

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

1943--1944

December 15, 1943

Bureau Taxation

Attention Mrs. L. E. Griffin

I have your latest enclosure, being a letter dated December 10, 1943, from the Colonial Beacon Oil Company, and a copy of your reply dated December 13th, the subject being "Maine State tax on Sales of Gasoline to the Canadian Government."

I have carefully refrained from acknowledging these communications heretofore save only the letter of December 16, 1942. It is very possible that a ruling from this office might have to be adverse to the claim of the Canadian Government. In view of the fact that we are engaged in a War and that Canada is one of our allies with whom we are in extremely close coöperation, I feel that we are justified in refraining from issuing such an opinion at the present time. In this thought the Governor concurs.

You may if you wish, inform the Canadian Government that the Attorney-General of Maine is not yet prepared to render an opinion but say nothing further.

FRANK I. COWAN
Attorney-General

December 15, 1943

Harrison C. Greenleaf, Commissioner Institutional Service

A review of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Dependency Act simply reveals the classes or relationships to be considered and the amounts that each shall receive. After this money is received, there is no string attached to it, as to how it shall be disbursed or used. Of course, creditors cannot attach it or trustee it, before it is received by the eligible person.

I do not know what the practice has been in the State in handling the affairs of the inmates of our institutions for the persons who are mentally ill; but it would seem to me that a guardian or conservator should be appointed, preferably someone in the institution, so that no fees, etc., would be charged against the estate of the ward and in that way you would have a legal disbursement of these funds and a proper accounting of the same. The guardian or conservator could apportion the income of the ward in such way at such times as would indicate a proper expenditure and apportionment of the same.

JOHN G. MARSHALL
Deputy Attorney-General

December 15, 1943

Hon. Sumner Sewall, Governor

Subject: Buying of Deerskins

I have examined the latest revision of the Inland Fish and Game Laws and under the provisions of Sections 92, 93, 94 and 95 it is apparently unlawful to "sell or offer for sale or barter" any deer or any part of a deer save that the heads and hides may be sold to properly licensed taxidermists or dealers in deerskins and heads, as provided in Sections 92 and 93.