

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 300

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Central Maine Fair Association.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be and is
2 hereby appropriated annually for the Central Maine Fair
3 Association, provided that the above named society shall
4 annually appropriate an equal amount, and in addition
5 thereto, for premiums in the following classes: Four hun-
6 dred dollars in the interests of our dairy products; four hun-
7 dred and fifty dollars in the interests of cattle breeding in
8 this State; four hundred and fifty dollars in the interests of
9 horse raising in the State; three hundred dollars in the inter-
10 ests of sheep raising; one hundred dollars each for the fol-
11 lowing: to encourage the growing of swine; in the interests
12 of poultry raising; in the interests of fruit raising; and for
13 encouraging the exhibition of the industrial products of our
14 State.

Said society may draw annually said appropriation from
16 the State treasury upon its vouchers that such amount has
17 been paid out each year for said purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Central Maine Fair Association, incorporated under the general law, gave its first exhibition in 1904. What that exhibition was is known far and near, and we think it was in every way creditable to the association. It paid \$4,200 in premiums, outside of the purses. This year it will offer a third more money in premiums for live stock and agricultural products, but only asks the same appropriation from the legislature as has been voted it by this legislature, which is the same sum that the Maine State Fair at Lewiston has received for a number of years. The buildings on the grounds are probably the finest of any fair grounds in New England, but several additions will be made to them this season. Notable among the number will be an exhibition building erected by the Carrabassett Stock Farms, of North Anson. During the coming season improvements will be made on the grounds in various directions, bringing the total amount invested up to more than \$40,000. No fair in Maine ever had a larger exhibit of neat stock than was seen at the Central Maine Fair in 1904. No fair in Maine ever offered larger premiums for Grange exhibits than did the Central Maine Fair last season. The premiums in both these classes will be largely increased the coming year.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 1, 1905.

Reported by Mr. COUSINS from Committee on Agriculture and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*