

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 262

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the enlargement and completion of
the Fish Culture Station at Raymond, Maine.

Resolved: That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby
2 appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and seven and
3 five thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and eight
4 for the purpose of enlarging and completing the fish hatchery
5 at Raymond, Maine. The same to be expended by the com-
6 missioners of inland fisheries and game under the direction
7 of the governor and council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The appropriations heretofore made have proved to be entirely inadequate. The amount has been insufficient to erect any sufficient feeding station.

Modern fish culture requires, in order to obtain the best results, that the fish hatched artificially from the egg should be fed at the station for at least two years.

In order to do this additional pools must be built and an abundant supply of water obtained. In order to build the pools and lay the necessary pipe to accure a sure and sufficient supply of water of the proper temperature the amount called for above is necessary. This amount 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.

This hatchery is designed to supply fish to re-stock Sebago lake, which is more easily accessible to more people of our own State than any other fresh body of water within the limits of the State, and also to re-stock all the lakes and ponds in the southern section of the State, which are natural trout and salmon waters and will afford an abundant supply of fresh water fishes if properly re-stocked—a section of the State that pays a very large proportion of the State tax.

It is a well-known fact that the hundreds of other lakes in Maine in which are now found landlocked salmon were stocked from salmon taken from this lake, so that the whole State of Maine is greatly indebted to Sebago lake for the landlocked salmon that are found in other lakes. It is also a well-known fact that at the present time a large proportion of salmon eggs that are hatched in other hatcheries for distribution in other waters are taken from the parent fish in Sebago lake. It would, therefore, seem to be apparent that it is nothing more than equitable, justice and common fairness that this appropriation should be made to the end that Sebago lake may recover what it has lost by having its fish taken in such large numbers to stock other waters of the State—from Aroostook to York—from Franklin to Knox.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 14, 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*.