairs, reported ought to pass bil an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1899.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Manley of Augusta, rules were suspended, bill tabled and ordered printed.

Mr. McFadden from the committee on towns reported ought to pass bill an act to annex the city of Deering to the city of Portland.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Gorham, the rules were suspended and the bill received its two readings at the present time.

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Eastport, the rules were suspended, the bill read the third time and was passed to be engrossed.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 491 of the Private Laws of the year 1893.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

Bill an act to authorize the Skowhegan Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

Bill an act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the licenses to sell real estate.

Bill an act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 156 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled "an act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes relating to intelligence offices."

Bill an act to incorporate the Brownville Water Company.

Bill an act to prevent the wearing of spiked boots or shoes in public places.

Mr. Farrell of Van Buren, moved that the bill be laid on the table pending its first reading.

Mr. McFarlane of Greenville, said: The purpose of this bill is simply to prevent the wilful and malicious destruction of property. The drivers, going into the woods, get into the public conveyances, a car for instance, and I have seen them take their feet and deliberately put them on the back of the car seat and rip the cushion from one end to the other. I have seen them go into a public house, where a new floor had been put down, and deliberately take a foot and scrape the entire surface, destroying the floor itself. This bill has not been introduced for the purpose of taking away any man's rights, but it was introduced for the purpose of protecting the rights of others. It is a simple matter and it seems to me that it ought to pass.

The question being to lay the bill on the table,

The motion was lost.

The bill was then read twice and assigned for tomorrow morning.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering.

Was read once and Wednesday next assigned for second reading.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act for the protection of fish in the West Outlet of Moosehead lake.

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

An act to extend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

An act relating to the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine hospital for the insane.

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

(The Speaker in the chair).

Mr. Virgin of Portland: The House, yesterday, voted to refer to the judiciary committee a large number of remonstrances against an increase of the salaries of the justices of the supreme

judicial court. I move that the vote be reconsidered.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Virgin: I simply wanted to give a reason for this. The judiciary committee reported the measure to the Senate, yesterday, as they now have no further jurisdiction over the matter, but it is proper that these remonstrances should be placed on file, and for that reason I made that motion, and I now move that these remonstrances be placed on file with other petitions or remonstrances referring to the same matter.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the order, tabled by him, this morning, relating to the consolidation and revision of the laws pertaining to inland fisheries and game, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the order then received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Deering of Saco, Adjourned.