

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 18

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for the purchase of a Farm on which to  
conduct Scientific Investigations in Orchardng.

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

Section 1. The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station,  
2 in addition to the investigations now conducted by it, shall  
3 conduct scientific investigations in orcharding, and, to this  
4 end, there shall be purchased, stocked and equipped for its  
5 use and benefit, a suitable farm, situate, as the committee on  
6 selection and purchase hereinafter named shall determine, in  
7 either of the counties of Kennebec, Androscoggin, Oxford,  
8 Sagadahoc, Franklin or Cumberland.

Sect. 2. Augustus W. Gilman of Foxcroft, Charles S. Pope  
2 of Manchester, Eugene H. Libby of Auburn, Rutillus Alden

3 of Winthrop, and Charles D. Woods of Orono, are hereby  
4 made and constituted a committee and as such committee are  
5 hereby authorized and directed to select, purchase and appro-  
6 priately stock and equip a farm for the purpose aforesaid.  
7 The members of said committee shall not be entitled to  
8 receive any money or other direct or indirect compensation  
9 from the State for their, or either of their, services.

Sect. 3. The director of the Maine Agricultural Experi-  
2 ment Station shall have the general supervision, management  
3 and control of said farm and of all investigations thereon.

Sect. 4. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall be, and the  
2 same is hereby, appropriated for the purchase, stocking and  
3 equipping of said farm, the same to be expended by said  
4 committee under the direction of the governor and council.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS ACCOMPANYING BILL FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF A FARM ON WHICH TO  
CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS IN  
ORCHARDING.

The land at Orono where the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station is located is not well adapted to orchard culture, and is too far north for successful orchard experimenting. On this account the Station orchard investigations have for the most part been conducted in Kennebec county. There are many problems in Maine orcharding which require a series of experiments extending over long period of years which cannot well be conducted on leased land. The control of a farm in the apple section of Maine is indispensable for this class of investigations.

The Station also desires to take up work in corn breeding both field and sweet, which should extend over a series of years, and could be carried out on a farm adapted to orchard work.

The gentlemen named on the committee for the selection of the farm are members of the Station Council; the first four represent respectively the Maine State Department of Agriculture; the Maine State Pomological Society; the Maine State Grange; and the Maine State Dairyman's Association; and the last named is the director of the Station.

This bill as presented is endorsed, and its enactment asked, by all of the State agricultural organizations, viz., the State Pomological Society, the State Dairymen's Association and the State Grange.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, January 22, 1907.

Presented by Mr. HESELTON of Kennebec, and on motion by same Senator, laid on table to be printed pending reference to Committee on Agriculture.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*