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## THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE. SENATE. No 10.

### STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to Incorporate and Endow the Maine State Agricultural Society.

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

SECT. 1. S. L. Goodale, Thomas Mabry, Dar us 2 Forbes, E. G. Buxton, Elijah Barrell, Samuel F. Dike, 3 Ezekiel Holmes, Ephraim Maxim, B. F. Buxton, 4 Nathan Foster, Oliver Gould, B. F. Eastman, James 5 G. Waugh, S. W. Coburn, William Folsom, Wm. G. 6 Clark, Horace McKenney, Lowell Marston, Wm. R. 7 Hersey, John Allen, Wm. D. Dana, J. Wingate Carr, 8 D. A. Fairbanks, their associates, successors and as-9 signs be, and they are hereby created a corporation by 10 the name of the Maine State Agricultural Society, 8 Stevens & Blain, Finters

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11 with power by that name to sue and be sued, use a
12 common seal, make by-laws for the management of
13 their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State,
14 and to hold and exercise all the powers and privileges
15 incident to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said Society may take and hold property 2 real and personal to an amount, the annual income of 3 which shall not exceed two thousand dollars, to be 4 applied exclusively to the advancement of Agriculture, 5 Horticulture and the Arts connected therewith.

SECT. 3. There shall be paid from the Treasury of 2 the State each year during the next five years after the 3 passage of this act, as many dollars as may be raised 4 by said Society by assessment on the members thereof 5 or otherwise, not exceeding one thousand dollars in 6 each year, and the Governor and Council on presenta-7 tion of a certificate signed by the Treasurer of said 8 Society, and countersigned by the President thereof 9 stating the amount of money thus raised and actually 10 received, shall draw their warrant for a like amount 11 as above specified.

SECT. 4. The monies received from the State shall 2 be paid in premiums for the encouragement of the

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3 various departments of Agriculture, Horticulture 4 and the Arts connected therewith; and full and cor-5 rect statement of such expenditure, together with the 6 reports of the several committees, and the statements 7 of the several competitors shall be annually transmit-8 ted to the Legislature in such way and manner as the 9 law directs the several County Societies to transmit 10 their transactions.

SECT. 5. The several Presidents of the County 2 Agricultural Societies, or delegates from said Societies, 3 shall be ex-officio members and vice presidents of the 4 State Agricultural Society; and the members of the 5 Board of Agriculture shall have a general supervision 6 of the affairs and doings of the executive officers of 7 said State Society, and recommend from time to time 8 such regulations as they may deem expedient for 9 the furtherance and accomplishment of its several 10 objects.

SECT. 6. The first meeting of said Society shall be 2 called by the President and Secretary of the Board of 3 Agriculture, by suitable notice given in some one or 4 more of the Portland, Augusta and Bangor papers, at 5 least three weeks prior to said meeting.

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IN SENATE, February 9, 1855.

ORDERED, That this Bill be laid on the table, and 350 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

LOUIS O. COWAN, Secretary.