

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 195

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for the purpose of erecting a fish hatchery in
Somerset county.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby
2 appropriated for the year 1907, also three thousand dollars
3 for the year 1908 for the purpose of erecting a suitable fish
4 hatchery, for the artificial propagation of fish to re-stock the
5 waters of Somerset county, at some point in Somerset county,
6 to be hereinafter determined by the commissioners of inland
7 fisheries and game, and at such place as they shall determine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Somerset county has an area of three thousand five hundred and ten square miles, with a water area of two hundred and fourteen square miles; 25 towns and 105 wild-land townships and two hundred and sixty-nine lakes and ponds, all natural, good fish waters, that have, in the process of time, become greatly depleted.

Hatcheries have been established at the expense of the state in Cumberland, Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Piscataquis, Penobscot and Aroostook counties, to restock the waters in those sections, and the proportional share of the taxes to erect and operate them has been paid. Some fish have been received from these hatcheries in those waters, perhaps an equitable share, but it is believed it would be better economy for the state to operate a hatchery in this county—much expense in transportation would be saved.

There is an ideal place for such a hatchery, and the commissioners have long had it in mind to establish one in the county, so soon as means could be had, and to that end have already erected a building suitable for a dwelling-house for the superintendent and a warden's stopping place. Transportation facilities are all that could be desired, and a hatchery could be very economically run, and a larger number of trout raised, as the waters are specially adapted for rising trout—a fish in great demand for stocking the waters, and that cannot be raised at but two or three of the other hatcheries.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 6, 1907.

Reported by Mr. RICE from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game,
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*