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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 633

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Moosehead Fish Hatchery.

Resolved: That the sum of two thousand dollars be and
2 is hereby appropriated to rebuild the hatchery at Moosehead
3 Lake, recently burned, and the commissioners of inland Fish-
4 eries and game are hereby authorized to locate such hatch-
5 ery at such place as, in their judgment, will best serve the
6 interests of the State in Piscataquis county, the amount here-
7 by appropriated to be expended by the commissioners of
8 inland fisheries and game under the direction of the Gov-
9 ernor and Council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The hatchery at Moosehead lake, situated on Squaw brook, four miles from Greenville Junction and about one mile from the lake, was totally destroyed by fire, including the stable, ice house and cottage, together with all the troughs, hatching trays and furnishings of the cottage, on the 11th day of March, 1907.

There was an insurance, in favor of the State, in the sum of \$2500 on the hatchery.

This Legislature has made an appropriation of \$6000 to build a fish hatchery and feeding station at Mosquito Stream, an inlet of Moxie pond, which would be located on a line of railroad some twenty miles from Moosehead lake,—an ideal location for a hatchery,—with an abundance of the best water for the raising of trout.

It is not a good place to raise fish on the stream where the Moosehead Hatchery was located—it was on a mountain stream, subject to high water and the water was too cold and dirty; it was located in such a place that it was expensive to maintain it; the State had to pay \$50 a year for driving over a private highway to get to this hatchery; transportation of supplies and fish to and from the hatchery was very expensive.

Uniting the funds for the above named two hatcheries, and building at Mosquito stream, the State would have the largest and best equipped hatchery in the State or in New England, and it would be more available for Piscataquis waters than one at Squaw brook, on Moosehead lake; it would be cheaper to transport the fish from this hatchery to Piscataquis county waters than from the place where the hatchery was burned, many more, and much larger fish could be furnished to Piscataquis county waters than could possibly be done if the hatchery was rebuilt at Squaw brook. A team had to be maintained at the Squaw brook hatchery, which would be entirely unnecessary at Mosquito stream, as the hatchery would be within a few rods of the depot. It is difficult to obtain eggs for the hatchery at Moosehead lake, and a very expensive process, and heretofore their eggs have been obtained largely from outside places.

At Mosquito stream, Moxie pond, an abundance of eggs can be taken and cheaper.

Your committee is strongly of the opinion that these two hatcheries should be combined at Mosquito stream, and strongly recommend the passage of the resolve which is herewith submitted in a new draft.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 19, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.