

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 2

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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The Joint Special Committee on Salaries and Fees herewith submit their report, having had under consideration the following order :

“STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 3, 1903.

*Ordered*, The Senate concurring, that a special joint committee of three on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire into the amount of compensation received by all State and county officials whose salaries are determinable by the legislature. Said committee is hereby authorized to sit during any recess and after the adjournment of the present session, with full power to employ a stenographer, summon, administer oaths to and examine witnesses, call for books and papers, and in general to obtain all necessary information upon which may be based legislative action looking towards equalization of salaries and complete abolition of the fee system, and report in writing, which report shall be filed with the clerk of the House not later than December 1, 1904, and be referred to the next legislature without further action thereon.

House of Representatives, March 3, 1903.

Read and passed.

Senate Chamber, March 4, 1903.

Read and passed in concurrence.”

At the time the foregoing order was adopted by the legislature a bill was pending designed to make uniform the compensation of examining boards of the State. This bill was intended to apply to members of the boards of registration in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, embalming, and the examiners of applicants for admission to the bar. Shortly after, by the joint action of both branches, it was referred to this committee, and our recommendations thereon will be found embodied in the report.

The order clearly and specifically, under our construction, contains three mandates:

First, to ascertain the amount of official compensation received by State and county officials; second, to obtain necessary information upon which to base intelligent legislative action looking toward the abolition of fees and the equalization of salaries; third, to report our findings and recommendations to the clerk of the House of Representatives.

#### MUNICIPAL COURTS.

At the outset the members of the committee were doubtful whether it was contemplated that an inquiry should be made into the method and amount of compensation received by the judges and recorders of the various municipal courts in the State. An examination of the different enactments creating them disclosed the fact that some judges and recorders are paid salaries by the counties, others by the municipalities where located, still others received salaries and fees, combined, while a small number derived their compensation solely from fees. Strictly speaking, they are judicial officers of the State, and their salaries are determinable by the legislature, but upon careful reflection, considering the different methods by which the municipal courts are maintained, and the amount of labor involved, not willing to extend our investigation beyond the point of utility, or assume doubtful authority, it was the unanimous sense of the committee to eliminate them from the present inquiry. In passing we would suggest that if reforms are desirable along this line, the first step unquestionably is to establish uniformity of jurisdiction and procedure. This is labor that should be assumed by a legislative committee composed entirely of active members of the bar, and in our opinion is worthy of painstaking consideration.

## COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes contains a list of all State and county offices to which are attached fixed salaries, except the office of sheriff in several of the counties enumerated in chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, to which reference will be made later. In many instances the salary specified is not the only compensation, but is increased largely by fees properly collectable under existing law; while in other instances, principally applicable to county offices, fees are the only source of income. In order to ascertain the sources and amount of official fees, and the volume of business involved in the efficient performance of duty, the committee determined to give public hearings at the capitol and in every county in the State. These hearings were advertised by the general publication of notices in the press, in order that the public, as well as the officials more directly interested, might be present and submit their views. A stenographer was employed and the examination of all officials taken under oath. The evidence has been properly transcribed and is filed herewith, together with all pertinent documents, statements and tabulations in the possession of the committee, to be used for such purposes as the incoming legislature may direct. Letters were sent to the several officials, except the governor and his council and the members of the court, notifying them to appear and apprising them of the nature and character of the information that would be required. With very few exceptions, and those based upon ample excuse, they responded to the request, and answered fully, cheerfully and frankly, all inquiries. This part of our labor began in August, 1903, and extended, not continuously, however, over a period of six months. In October, 1904, the committee again began to hold sessions for the purpose of digesting the evidence and formulating conclusions. The numerous subjects embraced within the field of the committee's inquiry, and the various difficulties presented by them have necessarily resulted in slight differences of opinion among the members as to various recommendations. The recommendations in every instance, however, have the support of a majority of the members. While the order creating the committee and limiting the scope of the investigation bears no specific instructions upon this point, still, upon careful perusal

it must be construed as a command to devise plans for the abolition of indefinite and uncertain fees, so far as they enter into the compensation of public servants, and the substitution of definite and certain salaries, wherever possible. Moved by this consideration and their own convictions, the committee recommend that fees be eliminated from official income, although retained to the use of the State and county.

#### STATE OFFICIALS.

Having this object in view, the first question to be presented is the equalization of salaries of State officers. The standard of salaries is not and never has been high in this State, and we deem it impolitic, imprudent and unwise to recommend a general advance at this time. Having arrived at this conclusion the committee's recommendations will deal with those officials, only, receiving fees, directly or indirectly, and those whose salaries are inadequate, measured by the present standard. In our view of the matter the number will be small.

#### EXPENSE BILLS.

Before proceeding in detail we deem it proper at this time to touch upon a general question of some delicacy, but of grave import, not from a financial view, but from the point of correct practice. We refer to the use of passes by public officials, and the charging by them of transportation expenses to the State. Not every State officer who travels free, charges traveling expenses, but many of them do. With the pass system as a whole the committee feel that they have no authority to deal, but when the pass becomes a perquisite, or at least the equivalent of a perquisite, we feel it our duty and certainly within our province, to speak fearlessly and in language not capable of misinterpretation. When the law provides, as it does in many cases, that a public servant receive a certain fixed salary and actual traveling expenses, what reason can he assign, except the general prevalence of the practice, for receiving from the State more than he actually expends while going about in the performance of his duties; thus swelling his official compensation from the courtesies proffered by powerful corporations which are seeking many favors and special privileges from the government

to whose service he should dedicate his best efforts. We are not criticising the granting of such privileges to corporations. In many instances they tend to the permanent upbuilding and prosperity of our State. What we do say is that an officer should not profit by a free pass at the expense of the people. In justice to the officials, let us say right here, that from no quarter, especially from the members of this committee, comes the slightest intimation that their acts are consciously influenced in any degree by these courtesies. As a recommendation coming clearly within our jurisdiction, designed to remedy an evil suffered too long to exist, making for civic purity and official integrity, we submit for respectful consideration a bill providing that all State and county officials entitled to be re-imbursed for expenses shall render an itemized account of the same, and make oath that it includes only actual cash outlay. The logical result of its passage may be the repeal of all provisions of law granting a high rate of mileage to some public officials, including members of the legislature. If it does, so much the better. It is a vestige of the fee system, small though it be, that can assign no apology or reason for existence.

#### MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL.

Coming in logical sequence, the committee recommend that the members of the executive council receive the same compensation during the session of the legislature as members thereof, and for all other services five dollars a day and actual traveling expenses. Under existing statutes councilors receive the same pay as members of the legislature during the session, and for services at other times two dollars a day and two dollars for every ten miles traveled one way, except for authorized services on committees when the council is not in session, for which a member receives \$3.50 a day and necessary expenses. Inequalities produced by the present law need no other illustration than this: A member of the council from a point in the State farthest distant from the capitol would draw about \$75 for attendance upon each meeting after the adjournment of the legislature, while a member from Augusta would receive only four dollars.

## STATE EXAMINING BOARDS.

In recent years laws have been enacted requiring a greater degree of technical knowledge and skill from persons desirous of entering upon the practice of certain professions and of carrying on certain kinds of business. In order to test the qualifications of applicants examining boards have been created, the members of which derive their compensation from various sources and in varying amounts. There are five such boards, namely, boards of registration in medicine, in dentistry, in pharmacy, in embalming, and the board of examiners of applicants for admission to the bar. It is recommended that they receive a uniform compensation of five dollars a day and actual expenses from the State treasury, but in no event to exceed the receipts of the treasury from such sources.

## TRUSTEES AND VISITING COMMITTEES.

Trustees and visiting committees of the educational, eleemosynary and reformatory institutions of the State, in the opinion of the committee, should be placed upon a uniform compensation. As the law in this respect now stands almost all of these officials receive two dollars a day, and two dollars for every twenty miles traveled. Under existing conditions location, instead of service, governs. The sums paid by the State for these services are not large, nevertheless the basis of compensation should be a just one. It is therefore recommended that the trustees of the State School for Boys, of the Maine Industrial School, of the University of Maine, of the State Normal Schools, of the Insane Hospitals, and the committee of visitors to such hospitals, be paid by the State five dollars a day and actual expenses for time actually employed.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL.

The attorney general received during the year 1901 a salary of \$1,000, fees, \$6,325; total, \$7,325; during the year 1902, salary, \$1,000, fees, \$8,060; total, \$9,060; during the year 1903, salary, \$1,000, fees, \$7,640; total, \$8,640. The recommendations of the committee may be stated briefly and succinctly: His duties should be enlarged and defined; he should be required to appear

for the State, heads of departments, and State boards and commissions in all proceedings in courts; he should render his written opinion upon the request of the governor and council, heads of departments, State boards and commissions, and either branch of the legislature. In fine, he should be the general law officer of the State; his salary should be \$3,000 a year without fees or perquisites. Such is the considerate judgment of the committee. In consideration of increased duties, the extent of which cannot be definitely calculated, he should have the power to appoint an assistant attorney general with an office at the capitol, whose duty it shall be to examine and approve corporation charters. If the State is to remain in the corporation business, it is only fair that opportunity should be afforded to do such business expeditiously and at a fixed office. This is the only new office we would create, and we advise this reluctantly, simply because the volume of legal work may be too great for one man. Upon the basis of 1901 the adoption of the committee's recommendation would save to the State \$2,725; 1902, \$4,560; 1903, \$4,140.

#### SECRETARY OF STATE.

The secretary of state received during the year 1901, salary, \$1,500, fees, \$3,040; total, \$4,540; 1902, salary, \$1,500, fees, \$3,835; total, \$5,335; 1903, salary, \$1,500, fees, \$3,945; total, \$5,445. We cannot see how fair argument can be made for placing the salary of secretary of state beyond that of the state treasurer or bank examiner. In view of the salary standard, which the committee would not hurriedly disturb, it is recommended that the secretary of state receive an annual salary of \$2,000, without further fees of emoluments. Upon the basis of 1901 this would save the state \$2,540; 1902, \$3,335; 1903, \$3,445.

#### INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

The insurance commissioner receives, in addition to his salary, an amount averaging about \$350, annually, as extra compensation for services performed under an act passed in 1897 providing for the investigation of fires. Soon after its passage we are informed that the governor and council voted to allow the insurance commissioner and the assistant insurance commis-



sioner five dollars a day and actual expenses for such services while actually employed in addition to their salaries. This creates a flexibility of compensation which we would eliminate in every case. We recognize the justice of such payments, but in view of such allowances being withdrawn, it is recommended that the salary of the insurance commissioner be placed at \$1,800 a year, and that of the deputy at \$1,200, instead of \$1,500 and \$1,000, as now. Practically this is no change, but would make the salaries absolute and fixed.

#### BANK EXAMINER.

The bank examiner's salary is now placed at \$1,800. In addition he receives fees mentioned in section 17 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, the aggregate amount of which is small—less than one hundred dollars annually. The bank examiner guards interests diversified, important and far-reaching; he is not only responsible for the efficiency of his department, but must personally perform supervisory labor of the most exacting nature. We are convinced, therefore, that it is a good public policy for the State to pay him a salary equivalent to that paid to any other of the heads of departments, two thousand dollars a year and actual traveling expenses.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME, INCLUDING THE LAND AGENT AND FOREST COMMISSIONER.

The committee recommend that the chairman of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game receive an annual salary of \$1,800; the third member, \$1,000, and no other compensation to either. Under section 22 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, a provision is made that the governor and council may allow the commissioners extra compensation for services performed by them under the act providing for the licensing of non-resident hunters. In 1903 and 1904 the allowance was \$1,000 each year to the chairman, in addition to his salary, making a total of \$2,000, each year. The land agent, whom we designate for the purpose of this report as the second member of the board, received \$200 for such extra services in 1903. In lieu of such allowances these salaries are recommended.

We recommend that the land agent, forest commissioner and member of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, combining the three positions in one man, receive an annual salary of \$1,800, and no allowance under section 22 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes.

This completes the list of the State officers (except county attorneys), whose salaries are fixed by law, and in whose compensation, both as to amount and method, change is recommended.

Besides these the committee unequivocally recommend an increase to the clerk of the board of state assessors, from \$1,000 a year to \$1,200.

The bills designed, if enacted, to carry out these recommendations will be found in the appendix.

#### COUNTY OFFICERS.

We desire to state that we have been unable to agree upon any absolute fixed basis of computation. It was suggested, at the beginning, that salaries should be apportioned in proportion to the number of inhabitants of the several counties. Such was the method employed by a similar committee of the Massachusetts legislature, but the application of this rule could not be made, at least by your committee, because of the different situation of the counties and the business characteristics and tendencies of the people. In many instances comparative efficiency has been called to our attention. We cannot, however, for the purposes of this report distinguish between different degrees of efficiency, nor can personality be considered. We must assume that every official performs his legal duty, and no more, and is courteous and obliging. As a working basis we have considered comparative population and wealth, and the character and the volume of the business passing through the office, as well as other elements peculiar to each position. Having established a minimum and maximum, we proceeded to tabulate the salary list, trying not to omit the consideration of any fact, however small, that might affect the result. Whenever absolutely necessary we have recommended clerk hire in addition to the salary, providing by the bills accompanying that any unexpended balance for that purpose shall be covered back into the treasury at the end of each year. A table is here inserted which will show

at a glance the recommendations of the committee touching the salary and clerk hire of every county officer, including county attorney, except, however, the county commissioners.

### Proposed Salaries and Clerk Hire.

Name of County.	Clerks.	County Attorney.	Judge Probate.	Register Probate.	Sheriff.	Treasurer.	Register Deeds.
Androscoggin .....	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$2,500	\$1,200	\$1,200
Clerk hire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
Aroostook .....	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	600	N. 1,000
Clerk hire .....	800	-	-	-	-	-	S. 1,500
Cumberland .....	2,000	1,500	2,500	1,700	3,500	1,500	900
Assistant .....	1,200	700	-	-	-	-	1,800
Clerk hire .....	1,200	-	-	1,000	-	-	2,000
Franklin .....	1,000	400	400	600	800	300	800
Hancock .....	1,800	750	1,000	1,100	1,400	400	1,300
Clerk hire .....	400	-	-	-	-	-	700
Kennebec .....	2,000	1,000	1,500	1,200	2,500	1,000	1,500
Clerk hire .....	1,000	-	-	300	-	-	1,000
Knox .....	1,200	600	500	800	1,000	400	1,000
Lincoln .....	900	400	400	700	800	300	800
Oxford .....	1,000	400	700	800	1,100	400	E. 400
Clerk hire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	W. 1,200
Penobscot .....	2,000	1,000	1,500	1,400	2,800	1,200	1,500
Clerk hire .....	800	-	-	800	-	-	1,200
Piscataquis .....	900	500	500	600	800	350	800
Sagadahoc .....	1,200	500	600	700	1,200	350	900
Somerset .....	1,500	700	700	800	1,300	400	1,200
Clerk hire .....	300	-	-	-	-	-	300
Waldo .....	1,100	500	500	700	1,000	400	1,000
Washington .....	1,500	700	800	900	1,400	400	1,200
Clerk hire .....	300	-	-	-	-	-	300
York .....	1,800	1,000	1,000	1,300	2,500	750	1,500
Clerk hire .....	500	-	-	300	-	-	1,200
	\$30,400	\$12,650	\$14,600	\$17,900	\$26,600	\$9,950	\$28,600

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY.

The county attorney is a state official and receives his salary from the State, notwithstanding a popular notion that he is a county officer. He is the State's attorney for a defined district, which in this State corresponds with the county. In recent years numerous increases have been made in their salaries, and although these may have been meritorious, still it has been a fruitful argument in each case that the salary is out of proportion with others. The balance seems to be a delicate one and is constantly swinging. A table is appended showing somewhat the criminal business in the several counties during the year 1903.

## COUNTY ATTORNEYS.

1903.

	No. Criminal Entries.	No. Actual Trials.	No. Cases Argued at Law Court.
Androscoggin .....	286	45	6
Aroostook .....	183	2	0
Cumberland .....	305	17	2
Franklin .....	65	14	4
Hancock .....	163	7	1
Kennebec .....	260	18	1
Knox .....	37	3	3
Lincoln .....	30	7	2
Oxford .....	81	2	0
Penobscot .....	296	5	0
Piscataquis .....	30	3	0
Sagadahoc .....	23	1	0
Somerset .....	58	9	0
Waldo .....	59	15	0
Washington .....	140	7	0
York .....	159	12	1
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	2,175	167	20

Below will be found a table showing existing salaries and proposed salaries.

## COUNTY ATTORNEYS.

	Existing Salaries.	Proposed Salaries.
Androscoggin .....	\$800	\$1,000
Aroostook .....	1,000	1,000
Cumberland .....	2,000	2,200
Franklin .....	300	400
Hancock .....	750	750
Kennebec .....	1,200	1,000
Knox .....	700	600
Lincoln .....	400	400
Oxford .....	350	400
Penobscot .....	1,000	1,000
Piscataquis .....	600	500
Sagadahoc .....	600	500
Somerset .....	700	700
Waldo .....	500	500
Washington .....	750	700
York .....	1,000	1,000
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	\$12,650	\$12,650

Wherever a reduction is recommended in the above list, the bill accompanying provides that it shall not take effect until the present incumbent's term expires. This provision applies to all officers having a fixed salary and whose compensation it is recommended should be reduced.

In addition, we strongly urge that the county attorney be made the general law officer of the county, under the direction of the county commissioners, to receive only actual expenses while performing such service, these expense bills to be paid by the county.

#### CLERKS OF COURTS.

We submit a table showing the general business, receipts, and clerk expenses of the clerks of courts for the several counties during the year 1903. The clerks in the counties of Cumberland, Kennebec and Penobscot receive the extra compensation found in the last column for services as clerks of the law court. It is not intended to disturb this. In further explanation it may be said that the returns from the clerk of Kennebec county covered the year from September 1, 1903, to September 1, 1904.

## Clerks of Courts—1903.

	SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.					COMMISSIONERS' COURT.		Salary.	Fees.	Total.	Allowance for clerk hire.	Amount paid clerks.	Additional official income.
	Civil entries.	Criminal entries.	Days in session.	Cases finished.	Record pages.	Entries.	Record pages.						
Androscoggin.....	568	296	83	750	768	6	129	\$2,000 00	-	\$2,000 00	-	\$100 00	-
Aroostook.....	704	183	41	953	768	4	494	-	\$3,000 00	3,000 00	-	900 00	\$50 00
Cumberland.....	727	334	300	650	2,215	10	-	1,800 00	-	1,800 00	\$1,200 00	1,000 00	318 00
Franklin.....	247	70	30	245	300	20	100	400 00	750 00	1,150 00	-	30 00	-
Hancock.....	353	161	32	570	729	97	310	-	2,887 27	2,887 27	-	315 00	-
Kennebec.....	1,292	131	149	1,440	1,039	69	110	-	5,088 09	5,088 09	-	977 88	\$22 50
Knox.....	219	35	27	205	359	7	22	-	1,057 42	1,057 42	-	300 00	-
Lincoln.....	116	33	-	148	137	14	42	800 00	-	800 00	-	-	-
Oxford.....	232	83	21	296	216	40	78	1,000 00	-	1,000 00	-	-	-
Penobscot.....	697	572	85	1,375	1,509	11	49	1,800 00	-	1,800 00	800 00	750 00	397 50
Piscataquis.....	167	35	36	230	200	12	59	700 00	-	700 00	-	182 00	-
Sagadahoc.....	149	21	23	182	295	37	137	-	1,884 20	1,884 20	-	-	-
Somerset.....	394	58	56	485	860	35	265	600 00	1,437 28	2,037 28	-	300 00	-
Waldo.....	193	59	28	323	215	15	21	1,100 00	-	1,100 00	-	-	-
Washington.....	395	140	37	531	285	26	18	400 00	1,639 95	2,039 95	-	450 00	-
York.....	432	159	66	-	680	31	112	1,500 00	30 00	1,530 00	300 00	450 00	-

Table showing present compensation, including clerk hire, and proposed salaries, including clerk hire. These items are separated in the first general table presented. Figures of the first column taken from the returns of 1903.

## CLERKS OF COURTS.

	Present Compensation.	Proposed Salaries.
Androscoggin .....	\$2,000	\$2,000
Aroostook .....	3,000	2,800
Cumberland .....	4,400	4,400
Franklin .....	1,150	1,000
Hancock .....	2,887	2,200
Kennebec .....	5,088	3,000
Knox .....	1,057	1,200
Lincoln .....	800	900
Oxford .....	1,000	1,000
Penobscot .....	2,600	2,800
Piscataquis .....	700	900
Sagadahoc .....	1,884	1,200
Somerset .....	2,037	1,800
Waldo .....	1,100	1,100
Washington .....	2,039	1,800
York .....	1,830	2,300
	<hr/> \$33,572	<hr/> \$30,400



Table showing the official income, expenses and business of the registers of probate for the year 1903 so far as the figures have been obtained by the committee.

### Registers of Probate—1903.

	Salary.	Fees.	Commission received from newspapers.	Amount allowed for clerks.	Amount paid clerks.	Number entries.	Number record pages.	Number document pages.
Androscoggin .....	\$1,000	\$450	\$375	-	\$200	316	3,984	316
Aroostook .....	800	150	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland .....	1,000	1,250	200	\$1,000	1,040	-	3,914	-
Franklin .....	500	200	48	-	150	841	287	34
Hancock .....	900	-	-	300	362	1,516	2,371	174
Kennebec .....	800	450	350	300	306	390	2,655	160
Knox .....	750	200	111	24	-	825	1,053	86
Lincoln .....	700	100	-	-	-	125	800	56
Oxford .....	800	200	75	-	100	300	-	300
Penobscot .....	1,500	153	60	800	897	5,032	-	849
Piscataquis .....	500	40	31	-	180	100	750	50
Sagadahoc .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset .....	500	250	-	125	125	-	600	-
Waldo .....	600	378	189	-	125	1,366	893	55
Washington .....	600	350	-	-	300	700	1,350	120
York .....	750	700	-	250	260	580	2,800	-

Table showing present compensation, including clerk hire, and proposed salaries, including clerk hire. Figures of the first column taken from the returns of 1903, of

## REGISTERS OF PROBATE.

	Present Compensation Including Clerk Hire.	Proposed Salaries Including Clerk Hire.
Androscoggin .....	\$1,450	\$1,200
Aroostook .....	950	1,000
Cumberland .....	3,250	2,700
Franklin .....	700	600
Hancock .....	1,200	1,100
Kennebec .....	1,550	1,500
Knox .....	974	800
Lincoln .....	800	700
Oxford .....	1,000	800
Penobscot .....	2,300	2,200
Piscataquis .....	540	600
Sagadahoc .....	850	700
Somerset .....	875	800
Waldo .....	978	700
Washington .....	950	900
York .....	1,700	1,600
	\$19,217	\$17,900

Table showing the present salaries and the proposed salaries of the judges of probate.

JUDGES OF PROBATE.		
	Present Salaries.	Proposed Salaries.
Androscoggin .....	\$850	\$1,000
Aroostook .....	1,000	1,000
Cumberland .....	2,500	2,500
Franklin .....	350	400
Hancock .....	1,300	1,000
Kennebec .....	1,500	1,500
Knox .....	500	500
Lincoln .....	400	400
Oxford .....	550	700
Penobscot .....	1,500	1,500
Piscataquis .....	500	500
Sagadahoc .....	800	600
Somerset .....	400	700
Waldo .....	500	500
Washington .....	800	800
York .....	1,000	1,000
	<b>\$14,450</b>	<b>\$14,600</b>

Table showing the business and income of the several registers for the year 1903.

## Registers of Deeds—1903.

	Number deeds recorded.	Number other kind documents recorded.	Number record pages.	Gross income of office.	Amount allowed for clerks.	Amount paid clerks.	Amount allowed for index.	Additional official income.
Androscoggin .....	1,751	624	2,312	\$1,350 00	-	\$400	\$100 00	
Aroostook, North .....	1,007	434	1,205	734 05	\$150	150	146 00	
South .....	3,947	1,832	4,915	2,512 00	-	1,404	534 00	
Cumberland .....	2,221	3,851	8,412	6,011 10	-	1,702	200 00	
Franklin .....	1,553	807	2,154	1,298 80	-	275	75 00	
Hancock .....	3,207	15	9,112	2,193 00	-	956	200 00	
Kennebec .....	2,930	513	3,637	3,750 70	800	1,000	75 00	
Knox .....	1,458	282	1,361	1,180 00	-	260	75 00	
Lincoln .....	1,010	307	1,126	849 42	-	75	75 00	\$38
Oxford, West .....	541	180	715	425 00	-	100	240 00	
East .....	2,085	500	2,865	1,600 00	-	125	125 00	
Penobscot .....	4,797	110	5,239	2,707 00	1,000	1,350		
Piscataquis .....	1,235	360	1,591	1,158 00	-	275		
Sagadahoc .....	1,456	-	1,750	1,163 65	-	225		
Somerset .....	2,540	538	2,800	1,676 42	-	335	700 00	
Waldo .....	1,605	213	1,910	1,163 59	-	290	76 40	
Washington .....	2,224	706	3,185	1,800 00	-	415		
York .....	3,752	848	5,319	3,803 10	-	1,068	100 00	

In Hancock county on account of the varying forms of deeds conveying shore property to non-residents, the records have to be written in full, which explains the comparatively large number of record pages in that registry.

Table showing present compensation, including clerk hire, and the proposed salaries, including clerk hire, of

## REGISTERS OF DEEDS.

	Present Compensation, Including Clerk Hire.	Proposed Salaries, Including Clerk Hire.
Androscoggin .....	\$1,600	\$1,600
Aroostook, North .....	884	
Aroostook, South .....	2,512	3,400
Cumberland .....	6,011	3,800
Franklin .....	1,298	800
Hancock .....	2,193	2,000
Kennebec .....	3,990	2,500
Knox .....	1,180	1,000
Lincoln .....	849	800
Oxford, West .....	425	
Oxford, East .....	1,600	1,600
Penobscot .....	2,500	2,700
Piscataquis .....	1,158	800
Sagadahoc .....	1,163	900
Somerset .....	1,676	1,500
Waldo .....	1,163	1,000
Washington .....	1,800	1,500
York .....	3,803	2,700
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	\$35,805	\$28,600

It might be well to mention here that the fee of the register of deeds for recording certificates of organization of corporations is not fixed by statute, and therefore varying amounts are charged in the different counties, running from two to five dollars. We recommend along this line that this fee be made uniform by law, and placed at five dollars, the receipts therefrom to be paid by the registers to the county treasurer with other fees.

## COUNTY TREASURERS.

By reference to the first general table information can be had touching our recommendations of salaries for county treasurers. In fixing these amounts the members of the committee were governed not only by the population and wealth of the county,

but by the gross receipts and the amount and manner of disbursements. In several of the counties the salaries were established by law, namely, in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec and York. In the others they were left to the varying judgment of the county commissioners. By this process inequalities have crept in, and we believe that the salaries of all the county treasurers should be fixed by law.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The question of adjusting the compensation of county commissioners has been a difficult one, and in its consideration we have studied every conceivable method, but finally the committee, without dissent, reached the conclusion to recommend definite and inflexible salaries.

As the law now stands the commissioners of Lincoln county receive two dollars a day and eight cents a mile for actual travel. Of Sagadahoc, \$2.50 a day, and eight cents a mile actual travel. Of Franklin, Knox, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and Washington, \$2.50 a day, and ten cents a mile for actual travel; of Androscoggin, Aroostook and Oxford, three dollars a day, and eight cents a mile for actual travel; of Kennebec, three dollars a day, and ten cents a mile for actual travel; of Hancock, \$3.50 a day, and ten cents a mile for actual travel, while Cumberland and York have established regular annual salaries. The former at \$1,050 for the chairman, and \$950 for each of his associates; the latter, \$600 for each member.

Our figures are based not only upon population, wealth and volume of business, but the character and extent of territory over which the commissioners' court has jurisdiction, and the facilities for travel. The compensation of commissioners in counties where they receive per diem and mileage has increased materially, we might add, rapidly, in the last three years. This is said to be attributable to the law granting State aid for the construction of roads over which they have supervision. We have endeavored to make an allowance for this increased service. The following table is submitted showing the compensation of the several boards of county commissioners for the year 1903, and the proposed salary. The first column is taken from entries in the county reports.

## County Commissioners.

	Compensation for 1903.	Proposed salary of each commissioner.	Total of proposed salaries.
Androscoggin.....	\$1,794	\$600	\$1,800
Aroostook.....	2,797	900	2,700
Cumberland.....	2,950	1,000	3,000
Franklin.....	1,049	350	1,050
Hancock.....	1,858	500	1,500
Kennebec.....	2,481	700	2,100
Knox.....	600	300	900
Lincoln.....	761	250	750
Oxford.....	946	400	1,200
Penobscot.....	3,781	1,000	3,000
Piscataquis.....	1,721	500	1,500
Sagadahoc.....	400	250	750
Somerset.....	1,598	500	1,500
Waldo.....	1,119	350	1,050
Washington.....	1,233	450	1,350
York.....	1,800	750	2,250
	\$26,888		\$26,400

## SHERIFFS.

By the provisions of laws enacted within six years the sheriffs of Cumberland county and of Androscoggin county receive an annual salary of \$3,500 and \$2,500, respectively, in full for all services rendered the county, including keeper of the jail and jail workshops, and for the service of such criminal precepts as they may undertake. The intention of these laws was to abolish the fees of these sheriffs. The standard of salary established by them is a high one, but nevertheless we feel that it should be accepted. And with this as a uniform basis we have computed the salaries of the sheriffs of the several counties, eliminating all fees except those derived from the service of civil precepts. Under the proposed bill, which is submitted, the sheriff receives the free rental of the house connected with the county jail and necessary light and fuel. The salaries are to be in full compensation for services upon the supreme judicial and superior courts, as jailer, and for the service of all criminal processes and the performance of all duties relating to the enforcement of all criminal laws. The prisoners are to be boarded by the county, the commissioners purchasing supplies.

**Table Showing Salary List of County Officers, by Counties, as Recommended by the Committee, Including Allowances for Clerk Hire.**

	Androscoggin.	Aroostook.	Cumberland.	Franklin.	Hancock.	Kennebec.	Knox.	Lincoln.	Oxford.	Penobscot.	Piscataquis.	Sagadahoc.	Somerset.	Waldo.	Washington.	York.
Clerks of Courts .....	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,400	\$1,000	\$2,200	\$3,000	\$1,200	\$900	\$1,000	\$2,800	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$1,100	\$1,800	\$2,300
Judge of Probate .....	1,000	1,000	2,500	400	1,000	1,500	500	400	700	1,500	500	600	700	500	800	1,000
Register of Probate .....	1,200	1,000	2,700	600	1,100	1,500	800	700	800	2,200	600	700	800	700	900	1,600
Sheriff .....	2,500	2,000	3,500	800	1,400	2,500	1,000	800	1,100	2,800	800	1,200	1,300	1,000	1,400	2,500
Treasurer .....	1,200	600	1,500	300	400	1,000	400	300	400	1,200	350	350	400	400	400	750
Register of Deeds .....	1,600	3,400	3,800	800	2,000	2,500	1,000	800	1,600	2,700	800	900	1,500	1,000	1,500	2,700
County Commissioner..	1,800	2,700	3,000	1,050	1,500	2,100	900	750	1,200	3,000	1,500	750	1,500	1,050	1,350	2,250
	\$11,300	\$13,500	\$21,400	\$4,950	\$9,600	\$14,100	\$5,800	\$4,650	\$6,800	\$16,200	\$5,450	\$5,700	\$8,000	\$5,750	\$8,150	\$13,100



In conclusion, we do not claim that our computation has been perfect, or that our findings are based on infallible reasoning. We invite and expect fair criticism, conscious that our efforts will not have been in vain if any considerable part of the fee system shall be obliterated.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators,

GEO. E. MORRISON,  
I. K. STETSON.

Representatives,

GEO. G. WEEKS,  
F. J. ALLEN,  
R. D. LEAVITT.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to bills of expenses of State and County  
Officers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Every State and county officer whenever  
2 required by law to render a bill of expenses shall itemize the  
3 same and make oath, before presenting it for auditing or  
4 payment, that it includes only actual cash outlay while in the  
5 performance of his official duties.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the                    day of  
2                    , one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT to amend section eleven of chapter one hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to Compensation of the Executive Council.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Paragraph one of section eleven of chapter one hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by striking out all after the first sentence of said paragraph, and inserting in its stead the following: 'For services at other sessions of the council, for authorized services on committees when the council is not in session, and for services on the committee to examine the State prison, each councilor shall receive five dollars a day and actual expenses;' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Each member of the executive council shall receive the same compensation and travel as a representative to the legislature, for services as a councilor during the session of the council commencing in January and closing immediately after the adjournment of the legislature. For services at other sessions of the council, for authorized services on committees when the council is not in session, and for services on the committee to examine the State prison, each councilor shall receive five dollars a day and actual expenses.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the Compensation of Examining Boards.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The members of the boards of registration in  
2 medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, embalming and the examiners  
3 of applicants for admission to the bar, shall receive as com-  
4 pensation for their services five dollars a day, for the time  
5 actually spent, and their necessary expenses incurred in the  
6 discharge of their duties, to be certified by the clerks of their  
7 respective boards, and audited by the governor and council.  
8 The secretary of each board may also be allowed extra com-  
9 pensation for books, stationery and postage, and their neces-  
10 sary expenses actually incurred. All sums of money  
11 received from applicants for examination shall be accounted  
12 for and paid quarterly to the treasurer of the State. But  
13 in no event shall the compensation for services and expenses  
14 exceed the amounts received by each board as fees from  
15 applicants in any one year.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the                    day of  
2                   , one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the Compensation of Trustees and Visiting  
Committees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Section 1. The trustees of the State school for boys, of the  
2 Maine industrial school, of the State normal schools, of the  
3 insane hospitals and the committee of visitors to such hos-  
4 pitals, shall each receive from the State treasury five dollars  
5 a day for their services when employed, and actual expenses.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the                    day of  
2                    , one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT enlarging the duties and fixing the Compensation of  
the Attorney General.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The attorney general shall appear for the State,  
2 the secretary of State, the treasurer, the bank examiner, the  
3 insurance commissioner and the State boards and commis-  
4 sions, in all suits and other civil proceedings in which the  
5 State is a party or interested, or in which the official acts and  
6 doings of said officers are called in question, in all the courts  
7 of the State; and in such suits and proceedings before any  
8 other tribunal when requested by the governor or by the  
9 legislature, or either branch thereof. All such suits and  
10 proceedings shall be prosecuted or defended by him or under  
11 his direction. Writs, summonses, or other processes served  
12 upon such officers shall forthwith be transmitted by them to  
13 him. All legal services required by such officers, boards and  
14 commissions in matters relating to their official duties shall  
15 be rendered by the attorney general or under his direction.  
16 Said officers, boards and commissions shall not act at the  
17 expense of the State as counsel in any suit or proceedings in  
18 which the State is interested.

Sect. 2. All civil actions to recover money for the State  
2 shall be brought by the attorney general or by the county  
3 attorney in the name of the State, and the attorney general  
4 shall appear before the departments and tribunals of the  
5 United States and the committees of congress to prosecute  
6 all claims of the State against the United States.

Sect. 3. He shall consult with and advise the county attor-  
2 nies in matters relating to their duties; and if in his judg-  
3 ment the public interest so requires, he shall assist them by  
4 attending the grand jury in the examination of a case in  
5 which the accused is charged with treason or murder, and

6 appear for the State in the trial of indictments for treason  
7 or murder.

Sect. 4. He may, if in his judgment the public interest so  
2 requires, prosecute by indictment or complaint any person  
3 who intrudes on the land, rights or property of the State, or  
4 commits or erects a nuisance thereon.

Sect. 5. He shall enforce due application of funds given  
2 or appropriated to public charities within the State, and pre-  
3 vent breaches of trust in the administration thereof.

Sect. 6. He shall give his written opinion upon questions  
2 of law submitted to him by the governor and council, secre-  
3 tary of State, treasurer, bank examiner, insurance commis-  
4 sioner, or any of the State boards or commissions or by  
5 either branch of the legislature.

Sect. 7. The attorney general shall appoint a deputy who  
2 shall be designated as assistant attorney general, and who  
3 shall serve during the pleasure of the attorney general. His  
4 office shall be at the capitol and he shall perform all of the  
5 duties required of the attorney general by chapter forty-seven  
6 of the Revised Statutes, and such other duties as the attorney  
7 general may require of him. He shall receive an annual  
8 salary of fifteen hundred dollars in full for all services, and  
9 no further fees, perquisites or emoluments.

Sect. 8. The attorney general shall receive an annual  
2 salary of three thousand dollars in full for all services and in  
3 lieu of all fees. He shall collect the legal and usual fees pay-  
4 able to him by virtue of his office, and pay over the same to  
5 the State treasurer on the first days of January, April, July  
6 and October in each year.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect on the                    day of  
2                    , one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the Compensation of certain State Officers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The secretary of State shall receive an annual  
2 salary of two thousand dollars.

Sect. 2. The insurance commissioner shall receive an  
2 annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars. The governor  
3 and council may allow such reasonable sum for postage,  
1 clerk hire, and actual expenses incurred in the enforcement  
5 of laws relating to insurance, as they deem proper. The  
6 deputy insurance commissioner shall receive an annual salary  
7 of twelve hundred dollars.

Sect. 3. The bank examiner shall receive an annual salary  
2 of two thousand dollars. In addition to his salary he shall  
3 receive actual traveling expenses, to be audited by the gov-  
4 ernor and council.

Sect. 4. Said salaries shall be paid quarterly from the State  
2 treasury and shall be in full for all official services. Said  
3 officers shall collect the legal and usual fees payable to them  
4 by virtue of their offices, and account to and pay over the  
5 same to the State treasurer on the first days of January,  
6 April, July and October of each year.

Sect. 5. The clerk of the State assessors shall receive an  
2 annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, payable quarterly  
3 from the State treasury.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
2 \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand nine hundred and five.



## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the Compensation of the Commissioners  
of Inland Fisheries and Game.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The governor with the advice and consent of  
2 the council shall appoint one of the commissioners of inland  
3 fisheries and game to be chairman thereof, and he shall be  
4 designated and commissioned as such for the term of two  
5 years. After the expiration of the first term a chairman  
6 shall be appointed in the manner and for the term now pre-  
7 scribed by law for the appointment of any one of said com-  
8 missioners; but the land agent shall not be eligible to the  
9 office of chairman.

Sect. 2. The chairman of the commissioners of inland fish-  
2 eries and game shall receive an annual salary of eighteen  
3 hundred dollars; the land agent, forest commissioner and  
4 member of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game,  
5 combining the three offices in one appointee, eighteen hun-  
6 dred dollars; the other member of the commissioners of  
7 inland fisheries and game, one thousand dollars, and in addi-  
8 tion to their salaries, actual traveling expenses, to be audited  
9 by the governor and council. The salary of their clerk shall  
10 not exceed six hundred dollars.

Sect. 3. Said salaries are payable quarterly, on the first  
2 days of January, April, July and October of each year, from  
3 the State treasury, and are in full for all services performed  
4 by them in their official capacities.

Sect. 4. So much of section twenty-two of chapter thirty-  
2 two of the Revised Statutes, as provides "that the governor  
3 and council may allow the commissioners of inland fisheries  
4 and game, from the funds received from licenses and fines  
5 such compensation as they may deem just and fair for the  
6 additional work required of them in carrying out the provi-  
7 sion of this section and the two following sections" is hereby  
8 repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of July,  
2 one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of County Attorneys.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The county attorneys are entitled to receive  
2 annual salaries from the treasurer of State in quarterly pay-  
3 ments on the first days of January, April, July and October,  
4 as follows: For the counties of  
5 Androscoggin, one thousand dollars.  
6 Aroostook, one thousand dollars.  
7 Cumberland, fifteen hundred dollars.  
8 Franklin, four hundred dollars.  
9 Hancock, seven hundred and fifty dollars.  
10 Kennebec, one thousand dollars.  
11 Knox, six hundred dollars.  
12 Lincoln, four hundred dollars.  
13 Oxford, four hundred dollars.  
14 Penobscot, one thousand dollars.  
15 Piscataquis, five hundred dollars.  
16 Sagadahoc, five hundred dollars.  
17 Somerset, seven hundred dollars.  
18 Waldo, five hundred dollars.  
19 Washington, seven hundred dollars.  
20 York, one thousand dollars; and no other fees, costs or emol-  
21 uments shall be allowed them, unless otherwise expressly  
22 provided. Assistant county attorney for the county of Cum-  
23 berland, seven hundred dollars. He shall hold his office  
24 during the term of the county attorney by whom he is  
25 appointed, subject to removal at any time by the justice of  
26 the superior court for said county.

Sect. 2. So much of this act as reduces the salary of any  
2 county attorney shall not take effect while the present incum-  
3 bent continues to hold office; and except as aforesaid said  
4 act shall take effect on the                    day of                    one  
5 thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT enlarging the Duties of the County Attorney.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The county attorney in each county shall appear  
2 for the county, under the direction of the county commission-  
3 ers, in all suits and other civil proceedings in which the coun-  
4 ty is a party or interested, or in which the official acts and  
5 doings of said county commissioners are called in question,  
6 in all courts of the State, and in such suits and proceedings  
7 before any other tribunal when requested by said commis-  
8 sioners. All such suits and proceedings shall be prosecuted  
9 by him or under his direction. Writs, summonses or other  
10 processes served upon the county or said commissioners shall  
11 forthwith be transmitted by them to him. The county com-  
12 missioners may employ other counsel if in their judgment the  
13 public interest so requires. For the services herein men-  
14 tioned the county attorney shall receive no compensation  
15 other than the salary from the State, except actual expenses  
16 while performing said services, the same to be audited by  
17 the county commissioners and paid from the county treasury.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the                    day of  
2                    , one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the Compensation of Clerks of Courts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The clerks of the judicial courts in the several  
2 counties shall receive annual salaries from the **treasurers of**  
3 the counties in quarterly payments on the first days of  
4 January, April, July and October, as follows:  
5 Androscoggin, two thousand dollars.  
6 Aroostook, two thousand dollars, with eight hundred dollars  
7 a year additional for clerk hire.  
8 Cumberland, two thousand dollars, with twelve hundred dol-  
9 lars a year additional for clerk hire; assistant clerk of courts,  
10 twelve hundred dollars.  
11 Franklin, one thousand dollars.  
12 Hancock, eighteen hundred dollars, with four hundred dol-  
13 lars a year additional for clerk hire.  
14 Kennebec, two thousand dollars, with one thousand dollars  
15 a year additional for clerk hire.  
16 Knox, twelve hundred dollars.  
17 Lincoln, nine hundred dollars.  
18 Oxford, one thousand dollars.  
19 Penobscot, two thousand dollars, with eight hundred dollars  
20 a year additional for clerk hire.  
21 Piscataquis, nine hundred dollars.  
22 Sagadahoc, **twelve hundred dollars.**  
23 Somerset, fifteen hundred dollars, with three hundred dollars  
24 a year additional for clerk hire.  
25 Waldo, eleven hundred dollars.  
26 Washington, fifteen hundred dollars, with three hundred dol-  
27 lars a year additional for clerk hire.  
28 York, eighteen hundred dollars, with five hundred dollars  
29 a year additional for clerk hire.

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for  
31 the performance of all duties required of clerks by law,



## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of Registers of Probate.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

- Section 1. The registers of probate are entitled to receive  
2 annual salaries from the treasurers of their counties in  
3 quarterly payments on the first days of January, April, July  
4 and October, as follows:
- 5 Androscoggin, twelve hundred dollars.
  - 6 Aroostook, one thousand dollars.
  - 7 Cumberland, seventeen hundred dollars, with one thousand  
8 dollars additional for clerk hire.
  - 9 Franklin, six hundred dollars.
  - 10 Hancock, eleven hundred dollars.
  - 11 Kennebec, twelve hundred dollars, with three hundred dol-  
12 lars additional for clerk hire.
  - 13 Knox, eight hundred dollars.
  - 14 Lincoln, seven hundred dollars.
  - 15 Oxford, eight hundred dollars.
  - 16 Penobscot, fourteen hundred dollars, with eight hundred dol-  
17 lars additional for clerk hire.
  - 18 Piscataquis, six hundred dollars.
  - 19 Sagadahoc, seven hundred dollars.
  - 20 Somerset, eight hundred dollars.
  - 21 Waldo, seven hundred dollars.
  - 22 Washington, nine hundred dollars.
  - 23 York, thirteen hundred dollars, with three hundred dollars  
24 additional for clerk hire.

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for  
26 the performance of all duties required of registers of probate.  
27 They shall account quarterly under oath to the county treas-  
28 urers for the legal and usual fees received by them or pay-  
29 able to them by virtue of the office, specifying the items, and  
30 shall pay the whole amount of the same to the treasurers of

31 their respective counties quarterly on the first days of Jan-  
32 uary, April, July and October of each year.

On the first day of January of each year the registers receiv-  
34 ing the sums above specified for clerk hire shall make under  
35 oath to the county treasurers of their respective counties, a  
36 statement specifying the amount paid by them for that pur-  
37 pose and to whom paid during the year next preceding, and  
38 shall pay to said treasurers any unexpended balance of such  
39 sums in their hands.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the                    day of  
2                    , one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of Judges of Probate.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The judges of probate are entitled to receive  
2 annual salaries from the treasurers of their counties in quar-  
3 terly payments on the first days of January, April, July and  
4 October, as follows:

- 5 Androscoggin, one thousand dollars.
- 6 Aroostook, one thousand dollars.
- 7 Cumberland, twenty-five hundred dollars.
- 8 Franklin, four hundred dollars.
- 9 Hancock, one thousand dollars.
- 10 Kennebec, fifteen hundred dollars.
- 11 Knox, five hundred dollars.
- 12 Lincoln, four hundred dollars.
- 13 Oxford, seven hundred dollars.
- 14 Penobscot, fifteen hundred dollars.
- 15 Piscataquis, five hundred dollars.
- 16 Sagadahoc, six hundred dollars.
- 17 Somerset, seven hundred dollars.
- 18 Waldo, five hundred dollars.
- 19 Washington, eight hundred dollars.
- 20 York, one thousand dollars; and the fees to which they are  
21 entitled by law shall be taxed, collected and paid over by the  
22 registers of probate to the county treasurers for the use of  
23 their counties.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the                    day of  
2                   , one thousand nine hundred and five.



## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of Registers of Deeds.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The registers of deeds in the several counties  
2 shall receive annual salaries from the treasurers of the coun-  
3 ties in quarterly payments on the first days of January, April,  
4 July and October, as follows:  
5 Androscoggin, twelve hundred dollars, with four hundred  
6 dollars a year additional for clerk hire.  
7 Aroostook, northern registry, one thousand dollars; southern  
8 registry, fifteen hundred dollars, with nine hundred dollars  
9 a year additional for clerk hire.  
10 Cumberland, eighteen hundred dollars, with two thousand  
11 dollars a year additional for clerk hire.  
12 Franklin, eight hundred dollars.  
13 Hancock, thirteen hundred dollars, with seven hundred dol-  
14 lars a year additional for clerk hire.  
15 Kennebec, fifteen hundred dollars, with one thousand dollars  
16 a year additional for clerk hire.  
17 Knox, one thousand dollars.  
18 Lincoln, eight hundred dollars.  
19 Oxford, eastern registry, four hundred dollars; western  
20 registry, twelve hundred dollars.  
21 Penobscot, fifteen hundred dollars, with twelve hundred dol-  
22 lars a year additional for clerk hire.  
23 Piscataquis, eight hundred dollars.  
24 Sagadahoc, nine hundred dollars.  
25 Somerset, twelve hundred dollars, with three hundred dollars  
26 a year additional for clerk hire.  
27 Waldo, one thousand dollars.  
28 Washington, twelve hundred dollars, with three hundred dol-  
29 lars a year additional for clerk hire.  
30 York, fifteen hundred dollars, with twelve hundred dollars a  
31 year additional for clerk hire.

The sums above mentioned shall be in full compensation for  
33 the performance of all official duties and in lieu of all fees.  
34 They shall account quarterly under oath to the county treas-  
35 urers for all fees received by them or payable to them by  
36 virtue of the office, specifying the items, and shall pay the  
37 whole amount of the same to the treasurers of their respec-  
38 tive counties quarterly on the first days of January, April,  
39 July and October of each year.

On the first day of January of each year the registers receiv-  
41 ing the sums above specified for clerk hire shall make under  
42 oath to the county treasurers of their respective counties a  
43 statement specifying the amount paid by them for that pur-  
44 pose and to whom paid, during the year next preceding, and  
45 shall pay said treasurers any unexpended balance of said  
46 sums in their hands.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
2 \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT to amend section eighteen of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of Registers of Deeds.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Section eighteen of chapter one hundred and 2 seventeen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by 3 inserting in paragraph eight thereof, the following words: 4 'certificates of organization of corporations, and copies 5 thereof for filing with the secretary of State, five dollars;' 6 so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Recording certificates of limited partnership, fifty cents; 8 certificates of organization of corporations, and copies thereof 9 for filing with the secretary of State, five dollars; receiving 10 and filing certificate of election of the clerk of a corporation, 11 or resignation of said clerk, twenty-five cents; recording 12 certificates of foreclosure of mortgages or notices of fore- 13 closure, fifty cents."

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the 2 day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand nine hundred and 3 five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of County Treasurers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

- Section 1. The salaries of the teachers in the following  
2 named counties to be paid **quarterly from the treasuries of**  
3 their counties, shall be as follows:  
4 Androscoggin, twelve hundred dollars.  
5 Aroostook, six hundred dollars.  
6 Cumberland, fifteen hundred dollars.  
7 Franklin, three hundred dollars.  
8 Hancock, four hundred dollars.  
9 Kennebec, one thousand dollars.  
10 Knox, four hundred dollars.  
11 Lincoln, three hundred dollars.  
12 Oxford, four hundred dollars.  
13 Penobscot, twelve hundred dollars.  
14 Piscataquis, three hundred and fifty dollars.  
15 Sagadahoc, three hundred and fifty dollars.  
16 Somerset, four hundred dollars.  
17 Waldo, four hundred dollars.  
18 Washington, four hundred dollars.  
19 York, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

The above salaries shall be in full for all services and  
21 expenses, including clerk hire.

Section 1. This act shall take effect on the  
2 day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand nine hundred and five.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of County Commissioners.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

- Section 1. The annual salary for each county commis-  
sioner for the several counties, shall be as follows:
- 3 Androscoggin, six hundred dollars.
  - 4 Aroostook, nine hundred dollars.
  - 5 Cumberland, one thousand dollars.
  - 6 Franklin, three hundred and fifty dollars.
  - 7 Hancock, five hundred dollars.
  - 8 Kennebec, seven hundred dollars.
  - 9 Knox, three hundred dollars.
  - 10 Lincoln, two hundred and fifty dollars.
  - 11 Oxford, four hundred dollars.
  - 12 Penobscot, one thousand dollars.
  - 13 Piscataquis, five hundred dollars.
  - 14 Sagadahoc, two hundred and fifty dollars.
  - 15 Somerset, five hundred dollars.
  - 16 Waldo, three hundred and fifty dollars.
  - 17 Washington, four hundred and fifty dollars.
  - 18 York, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Said salaries are payable from the county treasuries in  
quarterly payments on the first days of January, April, July  
and October of each year, in full for all services, expenses  
and travel, including management of the jail workshops and  
the sale of their products, except actual necessary cash  
expenses incurred outside of their respective counties for the  
transaction of official business; all bills for such expenses  
shall be approved by the clerk of courts and the county attor-  
ney of their counties.

Sect. 2. For services performed by county commission-  
ers in the assessment of damages for land or easements  
sought to be taken or acquired by private corporations, they  
shall charge three dollars a day and actual traveling expenses,  
and certify the same in a bill of items to the county attor-



## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT relating to the compensation of Sheriffs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. The salaries of the sheriffs to be paid quarterly  
2 from the treasurers of their counties, are as follows:  
3 Androscoggin, twenty-five hundred dollars.  
4 Aroostook, two thousand dollars.  
5 Cumberland, thirty-five hundred dollars.  
6 Franklin, eight hundred dollars.  
7 Hancock, fourteen hundred dollars.  
8 Kennebec, twenty-five hundred dollars.  
9 Knox, one thousand dollars.  
10 Lincoln, eight hundred dollars.  
11 Oxford, eleven hundred dollars.  
12 Penobscot, twenty-eight hundred dollars.  
13 Piscataquis, eight hundred dollars.  
14 Sagadahoc, twelve hundred dollars.  
15 Somerset, thirteen hundred dollars.  
16 Waldo, one thousand dollars.  
17 Washington, fourteen hundred dollars.  
18 York, twenty-five hundred dollars; together with the free  
19 rental of the house or living apartments connected with the  
20 county jail in each county, including the necessary light and  
21 fuel. Said salaries shall be in full compensation for services  
22 upon the supreme judicial court, and upon the superior  
23 courts in the counties of Cumberland and Kennebec, as jailer,  
24 master or keeper of the jail in each county, for receiving and  
25 committing prisoners therein, and for the service of all crim-  
26 inal processes and the performance of all duties relating to  
27 the enforcement of all criminal laws. Such necessary inci-  
28 dental expenses as are just and proper, incurred in the per-  
29 formance of their public duties, shall be allowed by the  
30 respective boards of county commissioners of said counties  
31 and paid from the county treasury; and no sheriff shall

32 receive from any of his deputies any of the fees earned by  
33 said deputies, or any percentage thereon.

Sect. 2. All fees chargeable under the statutes of the State  
2 for the performance of any of the duties prescribed in the  
3 preceding section, except for the board of prisoners, shall be  
4 charged and collected by said sheriffs as now provided by  
5 law, and an accurate account thereof, and of those specified  
6 in the following section, kept and transmitted to the county  
7 treasurer on the last days of March, June, September and  
8 December, annually, and the amount deducted from the  
9 quarter's salary for the quarter then ending. If such fees  
10 are in excess of the amount of salary then due the sheriff he  
11 shall pay such excess to the county treasurer. And no  
12 county treasurer shall pay any quarter's salary until said  
13 statement shall have been filed.

Sect. 3. For all prisoners committed from other counties,  
2 or from any court of the United States, and for all other  
3 persons confined for debt and on other civil processes, the  
4 sheriffs shall collect the same fees for their entire support as  
5 now provided by law or may be fixed by county commis-  
6 sioners under the authority vested in them by statute, and  
7 include the same in the statement provided for in the pre-  
8 ceding section, and the same shall be deducted from his  
9 salary as herein prescribed. They shall not make any charge  
10 or collect any fees for the support of prisoners committed on  
11 criminal process from any court in the county in which said  
12 jail is situated.

Sect. 4. Sections twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-  
2 three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven,  
3 thirty-two, thirty-three and thirty-four of chapter eighty-two  
4 of the Revised Statutes, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
2 \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand nine hundred and five.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AUGUSTA, January 11, 1905.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*