

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

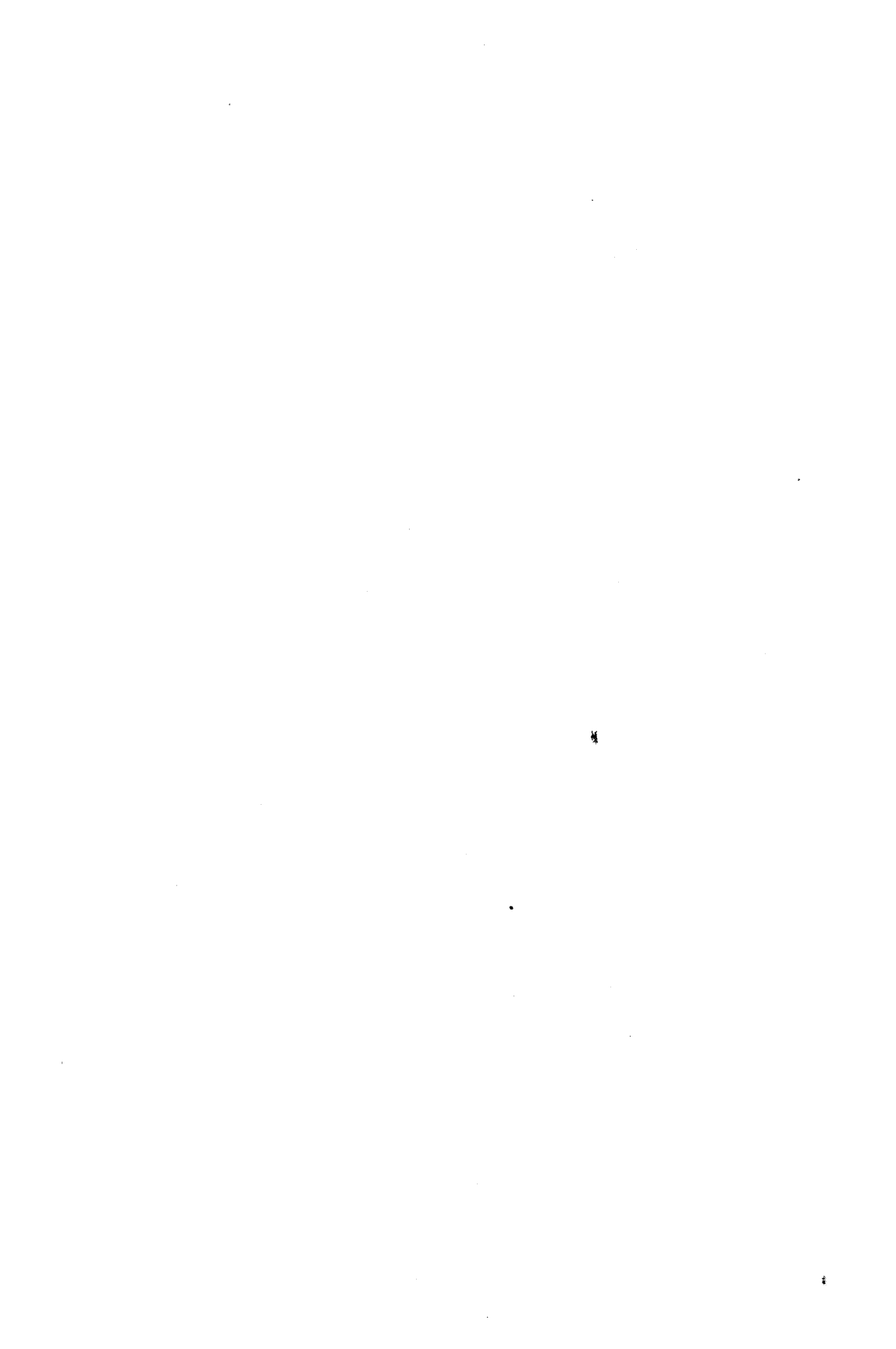
HOUSE.

No. 122

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the dairying interests of the State of
Maine.

Resolved, That there be, and hereby is appropriated, to be
2 expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Agri-
3 culture, the sum of \$3,000, for the year 1903, and \$3,000, for
4 1904, for the purpose of improving and protecting the dairy
5 interests of the State of Maine, by employing a dairy expert,
6 and suitable assistants, and paying such expenses in con-
7 nection therewith as the commissioner may approve.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

At the present time, by the most carefully prepared statistics, the dairy interests of Maine give a round total of practically ten million dollars yearly. At the same time, because of the conditions prevailing, the want of uniformity in methods and the fact that our manufacturers have no jurisdiction over, or means of correcting errors among the patrons, Maine ranks third in the New England states in the great markets. We are finding continually that the better quality of our butter goes on the market as Vermont make simply because it rises above the average grade and to the limit of the Vermont work. For this reason we desire the passage of the resolve to aid our dairy interests, in order that by means of assistance, lectures, visits, personal influence and expert suggestions, the average work of the State may be so improved that we may add to the quality of our butter product enough to place it on a par with that of Vermont. Doing this, the yearly increased revenue of our butter makers would be more than one-half million dollars. In the manufacture of the cream product, which today has assumed such gigantic proportions, securing us a trade which other states have so far been unable to break, the same assistance, supervision and suggestions are necessary in order that there shall be a gradual toning up of all the methods entering into production; better sanitary conditions in our barns, greater skill and care in breeding and feeding, and the necessity for the use of such implements only as will help ensure the very choicest quality. Within the past few years there has been a radical change in many of the counties and a decided growth in our live stock interests, and rightly fostered, this can easily be made the great agricultural feature of the State. Climate, soil and water combine to make the State of Maine peculiarly adapted to the dairy industry and fostered by the State it can easily be made of far greater volume than at the present time. This sum is for educational purposes.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 13, 1903.

Reported by Mr. EATON of Calais, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*