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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND FIFTY-THREE.

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AN ACT to establish a Stock and Experimental Farm.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Within one year from the passage of  
2 this act, there shall be purchased and put in operation,  
3 in the manner hereinafter named, a Stock and Exper-  
4 imental Farm, containing, as far as practicable, the  
5 different varieties of soil, and so located as to be  
6 conveniently accessible from the different parts of the  
7 State; and there shall also be purchased such stock,  
8 seeds and implements, as shall be necessary to com-  
9 mence operations on said farm.

SECT. 2. The Board of Agriculture shall have the  
2 general supervision and direction of said farm, and  
3 shall appoint a superintendent to take the immediate  
4 direction and management thereof, at a salary not  
5 exceeding six hundred dollars per annum; who shall  
6 be subject to such regulations and directions as may  
7 from time to time be prescribed by the Board.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent  
2 to conduct the operations and labor on said farm, in  
3 such way, as shall in the most economical but  
4 effective manner accomplish the object and design  
5 thereof. He shall keep and breed the most improved  
6 breeds of neat stock, sheep and swine, the progeny  
7 of which, after reserving such of them as shall be  
8 necessary for the farm, shall be annually distributed  
9 among the several incorporated Agricultural Societies  
10 in the State, in the same ratio as the Annual dona-  
11 tions are made from the State to the said incorporated  
12 Societies.

SECT. 4. The Superintendent shall also cultivate  
2 the best varieties of fruits, grains, vegetables and  
3 grasses which are suitable and adapted to the soil and  
4 climate of Maine and shall institute experiments in  
5 order to test the ~~acclimation of such fruits, grains,~~

6 vegetables and grasses as are new and desirable to be  
7 propagated in the State, and ascertain what varieties  
8 are preferable and shall distribute their products to  
9 the several incorporated Agricultural Societies in the  
10 same way and manner as provided for in the distribu-  
11 tion of the various breeds of stock.

SECT. 5. The Superintendent shall also obtain and  
2 experiment in the use of the various Agricultural  
3 implements in order to test their practical utility and  
4 ascertain which shall be the most economical and  
5 advantageous for our farmers. He shall also institute  
6 such experiments with crops upon the different soils  
7 and with different modes of cultivation as he may  
8 deem advisable. He shall keep a daily journal of  
9 observations and farm transactions and make a quar-  
10 terly report of the important parts of the same to the  
11 Secretary of the Board of Agriculture and also a  
12 summary annual report of the same to the Board.

SECT. 6. The sum of ten thousand dollars is here-  
2 by appropriated out of any monies in the Treasury not  
3 otherwise appropriated, to be expended in the purchase  
4 of said farm, establishing and stocking the same ac-  
5 cording to the provisions of this Act.

SECT. 7. The purchase of the farm, and of the stock  
2 and farming implements, necessary, according to the  
3 provisions of this Act, to commence operations thereon  
4 shall be made by a board of three Commissioners, who  
5 shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the  
6 advice and consent of the Council, and who shall be  
7 paid for their services, a sum not exceeding two dollars  
8 each for each day employed in the performance of  
9 their duties, together with all sums actually paid by  
10 them for travelling expenses and board while perform-  
11 ing the duties of their commission.

SECT. 8. This Act shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its approval by the Governor.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, Feb. 26, 1853.

ORDERED, That 1000 copies of the bill to establish a  
Stock and Experimental Farm, be printed for the use of  
the Legislature.

LOUIS O. COWAN, *Secretary.*