

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 18.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE declaring the Pine Cone to be the Floral Emblem
for Maine in the National Garland of Flowers.

Resolved, That the Pine Cone is hereby declared to be
2 the floral emblem for Maine in the National Garland of
3 Flowers.

MEMORIAL.

The idea of a National Garland was first proposed at the Woman's Congress, held in Chicago during the World's Fair.

As our country was so large, it was there decided that it could best be represented by a garland, made up of flowers chosen by the different states than by a single flower; this idea embodying best the individualism of state sentiment and the federation of patriotism, that the state legislatures were to be asked to legalize the choice of the people; and after all the states had chosen their state flowers, they were to be presented to our National Congress for sanction. The work in this State has been carried on by the Maine Floral Emblem Society, and has been organized since last March. Circulars have been sent all over the State, acquainting its citizens with the aims and objects of the society. Since the first of November, the voting has been carried on by means of a blank ballot, which the Maine newspapers have most kindly published gratuitously, giving also many notices of the ballot through their local and editorial columns. The voting has not been confined to one sex—men, women and school children being most cordially invited to participate in the ballot. Much voting has been done through organizations; the clubs of Maine, the grangers, the pomological societies, taking an active part in the contest.

The ballot has just closed with the following results :

Pine cone, 11,411; golden rod, 4,014; apple blossom, 3,134; mayflower, 318; pond lily, 76; violet, 41; pansy, 24; clover, 20; corn, 13; rose, 10; sweet pea, 6; columbine, 5; daisy, 4; dandelion, 3; pink, 3; Canada thistle, 2; sunflower, 2 P; poppy, 1; chrysanthemum, 1. Total votes, 19,088.

JANET L. DINGLEY,

Chairman Maine Floral Emblem Society.

AUBURN, January 21, 1895.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 21, 1895.

Presented by Mr. SAVAGE of Androscoggin, and on his motion laid
on table to be printed.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*