

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 281

STATE OF MAINE.

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

RESOLVE, in favor of the enlargement and completion of the
Feeding Station at the Rangeley Lakes.

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

Resolved: That the sum of five thousand (\$5000) dollars
2 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of enlarging and com-
3 pleting the fish hatchery at the Rangeley Lakes, near Oquos-
4 soc, in the county of Franklin, state of Maine, for the year
5 1907 and five thousand dollars for the year 1908. The same
6 to be expended by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries
7 and Game under the direction of the Governor and Council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The fish hatchery at the outlet of Rangeley Lake was built in 1903.

It was designed to supply young fish, trout and landlocked salmon, to restock and keep up the supply of these fish in all that region—a system of lakes and ponds of more than two hundred and fifty in number—many of them of large size and all old, original square-tailed brook trout waters.

Modern fish culture requires, in order to obtain satisfactory results, that fish artificially hatched should be kept at the hatchery in pools and fed at least two years.

In order to do this, pools must be built in the ground, and an abundant supply of water obtained. In order to build these pools and lay the necessary pipe to secure a sure and sufficient supply of water \$10,000.00, at least, is necessary; this cannot be taken from the regular appropriation for fish hatcheries as that is barely sufficient to operate these without feeding the fish through the winter.

It is needless to call the attention of the people of Maine to the Rangeley Lakes region, so long a great, popular resort for thousands of tourists each year; whose prosperity depends so largely upon keeping up the supply of fish in those waters.

It is believed that this small appropriation for this purpose will commend itself to the good judgment of the legislature and the people of the state.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 22, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MERRILL from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*