

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 252

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE to amend Chapter 126 of the Resolves of 1905,
relating to the Central Maine Fair Association.

Resolved, That chapter 126 of the Resolves of 1905 be and
2 is hereby amended by inserting in the first line the words
3 'five hundred' between the word "thousand" and the word
4 "dollars," so that said chapter as amended shall read as
5 follows:

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand five hundred
7 dollars be and is hereby appropriated annually for the Cen-
8 tral Maine Fair Association, provided that the above named
9 society shall annually appropriate an equal amount, and in
10 addition thereto, for premiums in the following classes:
11 Four hundred dollars in the interests of our dairy products;
12 nine hundred and fifty dollars in the interests of cattle
13 breeding in this state; four hundred and fifty dollars in the

14 interests of horse raising in the state; three hundred dollars
15 in the interests of sheep raising; one hundred dollars each
16 for the following: to encourage the growing of swine; in
17 the interests of poultry raising; in the interests of fruit rais-
18 ing; and for encouraging the exhibition of the industrial
19 products of our state.

Said society may draw annually said appropriation from
21 the state treasury upon its vouchers that such amount has
22 been paid out each year for said purposes by the society.

STATEMENT OF FACTS CONCERNING THE CENTRAL MAINE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

This fair now receives an annual stipend of \$2,000, and the Association asks that the Legislature may increase it to \$2,500, so that it may be on a par with its older brother, the Maine State Fair at Lewiston. A few facts as to what the Fair did last year in the way of disbursements in cash premiums, to citizens of Maine alone, may not be uninteresting.

While the Association received but \$2,000 from the State, it offered in premiums on neat stock alone nearly \$3,000. On horses \$821.50, on sheep \$828, on swine \$165, on poultry \$1,000, on art and fancy work \$776.95, dairy products \$230, on fruit \$292.50, for the Grange exhibit \$225, miscellaneous \$825, making a total of more than \$8,000, four dollars for one, and this, as should be understood, is exclusive of more than \$3,000 paid for trotting purses and athletic games.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 21, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*