

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 114.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Settlers in Madawaska
Territory.

Resolved, That in order to carry out substantially the recommendations of Seth M. Carter, Morrill N. Drew and George H. Smith, commissioners appointed under resolve approved March 10, 1887, and to provide for just and fair treatment of the settlers whose condition was investigated by said commissioners, as stated in their report, the governor and council be directed to appoint a board of three commissioners, who shall have full power to contract for and to purchase, in whole tracts or otherwise, as such commissioners shall find most advisable upon investigation and negotiation with the owners, such lands as may be found necessary or expedient for the

15 purposes aforesaid in the following named town-
16 ships or tracts of land in the county of Aroostook,
17 viz.: Township 18 Range 3, 18 Range 4, 18
18 Range 5, 18 Range 6, 18 Range 7, 17 Range 4,
19 17 Range 7, and 17 Range 8, provided that said
20 commissioners shall contract for or purchase no
21 lands at a price exceeding fifty cents per acre.

Said commissioners shall contract for and pur-
23 chase any such lands in the name of the State of
24 Maine, and all deeds shall be taken running
25 directly to the State of Maine.

The land agent shall cause all lands so purchased
27 to be surveyed and run off into lots in such manner
28 as said commissioners shall direct, but with a view
29 to correspond as nearly as may be with the actual
30 occupation of such lands, and with a fair and wise
31 provision for the future settlement of any of such
32 lands.

And such commissioners are hereby empowered
34 to direct the land agent to convey to such settlers
35 such parts of said lands as are now in actual occu-
36 pation without payment, when justice so demands,
37 and to sell such lands to actual settlers at such
38 price and upon such terms as they may think
39 proper, and either for cash, notes, or labor.

The land agent shall keep in his office full records
41 of all tracts for and purchases of said lands, and
42 of all conveyances and sales thereof to the settlers.
43 Should any of said lands remain undisposed of at
44 the conclusion of the labors of said commissioners,
45 they shall be reserved and held for actual settlers
46 thereon, and shall be under the care of the land
47 agent, and may be disposed of by him to actual
48 settlers, as occasion may require, in accordance
49 with the existing provisions of the law relating to
50 the sale of lands for settlement.

There is hereby appropriated, to be used on
52 account of such purchases and surveys and for the
53 reasonable expenses of said commissioners, the
4 sum of thirty thousand dollars, and the governor
55 shall draw his warrant upon the treasury, to be
56 paid out of said sum, to pay for such purchases
57 and surveys and the expenses of said commis-
58 sioners.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 19, 1889.

Reported by Mr. CLARK, from Committee on State Lands and State Roads, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*