

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 33.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine State Library for the years
eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hundred.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand four hundred
2 dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Maine
3 State Library for the year eighteen hundred ninety-nine, and
4 that a like sum be and is hereby appropriated for the year
5 nineteen hundred, the same to be expended yearly for the
6 following purposes: For continuing sets of American, Eng-
7 lish and colonial reports, digests and statutes, nine hundred
8 dollars; for subscriptions to historical, literary and scientific
9 periodicals and works, one thousand dollars; for completing
10 sets of Scotch, English, Canadian and American reports and
11 session laws, nine hundred dollars; for typewriting and cata-
12 logging, four hundred dollars; for Maine statutes and sup-
13 plements, two hundred dollars.

STATEMENT OF FACTS AND ESTIMATES.

The regular appropriation for the State library is \$1,000. This sum is not sufficient to pay the current subscriptions to periodicals, cataloguing and incidental expenses inevitably contracted in the administration of its affairs. The legislature of 1893, and every succeeding legislature has recognized this fact.

The special appropriation for 1893 was \$6,325, for 1895, \$8,000, in 1897, \$6,600. This money has been expended largely in completing broken sets of books in the library, and in the purchase of English and Canadian law reports, American statutes, and Digests, and in procuring local histories, historical and scientific works of great value.

The following estimates show the amount that seems absolutely necessary for the completion of sets of books now in the library, for the continuation of completed sets, and for work, labor and material required to run the library.

	Annually.	Total.
For the continuation of complete sets of American, English, Scotch and British Colonial Reports, Digests and Statutes,	\$900 00	\$1,800 00
American Reports, mostly inferior courts, needed to complete, as procurable.		500 00
English Reports: The library has about 1,000 volumes of these, lacking only in Bankruptcy some 42 volumes.		200 00
In Registration appeals, 11 volumes to make the sets absolutely complete. Approximate cost		175 00
Scotch Reports, to supplement the reprint which the library is now taking, which covers from 1540 to 1860. The library needs Court of Sessions Cases, 3rd series, 11 vols. 1863-1873; 4th series 27 vols. 1874-1898. Approximate cost,		500 00

	Annually.	Total.
British Colonial Reports; hard to procure but much sought after by all librarians, owing to our increasing commercial interests in those sections and the adoption in this country of measures like the Australian Ballot and Land Transfers System, where the only precedents are found in these reports. Subscription for the same, yearly.....	\$60 00	\$120 00
Upper Canada, 92 volumes. The library already has the other 225 volumes. Approximate cost		400 00
Lower Canada; the library has all of these except 85 volumes. Approximate cost		400 00
New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island Reports, the library has complete, but still lacks: British Columbia, 5 vols., 1867-1898; Manitoba, 12 vols., 1875-1898. Approximate cost		150 00
Yearly Subscriptions, Law	60 00	120 00
Subscriptions to periodicals and scientific works	300 00	600 00
Subscriptions to Historical works.....	500 00	1,000 00
Subscriptions to Scientific and Medical works	400 00	800 00
Estimate for labor and material: Includes typewriting, cataloguing, cards, typewriter and other fixtures and furniture, as steps, card cases and also \$150 for extra help this winter.....	700 00	1,400 00
Amount for purchase of Maine laws and statutes. This item is made necessary by the loss of books and by the calls for new ones from State and county and town officials and institutions....	400 00	800 00
	\$4,422 00	\$8,845 00

The amount of work in and about the library has nearly doubled within the past four years.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 8, 1899.

Reported by Mr. WEEKS from Committee on Library, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.