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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 67

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is 2 hereby appropriated for the year 1903 and also twenty-five 3 thousand dollars for the year 1904 to be expended by the 4 Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, under the 5 direction of the Governor and Council, for the purpose of 6 operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in 7 the State and for the protection of fish.

Provided, also, that the Commissioners of Inland Fish and 9 Game may purchase or lease real estate in the name of the 10 State for the purpose of maintaining fish hatcheries and feed- 11 ing stations for fish culture, and may also assist in maintaining

12 fish hatcheries for fish culture owned and under the manage-
13 ment of fish and game associations; provided, also, that the
14 commissioners shall make a detailed statement in their report
15 of all expenditures of money expended under this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This resolve is for the same amount appropriated by former legislature for many years, and is in the language of former resolves, with this exception: The amount that this resolve appropriates is for the operation of the fish hatcheries and cultivation of fish and their protection exclusively. It is expected that the funds for the proper protection of game will be secured by a hunters' license law.

There are fish hatcheries and feeding stations as follows: One at Edes Falls, Cumberland county, on an inlet of Sebago lake; one at Lake Auburn in Androscoggin county; one in Monmouth in Kennebec county; one at Moosehead lake in Piscataquis county; one in Caribou in Aroostook county, which have been operated the past two years. There is also one at Enfield in Penobscot county, one at Belgrade in Kennebec county, of small capacity, which have not been operated. There is also a feeding station at Winthrop in which there are now 50,000 land-locked salmon hatched from the egg last spring, to be planted in the public waters of the State this year. The commissioners have in these various hatcheries now two million six hundred and fifty thousand trout and salmon eggs, taken last fall.

It cost, last year, for operating these hatcheries and stations, including necessary repairs, equipment and improvement, guarding the parent fish on the spawning beds and in the weirs, taking the fish eggs, guarding fishways on the Penobscot and St. Croix rivers, distribution of the product of the hatcheries in the ponds and lakes of the State, expenses of commissioners, clerk hire, newspaper notices, attorneys' fees, telegraph and telephone bills, as will be seen by the commissioners' report, \$22,560.94.

The operation of these hatcheries the coming two years, the necessary repairs, at least \$25,000.00 will be required each year.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 13, 1903.

Reported by Mr. BRYANT, from Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL, M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.