

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 34

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine State Library.

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand six hundred and
2 sixty dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the
3 Maine State Library for the year nineteen hundred and five,
4 and that a like sum be and is hereby appropriated for the year
5 nineteen hundred and six, the same to be expended yearly for
6 the following purposes: For subscriptions and continua-
7 tions of American, English, Canadian and Australian reports,
8 digests, statutes, laws, special reports, encyclopedias and for
9 the purchase of new law text books and reports, two thou-
10 sand eight hundred and forty-five dollars; for subscriptions
11 continuations and purchases of histories, genealogies and
12 scientific, literary, artistic and medical works and for index-
13 ing resolves 1820 to 1905, for telephone, transportation,
14 labor, material and supplies, two thousand eight hundred and
15 fifteen dollars.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine State Library has a regular appropriation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) a year. This sum is not one-half the amount necessary to keep up the annual subscriptions of the library, provided no additions whatever were made in filling up broken sets or purchasing new sets of historical, scientific or legal matter.

It will be readily seen that the proper administration of the library and its growth and expansion to meet the demands of the public, requires a special appropriation at every meeting of the legislature. The constantly increasing calls for local histories and genealogical works demand a larger outlay than for the past year, in this department. Special appropriations have been made by each succeeding legislature for the past sixteen years, and such methods of sustaining the library may now be regarded as the settled policy of the State.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

This department requires a large expenditure to meet the demand that all sets of reports now in the library shall be kept complete to date, and for the purchase of special works and reports relating to the law of corporations, municipal rights, taxation and to the law growing out of the increasing and various uses of electricity and to damage cases resulting therefrom.

HISTORIES.

Histories written from a modern point of view concerning our new possessions and of the older countries with which we are coming into new and close relations are demanded by patrons of the library.

The medical profession ask for a representation upon the shelves of the library.

GENERAL WORKS.

Science, sociology, new religious thought, and general literature are required to keep pace with the times and to meet the wishes of students who rely upon the State Library to satisfy their wants..

INCREASE IN LIBRARY HOURS.

Owing to the increased use of the library by people from distant parts of the State, it has become necessary to keep the department open during the noon hours, continuously from eight o'clock in the morning to five o'clock at night.

INCREASE OF WORK AND DUTIES.

The library now contains twice as many books as were on its shelves ten years ago. Its use has increased tenfold in that time. Many new duties have been added to the labors of the librarian and his assistants, including official distribution of documents and all the care and labor entailed by the traveling libraries and by the loaning of book from this library to persons in distant parts of the State. The increased work in this library requires the constant employment of an attendant at the book counter, and the services of a stenographer and typewriter to assist the librarian in correspondence and the making of indexes and tabulated statements necessary to the efficiency of the library. The cataloguing of the books as they come in requires an expert in this department. In short, it requires three persons beside the librarian and his assistant to carry on the work of the library.

SUPERVISION OF FREE LIBRARIES.

Frequent requests for advice, and assistance in the formation of free libraries render it necessary that a small sum should be set apart to pay the expenses of visiting them.

LIBRARY CONVENTIONS AND INSTITUTES.

The presence of a representative at the national conventions of librarians is also of the utmost importance to the library interests of the State, and it is doubly paid for by the increasing number of books and other material that is sent free to our library, or in

exchange by those who meet and become acquainted at these gatherings.

Hereto is attached a copy of statement and estimate of the wants of the library for the next two years. If there is any error in this statement, it will be found too low to meet the rapidly growing wants of the citizens of Maine who are constantly increasing their patronage and use of the library.

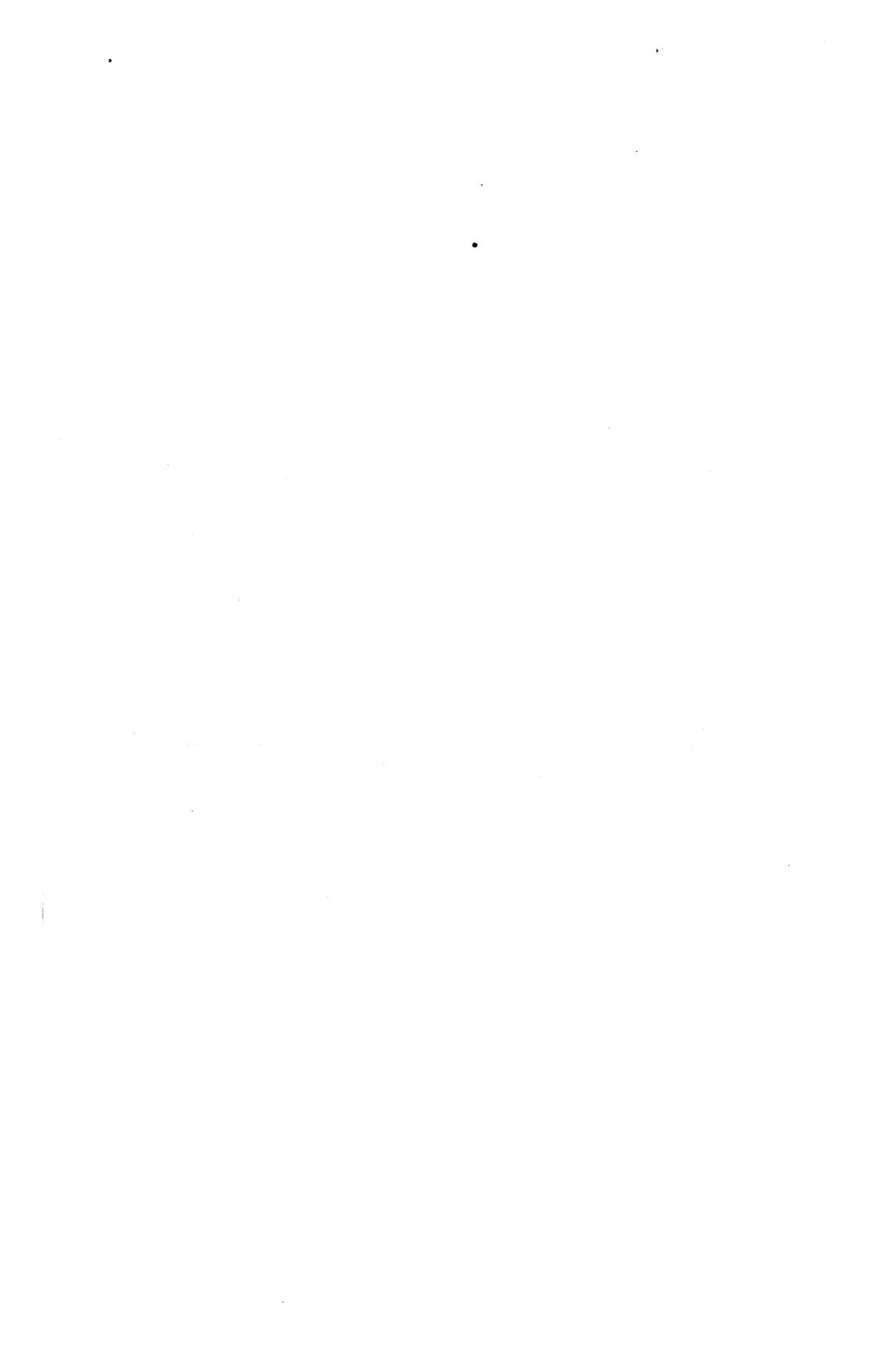
ESTIMATES FOR APPROPRIATIONS, 1905-6.

GENERAL LITERATURE, LABOR AND MATERIAL.

	1905.	1906.
1. Works of history, biography, science, literature	\$400	\$400
2. Local and town histories and genealo- gies	200	200
3. Current subscriptions to historical works	850	850
4. Current subscriptions to periodicals...	350	350
5. Current subscriptions to newspapers...	100	100
6. Subscriptions to medical and art works,	100	100
7. Typewriting and indexing resolves, 1820-1905	365	365
8. Telephone, telegraph, carting and freight	100	100
9. Contingent expenses.....	100	100
10. Catalogue cards and supplies.....	250	250
11. Cataloguing and extra labor.....	1,000	1,000
Total	<u>\$3,815</u>	<u>\$3,815</u>

LAW REPORTS, DIGESTS, AND STATUTES.

	1905.	1906.
1. Canadian Provinces, etc.....	\$390	\$390
2. Revised Statutes and digests.....	900	900
3. Am. and Eng. law reports and continua- tions	415	415
4. Special Am. and Eng. reports and con- tinuations	300	300
5. Law text books.....	200	200
6. Odd Numbers Maine laws and reports,		
7. Books to fill broken sets.....	150	150
8. New purchases recommended.....	490	490
Total	<u>\$2,845</u>	<u>\$2,845</u>
Labor, material and general literature...	\$3,815 00	
Law reports, digests and statutes.....	<u>2,845 00</u>	
Total	\$6,660 00	
General appropriation.....		\$1,000 00
Special appropriation recommended....		<u>5,660 00</u>
		\$6,660 00



STATE OF MAINE.

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on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.