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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 367

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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The special committee appointed to ascertain how many reports of the several departments are printed each year and the cost of the same and to recommend to the legislature how many it is desirable to have printed, beg leave to report.

Chapter 173 of the laws of 1895 prescribes the maximum numbers of various department reports to be printed at the expense of the State, but gives to the governor and council discretionary power to reduce the number. It authorizes the State librarian to sell at cost to parties not entitled to said reports by custom or courtesy such copies as may from time to time remain in his hands. All other reports not enumerated in the first section of the act can be printed and bound and distributed only by authority of the governor and council. Section three, however, appears to give to departments, bureau and institutions authority to print circulars and bulletins at the discretion of the officers in charge. In 1897 an act was passed making the printing and binding of twelve thousand copies of the report of the secretary of the board of agriculture compulsory, with this exception the law remains unchanged from 1895 and the determination of the number of copies of all reports to be printed remains in the hands of the governor and council.

The following statement has been furnished the committee and is furnished for the information of the legislature.

## COST OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 1897.

Reports.	Number.	Printing.	Binding.	Total.
Board of Agriculture.....	12,000	\$3,901 62	\$3,833 00	\$7,734 62
Bank Examiner.....	2,500	1,696 06	577 87	2,273 93
Labor Bureau.....	4,000	737 54	1,080 00	1,817 54
Reform School.....	1,500	169 38	86 26	255 64
Fish and Game (Inland).....	4,000	90 00	114 48	204 48
Industrial School.....	1,500	69 41	54 29	123 70
State Prison.....	2,000	129 00	92 43	221 43
Contagious Diseases.....	4,000	145 39	121 45	266 84
Maine State College.....	1,500	304 23	96 21	400 44
Vital Statistics.....	1,500	880 68	593 68	1,474 36
Insurance Commissioner.....	3,000	1,500 00	576 00	2,076 00
Railroad Commissioner.....	3,000	2,320 00	577 21	2,897 21
Superintendent of Schools.....	4,500	803 73	698 16	1,501 89
State Treasurer.....	2,500	326 00	497 56	823 56
Insane Hospital.....	1,500	207 00	82 75	289 75
State Assessors.....	3,000	1,379 92	813 26	2,193 18
Adjutant General.....	1,000	364 19	161 77	525 96
<b>BIENNIAL REPORTS.</b>				
Attorney General.....	1,500	328 51	96 79	425 30
Land Agent and Forestry Com.....	1,200	95 92	162 34	258 26
Board of Health.....	4,000	708 00	1,055 47	1,763 47
Librarian.....	1,000	171 37	85 32	256 69
Bath Military and Orphan Asylum.....	1,000	80 10	41 35	121 45
Sea and Shore Fisheries.....	2,000	44 09		
Maine School for Deaf.....	1,200	45 77		
Agricultural Bulletins (10).....	59,550	1,049 81	304 42	1,354 23

## BULLETINS OF 1897.

5,800 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 1, 24 pages.....				\$71 48
1,000 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 1 (second edition), 40 pages.....				37 02
5,700 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 2, 40 pages.....				107 82
5,800 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 3, 36 pages.....				98 42
5,800 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 4, 40 pages.....				113 58
5,800 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 5, 40 pages.....				108 43
5,800 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 6, 40 pages.....				104 69
5,850 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 7, 40 pages.....				117 85
6,000 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 8, 32 pages.....				84 49
6,000 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 9, 32 pages.....				84 81
6,000 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 10, 40 pages.....				121 31
59,850	404			\$1,049 81

Averaging 5,965 copies, containing 40.4 pages at an average cost of \$104.98.

## BULLETINS OF 1898.

6,400 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 1, 40 pages.....				\$136 85
6,500 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 2, 40 pages.....				115 91
6,500 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 3, 40 pages.....				146 30
6,500 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 4, 32 pages.....				106 59
6,500 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 5, 26 pages.....				88 92
6,500 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 6, 24 pages.....				72 76
6,700 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 7, 34 pages.....				107 97
6,600 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 8, 40 pages.....				117 92
6,600 copies of Agricultural Bulletin No. 9, 96 pages.....				297 85
56,200	372			\$1,191 07

Averaging 6,245 copies of 41 1-3 pages at an average cost of \$132.34.

The committee recommends that the report of the secretary of the board of agriculture should be reduced in the number of pages and a smaller edition published.

That the report of the bureau of industrial and labor statistics should be restricted to matters strictly pertaining to that department and only such number bound in cloth as are required for purposes of exchange.

That the reports of the trustee, president and treasurer of the University of Maine should be confined to the necessary details of operations and accounts, that the catalogue, list of alumni, etc., should be printed at the expense of the University, which is amply provided with funds by the liberality of the State, that the report of the experimental station should be distributed as at present, and that their republication in the annual report of the secretary of the board of agriculture should be omitted.

That the report of the bureau of vital statistics, so called, should be incorporated with the report of the board of health.

As these propositions cannot be carried into effect without the amendments of several acts now in force, the committee ask that this report may be printed for the information of the legislature and referred to the next legislature.

Per order,

BROWN, *for Committee.*

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, March 16, 1899.

Tabled, pending acceptance of report by Mr. BROWN of Falmouth,  
and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*