

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 172.

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 appropria-
tion 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
3 State 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, including
11 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
4 reimburse such firms, individuals and corporations as has
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 Exposi-
4 tion grounds at Chicago, its furnishings and all other prop-
5 erty in the possession or control of said board. And at
6 the end of said Exposition all funds realized from such sale,
7 and all other funds in the possession or control of said
8 board, shall be covered into the State treasury.

SECT. 4. The following sums of the foregoing gen-
2 eral amount are hereby appropriated for the specified
3 purposes herein named, but any portion of any sum of
4 said list not required for such specified purpose may be

5 used by direction of the executive committee and the
 6 approval of the governor of Maine, for necessary expend-
 7 itures pertaining to the State of Maine building its fur-
 8 nishings or grounds :

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

SECT. 5. Said board shall make a report to the gov-
 2 ernor and council of its disbursement receipts and expend-
 3 itures, with proper vouchers therefor, as soon as may be
 4 after the close of said Exposition and the same shall be
 5 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 \$10,000 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 \$3,500 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 22, 1893. }

Reported by Mr. POWERS of Houlton, from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*