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**STATE OF MAINE**

**R E P O R T**

**OF THE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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Boston pool and has adopted the minimum class prices set up under Section 904.7 of the federal Milk Order No. 4 for the Greater Boston Marketing Area. . . The Milk Control Board should know about the administration of this Act. They must have studied it, as it has been in effect since August 1, 1947.

The Greater Boston Marketing Area is defined in Section 904.1 of Milk Order No. 4, and it includes only those areas within the boundary lines of certain Massachusetts cities and towns, which are set forth in the definition. It does not seem to me that it has anything to do with towns and cities in the State of Maine where producers and dealers are under the supervision of the State Milk Control Board.

. . I shall be glad to sit down with some member of the Milk Board with some information on the administration of this Greater Boston Marketing Area agreement. I could then advise you more accurately as to how far it affects the State of Maine in enforcing the prices of milk sold in local markets.

RALPH W. FARRIS  
Attorney General

March 25, 1949

To Harry E. Henderson, Deputy Treasurer of State  
Re: Hutchinson Hardware Co., Inc.

I have your memo of March 24th relating to the above matter, together with a card to the Maine Fish & Game Dept. from the Referee in Bankruptcy, stating that there will be a meeting of the creditors on the 5th day of April in Boston.

I wish to state that this matter has never been referred to this office by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, nor by the Treasurer's office; and we have never filed any claim in this office and know nothing about the matter. . . This matter was certified to your department on April 1, 1948 for collection, but was never turned over to this office for action.

It has been my policy not to consider moneys due the State of Maine for licenses as dischargeable in bankruptcy. For that reason we have never filed claims with referees in bankruptcy for a percentage settlement. These license fees collected by anyone as an agent for the State of Maine belong to the State of Maine and are not dischargeable in bankruptcy. Whoever filed this claim had never consulted this office and did not know the policy of this office in regard to moneys obtained for license fees, etc.

In this case the agent of the State is a corporation, and we probably have lost our rights by filing a claim with the referee in bankruptcy.

In the future, all legal matters should be referred to this department and not handled by the departments concerned, in cases where fees have been collected for the State and not turned over to the State Treasurer.

RALPH W. FARRIS  
Attorney General