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STATE OF MAINE

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REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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for the calendar years

1943--1944

Inasmuch as this suggestion does not apply to the State School for Boys and the State School for Girls, neither of which is, in our opinion, a penal institution, I am giving this as a separate memo.

FRANK I. COWAN

Attorney-General

November 10, 1943

Herbert E. Locke, Esq.  
Depositors Trust Building  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Herbert,

Your letter of September 7th in regard to abortions has been lying on my desk awaiting the day when I would have time to call you for discussion of the matter, as you suggested. In order that it may not seem to you that I have ignored your letter, I am taking this opportunity to make a brief reply.

1. *Abortion cases.* The county attorney should be notified in all cases. The day has not yet arrived when the doctors will have the burden of deciding whether or not the State is entitled to their honest coöperation. When they have evidence of crime, it is their duty to disclose it. They must not lose sight of the fact that they themselves are practising their profession by reason of a license from the State. . . .

Very truly yours,

FRANK I. COWAN

Attorney-General

November 10, 1943

Mrs. Alice S. Hawes, Clerk  
Board of Registration of Nurses  
54 Saunders Street  
Portland 5, Maine  
Dear Madam:—

I have your letter of November 10th. Our statutes do not provide for any appeal from a decision of the Board of Registration of Nurses cancelling or suspending a registration. Such an appeal would have to be in the form of an action brought in the courts.

Very truly yours,

FRANK I. COWAN

Attorney-General

November 10, 1943

George J. Stobie, Commissioner      Inland Fisheries and Game

There is nothing in our statutes providing for dragging for the body of a drowned person. R. S. Chapter 38, Section 14, has to do only with the matter of search for a "lost" person.

The duty of searching for the bodies of persons known to have been drowned seems to be one that has not been taken away from the sheriff, whose office, as you know, is one of great historical importance