

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 97

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the purchase of a farm on which to
conduct scientific investigations in orcharding.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, 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, in the name of the State,
5 stocked and equipped for the use and benefit of said station,
6 a suitable farm, situate, as the committee on selection and
7 purchase hereinafter named shall determine, in either of the
8 counties of Kennebec, Androscoggin, Oxford, Sagadahoc,
9 Franklin or Cumberland.

Sect. 2. Augustus W. Gilman, of Foxcroft, Charles S. Pope, of Manchester, Eugene H. Libby, of Auburn, Rutillus Alden, of Winthrop, and Charles D. Woods, of Orono, are hereby made and constituted a committee and as such committee are hereby authorized and directed to select, purchase and appropriately stock and equip a farm for the purposes aforesaid. The members of said committee shall not be entitled to receive any money or other direct or indirect compensation from the State for their, or either of their, services.

Sect. 3. The Director of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station shall have the general supervision, management and control of said farm and of all investigations thereon.

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

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Accompanying bill for the Purchase of a Farm on which to conduct Scientific Investigations in Orchardring.

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 Dairyman's Association and the State Grange.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 1, 1909.

Reported by Mr. IRVING from Committee on Agriculture
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.