

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 108.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT additional to Chapter Three Hundred and Thirty-Six, Private and Special Laws of the year One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-One, entitled 'An Act to provide for the Collection, Arrangement and Display of the Products of the State of Maine at the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in the City of Chicago in the year One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Three, and to make an appropriation therefor.'

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of exhibiting the
2 resources, products and general developments of the State

3 of Maine at the World's Columbian Exposition in the
4 year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-three, an
5 additional sum of seventeen thousand and nine hundred
6 dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended by the
7 Board of World's Fair Managers of Maine, in exhibiting
8 the products and resources of Maine at the above named
9 Exposition, and in liquidating the necessary liabilities
10 incurred by said board in connection therewith, includ-
11 ing grading of grounds, furnishing, heating, lighting, and
12 maintaining the State of Maine building, erected on the
13 grounds of said Exposition, as hereinafter specified.

SECT. 2. Said board is hereby authorized and directed
2 to expend so much of said appropriation, not exceeding
3 four thousand and fifty dollars, as may be necessary to re-
4 imburse such firms, individuals and corporations as have
5 paid their subscriptions to the guarantee fund for the con-
6 struction of the State of Maine building erected upon the
7 World's Columbian Exposition grounds at Chicago.

SECT. 3. Said board is hereby authorized to sell or
2 remove for purposes of sale all portions of the State of
3 Maine building erected on the World's Columbian
4 Exposition grounds at Chicago, its furnishings and all
5 other property in the possession or control of said board.
6 And at the end of said Exposition all funds realized from
7 such sale, and all other funds in the possession or con-
8 trol of said board, shall be covered into the State treas-
9 ury.

SECT. 4. The following sums of the foregoing general amount are hereby appropriated for the specified purposes herein named, and no other :

4	Balance due on building	\$3,500
5	Water	1,000
6	Light	800
7	Grading and care of grounds.....	850
8	Heat, insurance and fire extinguishers.....	1,200
9	Maintaining State building (janitor work, wash-	
10	ing, scrubbing, etc.).....	1,500
11	Furniture.....	2,000
12	Administration	2,500
13	Contingent	500

Provided, however, that no part of this or any preceding State appropriation shall be used to pay for the transportation or per diem of the ex-officio members of the board, or for any of the members of the executive committee ex-officio, for any services rendered outside of the State.

The executive commissioner shall have the exclusive and entire control of the building and the employment of all persons whatsoever and of all employees of the said commission.

The executive committee of said board are authorized to perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the board of managers.

The sum of five hundred dollars and no more may be expended to pay actual expenses of such members of said

29 State board of managers as were appointed by the gov-
30 ernor incurred by them in attending said Exposition.
31 But this provision shall not apply to the executive com-
32 missioners.

SECT. 5. Said board shall make a report to the Gov-
2 ernor and Council of its disbursement receipts and
3 expenditures, with proper vouchers therefor, as soon as
4 may be after the close of said Exposition and the same
5 shall be audited by said Governor and Council.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

By chapter 336 Private and Special Laws of 1891 it was provided that \$5,000 and no more of the sum appropriated for the World's Fair should be used in the construction of the State of Maine building upon the Exposition grounds at Chicago. The Board of World's Fair Managers of Maine appointed under the provisions of said chapter had secured by early application one of the most desirable sites for their building, the same being on the Lake Michigan front. Plans and specifications for the building were submitted to the chief of construction, having charge of the erection of buildings at the Exposition, who informed said board of managers that if they should adhere to their determination to erect a ten thousand dollar building he should be obliged to have it placed upon one of the rear and less desirable lots, and that, if the lot selected should be given to the Maine Board, they would be obliged to erect a building costing not less than twenty thousand dollars. At this juncture the board learned upon inquiry that certain Maine manufacturers of granite, slate, window screens and other house building materials would contribute \$7,500 in value of such materials, but it was found necessary in order to erect such a building as the board deemed necessary for the credit of the State, considering the character of other buildings erected by other states, to have an additional sum of \$7,500 in money, whereupon the board called for private subscriptions and secured the same amounting to \$6,500, the members of the board having promised the subscribers that they would present the matter to the Legislature, with the view of having the sum subscribed refunded for the reasons above stated. Under these arrangements the building has been constructed according to the architect's plan and placed upon the lot selected at the cost of \$25,000, there now being due upon the building \$3,500, and there having been paid in of such subscriptions \$4,050. While the building was being constructed "the granite strike"

occurred in Maine which threw upon the Board of World's Fair Managers an unexpected additional expense of \$1,200 incurred in the dressing and preparing of the granite for shipment.

Under said chapter 336 Private and Special Laws of 1891, \$25,000 was appropriated for exhibits to be sent from the State of Maine to the Exposition but no provision was made for any of the items mentioned in section 4 of the bill now pending, all of which items it is in the opinion of your committee necessary to provide for.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 10, 1893. }

Tabled pending first reading, by Mr. POWERS of Houlton, and
ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*