

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 58

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the permanent employment of a
Cataloguer for the Maine State Library.

Resolved, That the state librarian may employ a competent
2 person as cataloguer for the Maine state library, whose sal-
3 ary, to be determined by the Governor and Council, shall
4 not be more than eight hundred dollars per annum and paid
5 out of the appropriation for salaries of public officers.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

There are fifteen thousand books and manuscripts in the old library not yet catalogued. The accessions to the state library for the past year have been over four thousand. It is not an extravagant estimate that next year may add five thousand books to the library. It requires the work of one person fully competent, to catalogue and prepare these books for the shelves. Such time as may not be thus employed, should be devoted to cataloguing the unclassified portion of the library above mentioned. For these reasons the best interests of the library demand the constant employment of a cataloguer to be paid from salaries of public officers. The work of the library has doubled within the past two years. If the fee of traveling libraries is reduced one-half, as contemplated, the increase of labor in that department will be from two to fourfold. Extra work in traveling library the past year cost about two hundred and fifty dollars. Cataloguing cost in addition thereto the sum of five hundred dollars, but in the cataloguing department many things were neglected for want of funds to do the proper amount of work in that department. The library needs, in short, the constant employment of a cataloguer and the employment of extra help in the form of a clerk or second assistant nearly all the time. The latter is provided for in the resolve appropriating money for the Maine state library. The present resolve is designed to authorize the constant employment of a cataloguer.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 19, 1901.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*