

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 5.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 20, 1871.

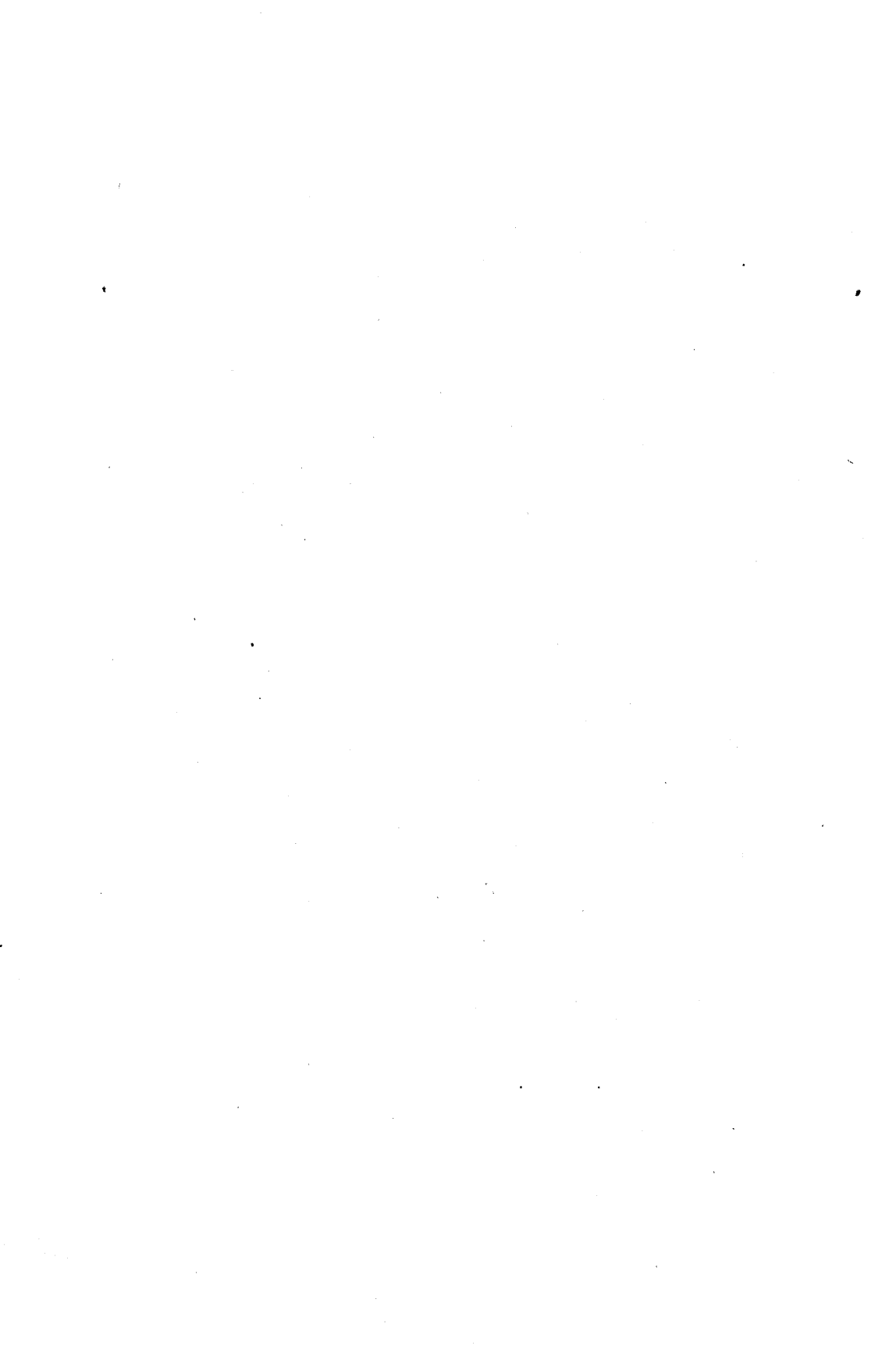
WHEREAS, many petitions for authority to take stock in, or loan their credit to aid or encourage manufacturing corporations, have been in times past before the Legislature from various towns; and now a general law authorizing towns in their corporate capacity to aid in the building of manufactures is prayed for of this Legislature;

AND WHEREAS, in a few cases heretofore the Legislature have granted the prayer of petitioners, and many other cases equally feasible have been denied;

AND WHEREAS, a want of uniformity in such legislation tends to impair the public confidence in legislative action; therefore,

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court be requested to submit to the Senate at the earliest day practicable, their several opinions upon the following question:

“Has the Legislature constitutional authority to enact laws empowering municipal corporations to subscribe for stock in manufacturing corporations, or to aid or encourage manufactures by any appropriation of municipal funds, or pledge of municipal credit?”



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Presented by Mr. VOSE of Waldo, and on his motion laid on
the table and ordered to be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*