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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

1941--1942

January 22, 1942

State Racing Commission
 State House
 Augusta, Maine

Gentlemen:

I have your request for an interpretation of Section 14, Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1935. This Section reads as follows:

"Every person, association or corporation licensed under this act shall before said license is issued, give bond to the state in such reasonable sum not exceeding \$50,000 as may be fixed by the commission with a surety or sureties to be approved by the commission . . ."

This statute puts the duty squarely on the Commission to determine two things: 1. The amount of the bond; and 2, who shall be acceptable as sureties.

On you gentlemen is placed the duty of handling the affairs of your division to the best of your ability.

Very truly yours,

FRANK I. COWAN
 Attorney General

January 23, 1942

From:
 Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General
 To:
 William D. Hayes, State Auditor

In re Fees—Registers of Probate

I have your memorandum of December 16th asking about fees of Registers of Probate. The statutes are clear. R. S. Chapter 75, Section 25, provides for fee of fifty cents for copy of a will, plus five cents for each ten word line in excess of ten lines.

Section 39 provides a fee to the Register of Probate of one dollar for making and certifying to the Register of Deeds a copy of a devise of real estate.

Section 40 allows the Register of Probate for copies of papers as are taxable by law twelve cents a page. This does not permit the addition of the twelve cents a page to the fifty cents plus five cents a line provided for in Section 25 in the case of wills. Section 40 further provides for authenticating the official signature of a magistrate, twenty-five cents; and for certificate of appointment, twenty-five cents.

R. S. Chapter 76, Section 3, provides a fee of one dollar for the safe-keeping of a will.

R. S. Chapter 77, Section 33, provides a fee of fifty cents for every order, appointment, etc.; and for copies of records "the fees that are now allowed by law for the same."